

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

February 21, 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 Baird's Sandpiper. Anthony thanked Pamela Hodgeson for providing treats and encouraged members to sign up to provide treats for the March and April meetings.
2. **Review of Minutes of Meeting held January 17, 2019.**  
*Moved by Jacqueline Bartnik, seconded by Anne Robertson that the minutes be accepted.*  
**Carried**
3. **Member's Observations:**
  - Erwin Batalla reported 25 Robins singing at Pt. St. Mark Road.
  - Marlene Rothenbury saw 12 Robins at Taylor-Kidd Woods.
  - Jackie Bartnik has Cardinals singing near her home.
  - Peter Good described 2 tom Turkeys confronting each other 10 feet from his kitchen window. They were "blue in the face and hormonal".
  - Rose-Marie Burke described open fields on Perth Road near Glenbernie where there are flocks of Redpolls and Snow Buntings chased by a Merlin.
  - Lynn Bell saw a fox in downtown Kingston at Princess and Clergy Streets.
  - On Tuesday, February 19, Anthony Kaduck and Erwin Batalla were looking at a Short Eared Owl on Amherst Island when 21 of its friends showed up.
  - Rita has had 2 Ruffed Grouse in her yard.
  - Maureen Addis has 3 or 4 Ruffed Grouse at her cottage at Depot Lake.
  - Mark Reed counted 116 deer on Wolfe Island in one field and 40 more in another close by.
  - Maureen Addis saw a large, healthy Fisher at Depot Lake.
4. **Updates**
  - a) Website. Our website has been redesigned and will be ready to go live in 5 – 6 days. Anthony thanked the members of the Website Committee, Lesley Rudy and Peter Waycik for their hard work. Through their efforts, cost to KFN for the website was \$250. The budgeted estimate was \$3,000.
  - b) Endangered Species Review. The Ontario Government has released a discussion paper prior to introducing changes to the Endangered Species Act. The Conservation Committee has drafted a letter addressed to Rod Phillips, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks addressing KFN's concerns. It will be sent at the end of this week and posted on our website. KFN members can comment personally on the Environmental Registry at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/013-4143> until March 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) Blue Bill. The Blue Bill is in need of articles and photographs. Please send your written contributions and pictures to: [editor@thebluebill.ca](mailto:editor@thebluebill.ca).

Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is currently calling for nominations to the 2019-2020 KFN executive. Suggestions and expressions of interest are welcomed by:

- Alexandra (Sandra) Simmons: 613-389-1044 [simbat@bell.net](mailto:simbat@bell.net)
- Janis Grant: 613-548-3668 [janis.grant@iCloud.com](mailto:janis.grant@iCloud.com)
- Paul Mackenzie: 613-547-5748 [mackenzp@queensu.ca](mailto:mackenzp@queensu.ca)

- d) Belle Park Master Plan. An Open House on the Belle Park Master Plan will be held from 3 to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, Feb 27 at the Rideau Heights Community Centre & Library, 85 MacCauley Street. KFN hopes to encourage the city to create a nature reserve there similar to Lemoine Point.

## **5. Upcoming Events**

Please see the Newsletter for details of upcoming events.

### a) Rambles

Tue 5 Mar, Rogers Side Road Trails

Tuesday 19 March, Second Depot Lake trails

Tuesday 2 April Nicholson's Point (Edgeware Road)

### b) Field Trips:

Sat 2 Mar – Amherst Island, Leader: Janet Scott

Sat 27 Apr - Helen Quilliam Sanctuary Clean-up, Contact: Erwin Batalla

## **6. Featured Speaker**

Vice President Ken Edwards introduced guest speaker, Mark Read, Park Naturalist, Murphy's Point Provincial Park.

Mark gave a very interesting talk and demonstration titled:

*A Quick Guide to Citizen Science.*

Mark was thanked by Ken Edwards.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. There were 72 members in attendance.