

**DUFFERIN MARSH NATURE CONNECTION**

**MEETING Minutes**

Wednesday, March 13th, 2019

Attendees: Mary, Charles, Joanne, Dave

Time: 7:44 pm

1. Review of Minutes from February 13, 2019

Moved: Mary

2nd: Dave

Approved

1. Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer reported that there is a $ 3736.08 balance on the books. $184.35 was donated from the skate while we spent $96.95. A new table was purchased for $56.50. Future expenses are for water test strips ($200), buttons ($60) and Earth Hour bonfire ($50).

Moved: Dave

2nd: Charles

Approved.

1. Business Arising From the Minutes
* Pamphlet Update

**Action: Mary** will get this done for Earth Hour

* Dufferin Marsh Instagram Account

**Action: Kate** will open an Instagram account

**Charles** will check on an email address to use for Instagram

* Membership

**Action: Mary and Dave** will meet to discuss a membership strategy.

* Google Drive file sharing

Charles has set up a Google Drive site. He would like to see it well organized. He will start with 2 folders: admin (minutes, constitution, logo, agendas, minutes) and pictures.

**Action: Charles** will set up the Google Drive folders

* Beer Tasting – Mary advised that Garth and Marie agreed to help with the beer tasting. Some of the beer should be donated. The event will be sometime in October.

**Action: Charles** will book the Community Hall for October.

* Trail Project.

Mary, Charles and Kate met to talk about this project. A draft strategy was formed.

**Action: Mary** will write up and circulate the strategy.

* Recognition Dinner

Looking at the 6th or 7th of April.

**Action: Charles** will check the date for the recognition dinner

* Dufferin Marsh Buttons

Joanne reported on options for buttons. It was determine that

Button Bros was affordable and Dave could pick up the order saving more money. 200 2 ¼“ buttons at $0.30 would cost us about $60. People liked the theme of “I am a Dufferin Marsh Explorer”. It would be nice to have the buttons for Clean-up Day.

**Action: Mary** will ask Donna for design.

* Clean-up Day

Mary ordered 25 spruce and 25 pine trees and registered with the Township for Clean-up Day.

* New Table

Dave has picked up a new table.

1. Upcoming Events
2. Earth Hour Bonfire

Posters have been posted.

**Action: Mary** will post on Facebook and send out emails.

 Tasks

 Coffee – cream, sugar, - Joanne

 Hot Chocolate - Mary

 Cups, napkins, spoons, carafes - Mary

 Fire pit - Mary

 Wood – at Charles (Dave)

 Paper, matches - Mary

 Marshmallows – Brenda

 Sticks - Brenda

 Telescopes – Charles and Dave

 Vests - Dave

 Membership/marketing stuff - Mary

 Benches – Dave and Charles

 Leader for the walk - Brenda

 Volunteer for info – Joanne, Kate

 Picture Guy – Dave

 Table – Dave and Mary

Meet at 7:45 to set up

1. Frog Monitoring Workshop

Advertising is needed for the Frog Workshop.

**Action: Mary** will ask Donna for a poster and post it on Facebook and through email.

1. Trail Project

See item 3 bullet 6 above.

1. Bats – date confirmed for June 13.

Follow-up after AGM

1. Mary or Charles will follow up on actions taken or yet to be undertaken to address items identified with the Township on the walk about (see minutes of Sept. 17 ‘18)

New Business

* Dr. Kay Dr. Reconstruction

The reconstruction of Dr. Kay Dr. and the sidewalk are being proposed in the budget. The work will be a straight replacement. It would be good to have some animal crossing control and work on the sidewalk needs to be done carefully.

**Action: Mary** will make a deputation at Council and report back.

Adjourn: Mary

Time: 8:56 pm

NEXT MEETING is **Wednesday, April 10, 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

**June 13 8:00 pm Bat Night – with NCC**

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

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

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