**Dufferin Marsh Committee**

**Executive meeting**

**May 14, 2014**

**Present were:** Mary, Charles, Brenda, Greg, Liz, Sheila, Linda

Regrets: Eric, Jenn, Nadia

Charles called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Review of April 8 minutes**.

The minutes of our last were reviewed by all. Mary noted that she has the tent in her barn.

Liz moved to accept the minutes as reviewed. Brenda seconded. Carried.

**2. Cleanup Event Review**

We had a good turnout of volunteers this year -- about 26. They collected 110 bags of garbage, 9 bags recyclables. Also the usual metal and scrap pieces.

**3. Trisan Centre Lookout Construction**

This event went well, but the decking wood ran out. Township staff will be finishing the job. We had about 12 volunteers, armed with tools.

A platform for wheelchair accessibility is included.

Mary took a student group there last week.

**Jenn** is designing interpretive signs pertaining to waterfowl and other birds, and possibly regarding the wastewater treatment process there.

Charles suggested a simple interim sign to let people know what the project is about.

**4. Goose Rope**

The rope at the SWM pond is holding up well so far -- no vandalism.

Liz suggested that we take it down again in the fall.

**5. Fair Booth**

Members present who will be available, signed up for Saturday and Sunday shifts. **Mary** will forward this to Nadia.

**Nadia** will be contacting others to fill in any gaps remaining, and forwarding the schedule to all.

**6. Winetasting Event**

Palatine Hills Estate.

**Eric** has ordered the water glasses, jugs and has looked after the liquor permit.

**Donna** has done a poster. It advertises ticket prices as $40 each. A brief discussion found us in agreement that this price was fine.

**Mary** will print the tickets on card stock.

**Charles** has a numbering stamper for them when printed.

**Jenn** has confirmed that the sound system is working.

**Linda** will bring the flowers.

Liz suggested that we hold the June meeting one week earlier to be ahead of the event.

**Items to be Carried Forward**

**7. Memorandum of Understanding**

This item had arisen as a result of our recent brainstorming session regarding the future direction of the group. Mary had circulated this for everyone’s consideration.

Liz suggested we submit our comments.

Mary reported that Laura (Recreation) wants the group to be advisory only.

**All members** can review and offer comment.

**8. Membership**

The original idea to conduct a 5 question survey among our membership was raised.

**Charles** will check his records for the original list.

**9. Tent**

The tent has been located in Mary’s garage and is slated for repair.

**10. Orange Goo**

There has been no further progress on determining the nature and source of this substance which appears to be sourced in the SWM ponds on the east side of Cooper Dr.

**11. Vests**

**Brenda** will contact Steve and Cheryl Fisher regarding the safety vests and letter printing.

**New Business**

Mary reported that **Chimney Swifts** have returned to town.

**Volunteer Night**

This event was attended by several members. It was suggested that we could make a copy of the certificate of appreciation and post it in the display case on Dr. Kay Dr.

**Garlic Mustard**

It was agreed that whoever is available can meet at the woodlot at the end of Rosalena Dr. on Friday May 16 and 3 p.m. to pull garlic mustard.

Brenda suggested posting a sandwich board sign to inform neighbours of the activity and perhaps find some volunteers.

**Group Name**

A few ideas for names were considered for the proposed broader scope community group based on the DMC. Mary suggested DM Nature Connection.

**Social Media**

Our use of Twitter or Instagram messaging regarding the group was discussed, in the interest of broadening our exposure.

**Mary and Charles** will meet in June to discuss a Facebook page for the group.

**Proposed Trillium Grant Application**

Mary met with Jill Kelly and Joe De Souza about this. This item will return.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was received from Liz and seconded by Brenda, at 9:10 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014**

**(PRIOR TO WINETASTING EVENT)**

**8 P.M.**

**GRACKLE COFFEE**