

**DUFFERIN MARSH NATURE CONNECTION**

**MEETING Minutes**

Wednesday, September 12th, 2018

Attendees: Dave, Angela, Brenda, Mary, Charles, Jen

Regrets: Eric, Terry, Elspeth, Joe

Time: 7:45 pm

1. Minutes from June 13th

Moved: Mary

2nd: Angela

Approved.

1. Treasurer Report – There were no transactions since the last meeting. Expenses from the bird boxes is still to be submitted (Mary and Jen). There is $3889.61 in bank and a total $3904.61 including Paypal donations.

Moved: Dave

2nd: Charles

Approved.

1. Report on meeting with the Township

Mary and Charles met with the Township staff (Kyle and Kat) and talked about maintenance issues and future restoration work. ( south lookout repair, Phragmites, Shelter repair, clear area for swallows with either a bush-hog or a controlled burn, Bulletin Board Plexiglas replacement, trim buffer planting, removal of yellow irises in storm pond).

1. Birdfeeder Building Event

The bird feeder event is on September 16 at 10 am. Set up will start at 9:30 am. Dave will come at 9 am to help Mary. Charles will come at 10 am.

Table – Brenda

Coffee – Brenda

Cream and Sugar tablecloth spoons juice cookies Napkins bags- Brenda

Hammers – Mary, Dave, Charles, Brenda

Cups – Mary

Volunteers – Mary, Brenda, Dave, Charles

Leaflets – Charles

Birdseed – Mary

Greeter - Mary

1. Business Arising From the Minutes
* Bulletin Board

Jen will work on the bulletin board with a display about bats.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Future of the DMNC

Charles talked about keeping the DMNC going. He said that the marsh needs an advocate and it is also an opportunity to teach about nature. The Marsh contributes to the community is unique and the community likes that it exists and the events that we host. If we can’t keep it nice then people will want to get rid of it. The challenge is man-power. We can do it if we can get some help. He presented the idea of hiring an executive assistant. There are grants available to support a person as a project manager. Angela emphasised that the community likes the events. It was suggested that we talk to other groups who may want to partner on a project (Lions, Knights of Columbus (Catholic Church)). Jen advised that she will be moving so cannot offer long term help. Need new energy. Katherine McManis and Jen Thurston may want to help. For this year it was decided that we focus on getting new people, getting the grant, an advertising our group at all our events.

Action: Mary and Charles - develop a project and job description.

 Charles will look for a grant

1. Upcoming AGM

The AGM will be held on Sunday Nov. 18 to prepare for future direction. Details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjourn: Mary

 9:04 pm

NEXT MEETING IS Wednesday October 10, 2018 at 7:30

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