

**DUFFERIN MARSH NATURE CONNECTION**

**MEETING Minutes**

Wednesday, April 11th 2018

Attendees: Charles, Jen, Eric, Brenda, Angela, Dave

Regrets: Joe, Terry, Elspeth

Time: 7:45 pm

1. Minutes from March 14, 2018

Moved: Dave

2nd: Charles

Approved.

**Action: Mary** will resend minutes with corrections.

1. Treasurer Report

$3894.61 is in the bank account. The bat detector was paid for and we received some donations at Earth Hour.

Moved: Dave

2nd: Jen

Approved

**Action: Jen** will email $10 that was received on line.

1. Frog Monitoring

Mary advised that there was a weak turn out to workshop – maybe because of the cold weather – but we will make it work. Mary confirmed that she will be going out this week if anyone wants to come.

**Action: Charles** will go on-line on Facebook to to encourage the support of volunteerism through honouring the families in Humboldt.

1. Earth Hour

Dave and Eric set them up the 3 telescopes. About 8 or 9 participated in the lantern walk from the library. It was decided to do this again. About 35 to 40 people came out and it was interesting that they were mostly adults. Regardless a lot of marshmallows were consumed.

It was discussed about doing a poster contest next year. This would involve asking kids to make a poster before the event to put up around town. It could be advertised at the time of the skate. Perhaps there could be a quiz on website. Talk to JD about whether she thinks this would work.

**Action: Mary** will email Joe to pose question to JD about the proposal

1. Business Arising From the Minutes

* Bird Box Clean Out

Will be held on Monday at 11 am. Mary and Brenda will attend and possibly Jen and Eric.

* Clearing scrub around bird boxes

This can be a activity for the Fall after breeding season.

* Email Communications - deferred
* Bulletin Board

Mary and Jen put up a bird quiz on the bulletin board. It was discussed that a beaver poster would be a good idea.

**Action: Charles** will post the quiz on Dufferin Marsh and Community Facebook Page

1. Clean Up Day April 21st

Tasks: Garbage bags, gloves - Mary

Registration sheet - Mary

Tables – Brenda, Mary

Blue bins – Dave, Mary, Brenda,

Green bin

Cups, napkins

Juice boxes - Eric

Snacks - Eric

Coffee – 3 urns – Eric

Cream - Eric

Brenda – sugar, spoons

Hand washing station - Mary

Vests - Dave

Pick up trees and bags - Brenda

Tent? - Mary

Order coffee - Mary

It was discussed that we should contact Hockey and Roselena people to try for more volunteers.

**Action: Charles** will Facebook with volunteering.

Volunteers for the event are Jen. Mary, Dave. Brenda.

Meet at 8:30 for set up.

1. Community Trail/Natural Nodes

This will be an item for the next meeting – May 9.

1. On-going Items

* Bird Feeder Trail

defer

* Library bags

Mary has made a grant application and will be working on a budget. Suggestions were:

Botony Bag, Star gazing bag, and Bird watching bag.

* Sign Replacement

defer

* Insurance Bundling

defer

NEW BUSINESS

1. Power wash shelter

**Action: Charles** has talked to Greg about a water supply and will follow up later in the spring.

NEXT MEETING IS Wednesday, **May 9th** , 2018 at 7:30

Time: 9:00 pm

Adjourn: Charles.

List of Upcoming 2018 DMNC Events:

Mar. 25 8:00 pm Earth Hour Bonfire

April 6 7:00 pm Frog Monitoring Workshop

April 7:00 pm Swift Monitoring Workshop

**April 21 9:00 am Dufferin Marsh Clean-up**

**May 5 8:00 pm Frog Night Out – Dufferin Marsh**

May Schomberg Fair Booth (not done in 2017)

**May 27 6:30 am Bird walk**

**May 10:00 am Garlic Mustard Pull**

May Swift Watch Program

**July 8:00 pm Swift Night Out**

**July 2:00 pm Dragonflies and Butterflies**

July TBC Bats

July TBC Moth Mania

**Sept. 16 10:00 Bird feeder Building Workshop / Street Gallery**

Oct. TBC Beer Tasting

**Nov. 11 or 18 afternoon AGM - 2:00 hike; 4:30 meeting, 6:00 dinner**

**Dec. 1 4:00 to 8:00 Main St. Xmas – Chestnuts: 55 lbs. is enough**

**List of Previous DMNC Events:**

February Annual DMC Skate

March Birding Workshop – Nature Conservancy

March Earth Hour Event

April Dufferin Marsh Clean-up

April Bird Banding Demonstration

May ORM Clean Up

May Garlic Mustard Pull

May Frog Night Out – Cold Creek

May Frog Night Out – Dufferin Marsh

May Bird Hike at Cold Creek

May Fair Booth

May Bird Walk

June Wine Tasting

July - August Swift Night Out, Bats, Moth Mania, Dragonflies and Butterflies

August Work events for DMC: Loosestrife, remove goose rope

September Bird feeder Building Workshop (Confirmed to match up with Street Gallery)

September Phragmites removal

October Tree planting at marsh

November AGM at Cold Creek or alternate location

December Chestnuts for Main Street Xmas