

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists

January 17, 2019, Ongwanada, 7:30 p.m.

1. **Opening Remarks:** President Anthony Kaduck called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The mystery bird was identified as a juvenile White Crowned Sparrow.
2. **Review of Minutes of Meeting held December 20, 2018.**
Moved by Jacqueline Bartnik, seconded by Janet Elliott that the minutes be accepted.
Carried
3. **Member's Observations:**
 - Ken Robinson was with the North Leeds Birders on Howe Island January 16. While there, they saw 2 Peregrine Falcons, 12 Bald Eagles, 28 Red Winged Blackbirds, 6 Cowbirds, 1 Northern Shrike and 3 large flocks of Common Redpolls.
 - Erwin Batalla has observed that Snowy Owls are becoming more common on Wolfe Island and less common on Amherst Island.
 - A man who has just returned from Barbados saw 2 Frigate Birds last week.
 - Anthony saw a White Crowned Sparrow in his garden.
 - Mike Evans has had a White Throated Sparrow visiting his feeder. 3 other members also have White Throated Sparrows at their feeders.
 - Janis Grant has a White Throated Sparrow and an occasional Carolina Wren (last seen January 13).
4. **New Business**
 - a) **Audio Visual Projector.** Anthony explained that KFN is not permitted to use audio visual equipment belonging to Ongwanada for our general meetings. In December, the executive committee examined the cost of renting a projector and concluded it would more make sense to buy one due to the high rental cost and it will be useful for other KFN presentations. With the executive's approval, Anthony purchased a new projector at a cost of \$1,019.81. Since the cost is over \$500 (the amount at which approval of the purchase must be obtained from the membership) an explanation is in order. The money was taken from the previously approved website budget. Not all of it is required for the website (which will be available in another 6 weeks) because 2 members of the Executive, Lesley Rudy and Peter Waycik, are creating the website voluntarily. During discussion, member, Ray Rothenbury moved and Jacqueline Bartnik seconded the following:

Motion:
Moved that the purchase of the projector be approved.

Carried
 - b) **LC-KFLA Millen Property.** The Land Conservancy for Kingston Frontenac Lennox Addington is on a drive to raise \$250,000 to purchase the 200 acre Millen property near Parham. The funds will cover acquisition costs including

survey, appraisal and legal fees and will endow funds to cover ongoing costs of property ownership and stewardship. At the January KFN executive meeting, a motion was passed to recommend to members that they approve a donation of \$7,000 toward the purchase of the Millen property.

Paul Mackenzie addressed the meeting on behalf of LC-KFLA and explained the difference between NCC and LC-KFLA (an outgrowth of KFN). The funds being raised will cover 75% of the assessed property value. The owner, Bruce Millen, will donate 25% as an eco-gift. Paul, using a pictorial display, described the habitat and its ecological value. Anne Robertson, who has led a Ramble there, described the property's location. Discussion was brief.

Motion:

Moved by Anthony Kaduck, Seconded by Liz Evans that:

The members of Kingston Field Naturalists approve a donation of \$7,000 from the Habitat Preservation Fund to the Land Conservancy of Kingston Frontenac Lennox and Addington to be used toward the purchase of the Millen property.

Carried

5. Upcoming Events

Please see the Newsletter for scheduled Rambles and Field Trips. The Family Day (Monday 18 Feb) outing to Wolfe Island will meet at 8:45 am in time to take the 9 am ferry. This is a correction from the Newsletter.

A presentation on Native Bees of Ontario: Introduction, Challenges and Action, will be given Thursday, January 24 from 7 – 9 pm, Huntington Veterans Community Hall, 11379 Highway 62, Ivanhoe, Ontario. Cost is \$5.00/person or a donation. Children are free.

6. Member's Presentation

KFN member, John Allen's presentation to the December meeting was postponed to January due to technical problems. He showed a very interesting group of slides taken on a recent trip to Brazil.

7. Feature Presentation

Vice President Ken Edwards introduced guest speaker, Chris Hargreaves. Chris gave a very interesting talk titled: Iceland: Old and New. Photos were taken by Chris and his wife Phillida Hargreaves. Chris was thanked by Ken Edwards.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. There were 99 members in attendance.