**Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection**

**Executive Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 13th, 2015**

Present: Brenda, Jen, Kat, Mary, Eric, Joe, Greg

Regrets: Liz, Nadia, Sheila, Charles

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm.

1. **Minutes of September 8th Meeting**

The minutes were reviewed with no comment. Moved by Mary, second by Jen. Carried.

Follow up from Item #4: The GIS mapping system for the Township is still being used for the Bird Feeder Trail with no issues.

1. **Bird Box Workshop**

The weather was bad but about a dozen bird boxes were made. We still have about twenty kits left.

1. **Phragmites Removal**

The phragmites was sprayed on October 8th. A clump on the east side of Cooper was also dealt with but it is unclear whether the small patch on the west side of the weir was treated or not. The pesticide expert will return to reevaluate the situation in the spring and Kat will be sure to mention that spot to him then, if not earlier.

1. **Goose Rope**

The goose rope over the SWM pond has not yet been removed. There may be time after the planting on Thursday to remove it. (see New Business)

1. **Beer Tasting**

Garth Miller is good for November 14th. Mary will see about booking the Schomberg Community Hall, the venue deemed most suitable and affordable. Eric moves that after the event, we offer Garth a stipend for his troubles (no amount set yet). Second by Mary. Carried.

A suggestion was made that Matt, who used to work at the butcher’s and is now in culinary school at Humber, be approached to prepare food. It is hoped that he will be willing to work for free, given we provide the ingredients.

1. **AGM**

Mary will contact Thomas of the NCC to see if he is available to do a guided hike through Happy Valley. This will be our destination anyway and the potluck dinner will be held at Mary’s.

1. **Social Media**

Website is almost ready, it just needs some content.

1. **Hats**

The alternative of sweatshirts instead was raised and met favourably. Brenda will talk to Kat who may have contacts who can provide more info.

1. **Hughie’s Cathedral**

Mary met with Mark McGuire (Hughie’s grandson) and discussed a few ideas. Also, King Historical Society are looking for projects to fund and have expressed preliminary interest in historical plaques for the area.

1. **MOU**

Mary would like to add a new item into the MOU about the Gary Miller Bursary, to protect those funds should the DMNC dissolve. It was agreed that Mary would come up with the wording and circulate it via email for approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Planting**

There will be a planting of 15 trees and shrubs on the north side of the Marsh on Thursday, October 15th. This is in cooperation with one of the residents backing on to the Marsh.

1. **Vandalism**

The pavilion has been vandalised several times lately. Parks have a spray to clean off the mess but vandalism continues to occur. Kat will look into the possibility of getting security cameras.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm. Next meeting is **Tuesday, November 3rd at 8:00pm at The Grackle**