**Dufferin Marsh Committee**

**Minutes**

**September 10, 2013**

**Grackle Coffee House**

**Present were:** Charles, Eric, Sheila, Greg, Jenn, Mary, Brenda, Linda

Wendy-Sue Bishop

Regrets: Liz

Charles called the meeting to order at 8:15.

**1. Minutes of the July 23 special wine-tasting meeting**

Linda summarized the last meeting events/decisions. As a suitable fall date for the event could not be found, it was subsequently decided to postpone until next year.

Eric suggested June 14, 1014. Sheena’s business is currently for sale so other venues were suggested if we need a new location: Curling Lounge at Trisan Centre, Community Hall, downstairs at Port Soiree, event room at Church St. condo.

Charles submitted some other candidate winery ad cards that we might try, reps of which to whom he spoke at Feast of Fields.

**2. Summer Events review**

Mary reported on these events:

Bat Box Building workshop – afternoon event didn’t do sowell, but about 15 attendees at the evening event;

Dragonfly/Butterfly event – about 3 families turned out which worked well for equipment available;

Moth Night Out – about 15-18 attendees, so deemed successful

**3. Birdfeeder Building Event**

This is set for Sept. 21 – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Lions’ Club is preparing the kits. Mary has asked Donna to do a poster.

**Volunteers to help: Charles, Steve Fisher.**

**Brenda** will ask Paul Sheardown is he is available.

**Set-up:**

**Charles** table, coffee

**Liz** cream, sugar, napkins, spoons

**Mary**  water jug, cups

**Mary** will send out a task list to all closer to the event.

**4. DMC Tent repair**

Eric reported that our awning tent has a tear and will require professional repair.

Some candidates were suggested: Richvale Saddlery, King City Trailer, Fincham’s Harness Shop. Charles noted the purchase price was about $250.

**Eric** will check out the cost of repair and determine if it is worthwhile.

**5. Wine Tasting**

(see above)

**6. Membership**

Mary reported that she continues to work on a survey to determine community interest in expanding our involvement in other nature-based activities, to increase our numbers.

**7. King Corp of Citizen Science**

Mary is in contact with the Nature Conservancy with regard to funding for this project, and is continuing to pursue this.

**8. Water Quality**

No news at this time.

**9. King Workshops**

These are now in the planning stages at King Twp. for the spring. This item was deferred.

**10. Website**

Jenn reported that she continues to have difficulty accessing photos for the site due to copyright issues.

Contacts for the King library system were offered, to access the photo resources of the township.

**Charles** will forward Gary Conway’s address to Jenn.

**Mary** will talk to Laura in P & Rec regarding photos she can use.

**New Business**

**Trisan Lookout Construction**

This working event is scheduled for October 5, 9 a.m. – noon.

We will be installing the decking for the platform and ramp. We’ll need 6-10 volunteers with cordless drills/screwdrivers. P&Rec will offer free ticket for Soupfest the same day in Ansnorveldt Park.

**Mary and Brenda** will organize refreshments, table, etc.

**National Shoreline Cleanup**

Mary will look up the details for this. We may organize a river cleanup.

**Scarecrow Competition**

Mary declined to build one this year, after complaints last year from some committee members. All present seemed disinclined also.

Mary moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40.

**Next Meeting: October 8, 2013 8:00 p.m.**