

## **Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists**

**November 14, 2018, Ongwanada, 7:30 p.m.**

1. **Opening Remarks:** Vice President Ken Edwards opened the meeting and explained that President Anthony Kaduck was absent due to illness. The mystery bird slide was identified as a juvenile Western Sandpiper.
  
2. **Minutes of General Meeting held October 3, 2018.**  
*Moved by Jackie Bartnik, seconded by Larry McCurdy that the minutes be accepted.*  
*Carried*
  
3. **Member's Observations:**
  - Ken Edwards saw Pine Grosbeaks near Wilton and a Barred Owl sitting on the trail at Marshlands.
  - Ewin Batalla reported up to 100 Tundra Swans in Elevator Bay.
  - Ken Robinson reported that the North Leeds Birders saw a late Yellow-rumped Warbler, a late Phoebe and 10 Horned Grebes on Amherst Island November 14.
  - Larry McCurdy saw 50 Sandhill Cranes flying at roof height during a recent trip to Wisconsin.
  - Anne Robertson saw Snowy Owls at the Martin Edward reserve.
  - Peter Waycik has a Cooper's Hawk keeping an eye on his feeder on Howe Island. Two Evening Grosbeaks visited the feeder October 30.

### **4. Old Business**

At the October meeting the following motion was passed:

*Moved by Anthony Kaduck, seconded by Paul Mackenzie that the KFN donate \$5,000 toward NCC's purchase of the Hudgins-Rose property and a further \$2,000 toward the stewardship of NCC's Camden East Alvar property.*

Confusion resulted when it was realized that the Newsletter had announced this vote would take place at the November meeting. In order to ensure that members who missed the October meeting had an opportunity to vote, the motion was again put forward, moved by Ken Edwards, seconded by Jacqueline Bartnik. *Carried.*

### **5. Upcoming Events.**

- Please see the Newsletter for a list of planned Rambles and Field Trips.
- Carolyn Bonta announced a "Winter Birds 101" workshop at the Sydenham Public Library, Saturday November 23 from 10 – 11:30 am. Carolyn also coordinates the Christmas Bird Count for the Frontenac Circle. The count takes place December 15. Admission to Frontenac Park is free that day.
- Christmas Bird Counts for other circles are listed in the Newsletter. They take

place from December 14 to January 4.

- Belle Park Master Plan Focus Sessions take place 6:30 to 8:30 pm on November 28 & 29 at Molly Brant Elementary School, 30 Lyons Street.
  - 28 Nov. – Recreational Amenities
  - 29 Nov. – Naturalization in the Park.

## **6. Feature Presentation**

Speaker Dawn Bazely was introduced by Gaye Beckwith. She gave an interesting talk titled “What is Habitat Recovery and How Should We Measure it in Ontario?” She was thanked by Ken Edwards who presented her with a copy of *Birds of the Kingston Region*.

The meeting adjourned at 1915 hours. There were 46 members in attendance.

Minutes recorded by Janis Grant.