

**Dufferin Marsh Committee
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Cold Creek Conservation Area
Nov. 6, 2011**

Present were: Eric Leon, Mary Asselstine, Suzanne Borduas, Liz Asselstine, Jen Bedford, Donna Parrish, Greg Mitchell, Sheila Kelly, Jill Kelly, Linda Cholmondeley
Regrets: Charles Cooper

1. Liz chaired the meeting in Charles' absence and welcomed all at 4:25 p.m.
2. Selection of recording secretary for the meeting was agreed upon as Linda.
3. **Minutes of the AGM of Nov. 7, 2010** were reviewed and amended:
In Item 6, DM Collaborative Report, Eric moved to change "create" to "restore" a swamp.
Motion to accept the Minutes as amended by Donna, seconded by Suzanne.
Passed.

4. Activity Report

Eric presented the report of Committee activities for the year. Additional remarks:
- re: Goose Control Rope - plantings/vegetation around the SWM pond on Cooper Dr are not working that well. Mary is looking into installing a short fence within; this will go onto the agenda for the general meeting in March
- re: Fair Booth – our new location is better; we will see if we can get this location again next year; this item will go to a general meeting agenda in 2012
- re: Wine Tasting – Liz has a potential winery candidate for next year; this item will go to a general meeting agenda in 2012
- re: Birdfeeder Building Workshop – specifics of the event should be made more clear in advertisements for next year, regarding time and number of kits; this item will go to a general meeting agenda in 2012
Motion to accept the Activity Report by Donna, seconded by Mary. Passed.

It was agreed by all to move Agenda Item 8 forward.

5. Dufferin Marsh Collaborative Coordinator's Report

Mary reported on the activities of the Collaborative, detailing the events, conditions leading up to the project to restore the swamp habitat area of the wetland and habitat enhancement for particular amphibians.
Monthly water quality monitoring continues. No action has been taken by MoE in determining the nature or source of the mysterious gooey orange material in the SWM ponds on the east side of Cooper Dr. which outfall to the marsh.
Chimney Swift monitoring reveals that the population is stable for now.
The Learning Shelter has been repaired and a Bat Box has been erected.

The Volunteer BBQ was a great success.

Motion to accept the report of the DM Collaborative Coordinator by Donna, seconded by Suzanne. Passed.

6. Treasurer's Report

Jill reported that our fundraising for the year was on a par with other years. Sheila suggested that we aim to make our payments and other exchanges for the Wine Tasting more orderly in future. This item will go to a general meeting in 2012.

Motion to continue our debt repayment to Peter MacKinnon and issue a cheque for same by Eric. Seconded by Mary. Passed.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Donna. Seconded by Suzanne. Passed.

7. Budget Report

Eric presented the 2012 Proposed Budget and provided details for some items:

- Special Projects – includes goose rope and materials for learning shelter repair.

Motion to accept the Budget Report by Donna. Seconded by Jen. Passed.

8. Membership Report

Mary noted that we have 6 new members.

Motion to defer discussion of this item to a general meeting by Mary. Seconded by Jill. Passed.

9. Presentation of 2011 Dufferin Marsh Restoration Project

Greg Mitchell made a presentation outlining the details of this DM Collaborative project (noted above), on which he worked with Reese Osborne during the spring and summer of 2011. Their final report was prepared September 16, 2011.

10. Election of Officers

The Proposed Slate of Officers was presented:

Chair: Charles Cooper

Vice Chair: (to be determined)

Treasurer: Sheila Kelly

Rec. Sec.: Linda Cholmondeley

Memb Sec.: Mary Asselstine

Memb at Lrg: Liz Asselstine, Jen Bedford, Eric Leon, Brenda See,
Suzanne Borduas

Motion to adopt the Slate as proposed by Eric. Seconded by Liz. Passed.

N.B. – the Vice Chair position remains vacant for now.

Motion to adjourn by Mary at 6:00 p.m.