**Dufferin Marsh Committee Executive Meeting**

**Minutes – May 8, 2012**

Present: Susanne, Jen, Liz, Sheila, Brenda, Mary, Eric

Regrets: Charles, Linda

Minutes from April 10, 2012 were reviewed and approved.

Clean-up Day was a great success. There were enough people to send to the top of the hill and to the SWM pond at the corner of # 27 and #9. There was good coverage in the papers.

The presentation to Council on the Swamp and Amphibian Habitat Restoration Project was well received. Council (especially the mayor) made note of the problem with the salt. The Sentinel ran an excellent article on the Dufferin Marsh in response.

The goose rope at the marsh was installed on April 15 in the morning. A neighbour complained and threatened to take it down. The following Friday night it was removed. The police were contacted and they visited the neighbour. After ordering new rope, it was put up again on April 29. That very afternoon there was damage to the rope and it was repaired. Next year we need to put up a sign and advertise why the rope is installed. It was suggested that a planting be held that includes the neighbours to find a permanent solution to the geese in the park. (Note: the rope was removed again on May 11)

Mary identified a huge problem with the invasive plant Garlic Mustard near the forest at the end of Rosalena Rd. It was agreed to do a clean-up on Saturday May 12 for about 1 hour. Mary will send out an email looking for volunteers, will bring garbage bags and arrange for pick-up.

The fair booth will be put up on Saturday and Sunday May 26 and 27. Charles is organizing volunteers to man the booth. Brenda, Mary and Charles will set up the display.

The Ravine Winery has backed out of the wine tasting event. Jackie Flynn, who helped us last year, has agreed to do it again. Mary will email Jennifer to see if she is interested in helping.

Eric will rent jugs etc.;

Mary will get the insurance;

Mary will get the poster and tickets from Donna;

Linda will provide table decorations;

Mary will make table cards for membership registration.

 After much discussion it was agreed to raise the price to $40.

The proposed camp still needs to be organized for this summer. Brenda will get in touch with Jacquie.

The grade 6 sustainable communities program has been shelved for lack of interest from the schools.

Mary advised that we did not receive the grant from Earth Day Canada to construct the viewing platform at the Trisan Centre. Mary has made another application for the same project to TD Friends of the Environment.

Charles and Jen met to discuss the transfer of the website. Jen will start designing one when she has time and would appreciate any ideas or input from the executive.

Mary is still working on a proposed trip to Pelee.

**Next Meeting** - June 5, 8 pm, Grackle Coffee