

**DUFFERIN MARSH NATURE CONNECTION**

**MEETING Minutes**

Wednesday, May 9th, 2018 - 7:30 pm

Attendees: Mary, Charles, Dave, Brenda, Jen, Terry, Joe

Regrets: Eric, Angela, Elspeth

Time: 7:40 pm

1. Minutes from April 11, 2018

Charles put an item on Facebook about Humbolt and volunteering but it did not show up.

Moved: Mary

2nd: Charles

Approved.

1. Treasurer’s Report

There is $3904.61 in the bank account. $10 remain in Paypal. Mary reminded everyone of the Birdathon fundraiser.

**Action: Jen** will transfer Paypal funds.

1. Frog Monitoring and Frog Night Out on May 17

Mary gave a rundown of the monitoring. There have been no Chorus Frogs heard. The weather has also been pretty strange. Frog Night Out is on May 17. Advertising has gone out on this event.

1. Clean Up-day event

18 volunteers showed up which is lower than in the past. Lots of garbage was collected but there is still more out there. The Township supplies were good and we appreciated the trees. Trisan Centre was a mess and did not have time to get there.

There was a question as to whether Kathryn McLellan (Township) is invited to the meetings? Mary said that the circulation of agendas and minutes to Kat is inconsistent and we should do better.

1. Bird Nest Boxes

The bird boxes were constructed by Daryl Rice of the Lions Club. An acknowledgement is required thanking the Lions and the Rona who supplied the materials.

**Action: Charles** will write letters.

A crew is needed for installation. Mary and Jen agreed to mark the sites on Saturday at 11 am and Joe will install them on Sunday. Mary suggested that Joe contact Rona and let them know in case they want pictures. Jen will take photos at 10:30 am on Sunday.

A motion was made to spend funds for the poles from Rona.

Moved: Mary

2nd: Charles

Approved.

**Action: Mary and Jen** will mark the box sites Saturday

**Joe** will contact Rona and install the boxes Sunday.

1. Business Arising From the Minutes

* Bulletin Board

The next theme for the bulletin board will be on beavers.

* On-line quiz

The answers for the quiz on the bulletin board is on the website. Charles suggested putting a link on Facebook.

**Action: Charles** working on this.

* Clear scrub around boxes.

Mary noted that the scrub has grown so tall that the habitat is no longer suitable for Tree Swallows. It was discussed that if we want to manage the area so that Tree Swallows will come back it will require clearing either through fire or with a “bush-hog”. It was decided to set up a meeting to discuss possibilities with the Township.

**Action: Mary** will call the Township.

1. Community Trail/Natural Nodes

Mary met with Jack Campbell who has an interest in nature nodes and trails. She was considering asking him if he wants to be involved in our project. Joe wants to be involved in this project.

**Action: Mary** will talk to Jack again.

1. On-going Items

* Bird Feeder Trail

Decided to close this project.

* Library bags

It was decided to postpone this project.

**Action: Mary** will contact Kelly English at the Library to advise.

* Insurance bundling - subsidy from Township

Terry is still planning to meet with Steve Pelligrini to talk about the idea of insurance bundling for community groups.

**Action: Terry** will speak to the mayor.

* Sign Replacement

This has been postponed to the fall.

* Power Washing the Shelter

**Action: Charles will talk to Greg**

* Email Communications

There was a discussion about how the new email template downloads onto certain devises.

**Action: Dave and Terry** will sort out a tech issue then **Terry will meet with Mary.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Main Street Revitalization Committee

Charles advised that there was a first meeting for the Committee. A work plan was discussed and old reports were reviewed. The Committee will be doing a walk-about and surveys will be going to businesses and residents. Between OMAFRA and the Township there is $104,000.00 for the 2 year study.

1. Recognising Sheila Kelly

Mary advised that we did not recognise all the hard work that Sheila has done. It was agreed to give her wine and a card. Jen will donate a card and Dave will prepare a bottle of wine and bring it to the next meeting. Dave will email label for review when it is done. Terry and Dave will both donate wine.

**Action: Jen, Dave and Terry** will supply wine and card.

1. Garlic Mustard Pull

**Action: Mary** will send out a suggested date for circulation.

1. Mary’s Role in group

Because Mary is running for Council in the fall election, she announced that she had to withdraw from activities of the group for the short term. She agreed to send out a list of tasks and projects that she is working on.

**Action: Mary** will send out a list of tasks and projects that she is involved in.

NEXT MEETING IS Wednesday, **June 13th**, 2018 at 7:30

Adjourn: Dave

Time: 9:10 pm

List of Upcoming 2018 DMNC Events:

Mar. 25 8:00 pm Earth Hour Bonfire

April 6 7:00 pm Frog Monitoring Workshop

April 7:00 pm Swift Monitoring Workshop

April 21 9:00 am Dufferin Marsh Clean-up

**May 17 8:00 pm Frog Night Out – Dufferin Marsh**

May 25-27 Schomberg Fair Booth (not done in 2017)

**May 27 6:30 am Bird walk**

**May 10:00 am Garlic Mustard Pull**

May Swift Watch Program

**July 8:00 pm Swift Night Out**

**July 2:00 pm Dragonflies and Butterflies**

July TBC Bats

July TBC Moth Mania

**Sept. 16 10:00 Bird feeder Building Workshop / Street Gallery**

Oct. TBC Beer Tasting

**Nov. 11 or 18 afternoon AGM - 2:00 hike; 4:30 meeting, 6:00 dinner**

**Dec. 1 4:00 to 8:00 Main St. Xmas – Chestnuts: 55 lbs. is enough**

**List of Previous DMNC Events:**

February Annual DMC Skate

March Birding Workshop – Nature Conservancy

March Earth Hour Event

April Dufferin Marsh Clean-up

April Bird Banding Demonstration

May ORM Clean Up

May Garlic Mustard Pull

May Frog Night Out – Cold Creek

May Frog Night Out – Dufferin Marsh

May Bird Hike at Cold Creek

May Fair Booth

May Bird Walk

June Wine Tasting

July - August Swift Night Out, Bats, Moth Mania, Dragonflies and Butterflies

August Work events for DMC: Loosestrife, remove goose rope

September Bird feeder Building Workshop (Confirmed to match up with Street Gallery)

September Phragmites removal

October Tree planting at marsh

November AGM at Cold Creek or alternate location

December Chestnuts for Main Street Xmas