**Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection**

**Minutes**

**Executive Meeting April 14, 2015**

Attendees: Mary, Liz, Eric, Sheila, Jen

Regrets: Charles, Brenda, Joe, Nadia, Greg

1. **Review Minutes**

The minutes of March 10 were reviewed with no comment. There was not a quorum to approve these minutes.

Action arising from the minutes:

Nadia requested use of the tent for an event in July. The executive agreed to allowing her to use the white tent.

1. **Earth Hour**

The event was a great success. Approximately 12 lanterns were made and 30 people came to the bonfire. The bees wax candles burned very brightly. Charles brought his telescopes and Jupiter and its moons were visible. Jenn said she walked on Main Street and there were a lot of lights on. People wondered about how we encourage more people to be involved in the event. It was suggested that the there be a longer parade route.

1. **Goose Rope**

A date was set for 11 am on April 25 subject to the availability of Charles’s kayak. Mary suggested that we remove the wood duck box and relocate it at the same time.

**Action: Eric** will contact Charles to see if he is available.

1. **Volunteer Night**

May 7 is volunteer night (at the Trisan Centre). Mary registered the group and put down Mary and Brenda to man the table and 6 spots for the awards ceremony. Those who have expressed an interest in going are Mary, Liz, Brenda and possibly Jen and Eric.

**Action: Brenda** will confirm if she is available for working at the table.

 **All** should contact Mary to confirm who is coming to the event.

1. **Clean Up Day**

Clean Up day is on April 18. Mary has purchased trees to give away and there are seed card giveaways as well from the Township. Set up is at 8:30. The tasks are as follows:

Mary – garbage bags, gloves, trees, membership box, coffee cups, juice boxes, green bin, tent, water, soap, towels, blue bins.

Liz- napkins, coffee, cream, sugar (not salt)

Eric - treats, juice boxes

Brenda – table, safety vests

**Action: All** should bring blue bins marked with their names.

1. **Website**

Getting PayPal for membership and donations on the website was discussed and agreed on.

**Action: Jen** will discuss this option with Charles

1. **MOU and Constitution**

The MOU was reviewed in detail and additional changes were made. A meeting needs to be set up with the Township to discuss the proposed MOU after the updates are voted on by the executive.

It was decided to hold the constitution over to the next meeting for discussion.

**Action: Mary** will circulate the revised MOU for email approval by the executive.

 **All** review and vote on the proposed MOU by email.

 **Mary** will set up a meeting with Township staff to discuss the MOU.

1. **Review of Future Events**

It was decided to talk to Garth about doing a fall beer tasting.

**Action: Mary** will talk to Garth.

1. deferred
2. deferred
3. Mary advised that the approval of the community grant should be known by the end of April.
4. deferred
5. deferred

Adjourned: Moved by Mary 9:38 pm

**Next meeting May 12 ,8 pm, Grackle Coffee**