

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

18 April 2019 7:30 pm

1. Opening Remarks

President Anthony Kaduck welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting and thanked Lynn Kerr for providing refreshments. The evening's agenda was reviewed.

2. Minutes of General Meeting of 21 March 2019

The minutes were posted on KFN website (under meetings and events). The President asked if there were any errors or omissions. None were reported. **Moved by Richard Brault, seconded by Ken Edwards *that the minutes of the General Meeting of 21 March 2019 be accepted.***
Carried

3. Members Observations

- Jackie Bartnik reported Wood Duck in her yard and Spring Peepers behind Discovery Ave.
- Ken Robinson reported Greater Yellowlegs near Seeley's Bay
- Erwin Batalla reported two Bald Eagles north of Invista on Front Road
- Lyn Bell reported otters in four locations, including in a farm pond far from any natural waterway. He also saw a muskrat carrying a young kit and being chased by ravens.
- John Poland reported seeing Mourning Cloaks. Carol Seymour saw a Compton Tortoiseshell butterfly.
- Gaye Beckwith reported a Red-necked Grebe on Sydenham Lake.
- Shirley Baird reported a Pileated Woodpecker at Lemoine Point. Anthony Kaduck saw a pair at Marshlands.
- Rose-Marie Burke reported Wood Frogs, Chorus Frogs and Blue-spotted Salamanders near Perth Road. She also reported Dutchman's Breeches and Hepatica.
- Rita Schultze saw a Snapping Turtle.
- Carolyn Bonta reported a Painted Turtle and a Virginia Rail from the water near the Ambassador Hotel.
- Carol Seymour reported a female Golden-crowned Kinglet.
- Paul Mackenzie found a loon which had crawled up and died on the shore of the St. Lawrence River near his home.

4. Upcoming Events

- Please refer to the website or the Newsletter for information about upcoming events including the annual dinner, the Spring Round-Up, and the BioBlitz.
- Polly Aiken sold tickets for the Annual Dinner at the meeting.
- May Bird Walks are every Wednesday, morning and evening, this month. This event is open to the public; members were encouraged to bring their friends and neighbours.

5. Passport to Nature

The Land Conservancy for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington have printed Passport to Nature. These brochures list outdoor events in the Kingston area that will take place in the next 10 months. Passports are free and were available for members to take home.

6. Annual General Meeting

a. 2018-2019 Treasurer's Report and 2019-2020 Budget

- The Treasurer's Report will be published in the next BlueBill.
- Treasurer Larry McCurdy introduced his report by commenting that "no one wants to do it, but it has to be done".
- The 2018-2019 report shows a slight deficit: over the past several years there has been a surplus; we are drawing on that now. We had set aside \$3,000 for the creation of a website: Peter Waycik and Lesley Rudy donated their skills to this project so most of those funds went unspent.
- The organization is in a healthy financial situation; the assets have increased by \$140,000 with the acquisition of the Sylvester Property.
- The projected budget for 2019-2020 shows a slight deficit due to the extra cost of fencing and signing the Sylvester property.
- **Moved by Larry McCurdy, seconded by David McMurray, *that the budget for 2019-2020 be accepted. Carried.***
- **Full financial statements attached.**

b. President's Report

- President Anthony Kaduck noted that the KFN has been more active on the political front in the past year, with letters to the Premier of Ontario and participation in Ontario Nature's political actions. He noted that such action has seen some hoped-for results, especially with the withdrawal of Schedule 10 of Bill 66. He will continue to send letters to the membership to ensure general approval before sending them to the government.
- Membership has been growing, with 34 new members this past year. Anthony and the general membership thanked John Critchley for many years of behind-the-scenes service as Membership Secretary.

- Anthony thanked the Conservation Committee, especially Chris Hargreaves, for their behind-the-scenes work.
- The KFN new website is up and running thanks to Peter Waycik and Lesley Rudy. Members were encouraged to send comments and photographs.
- The many field trips of the past year were listed. The President and the general membership thanked Gaye Beckwith, who is stepping down, for his many years of service to the organization.
- Anthony acknowledged and thanked other members of the executive for their work over the 2018-2019 year.

c. Nominating Committee Report

- Alexandra Simmons, Janis Grant and Paul Mackenzie were members of the Nominating Committee.
- Alexandra Simmons, chair and Past President, thanked the members for their service, and thanked Anthony for his work as President over the past year.
- Sandra presented a list of names of those eligible and willing to serve in the 17-member executive. Kathy Webb was nominated as Membership Secretary and Kurt Hennige was nominated as Field Trip coordinator, other nominees are incumbent.
- Sandra asked for nominations from the floor. Carolyn Bonta expressed an interest in serving as the Field Trip coordinator. After a brief discussion, Kurt Hennige withdrew his nomination. **Moved by John Licharson, seconded by Shirley French, that Carolyn Bonta be nominated as Field Trip Coordinator. Carried.**
- **Moved by Sandra, seconded by Mike Evans, that the executive slate as presented, with the substitution of Carolyn Bonta as Field Trip Coordinator, be accepted as the Executive for the 2019-20120 year. Carried.**
- President Anthony Kaduck thanked the Nominating Committee for their work.
- List of 2019 2020 executive attached.

7. Feature Presentations

We enjoyed two arm chair trips to Africa:

Ken Edwards presented a slideshow "Morocco, the Roof of Africa" of his birding trip to North Africa. We enjoyed slides of birds, scenery and plants. Anthony Kaduck presented a slide show "The Great Migration" of the Serengeti of Tanzania.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. There were 73 members in attendance.

Kingston Field Naturalists 2019 2020 Executive As Elected 18 April 2019

Position	Name 2019-2020
Honorary President	Ron Weir
President	Anthony Kaduck
Past President	Alexandra Simmons
Vice President	Kenneth Edwards
Treasurer	Larry McCurdy
Recording Secretary	Janis Grant
Membership Secretary	Kathy Webb
Blue Bill Editor	Peter Waycik
Junior Naturalists	Anne Robertson
Bird Records	Mark Read
Conservation	Chris Hargreaves
Education	Shirley French
Field Trips	Carolyn Bonta
Nature Reserves	Erwin Batalla
MAL-Newsletter	Janet Elliott
MAL-Website	Lesley Rudy
MAL-Ont. Nature	John Donihee
MAL-Facebook, Dinner	Polly Aiken
MAL-Publicity	Jackie Bartnik

Financial Reports

KFN INCOME STATEMENT 2018 - 2019

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	
Membership Fees	11,500	12,597	
GST Rebate	1,500	983	
			13,580
Donations General	2,000	5,134	
Donations Hab Pres	4,000	8,742	
Book Auction	500	570	
			14,446
Interest Income	1,500	1,826	
CFGK Grant	500	952	
Grazing - Amherst	2,500	2,500	
			5,278
Other Income	100	150	
Sales	755	242	
May Dinner	3,000	3,555	
TOTAL INCOME	27,855	37,251	

KFN EXPENSE STATEMENT 2018 - 2019

	<u>BUDGET</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	
Administration	575		1,468	
Junior Naturalist Program	1,700		1,156	
Blue Bill	2,000		1,419	
Field Trips	200		0	
Insurance	2,100		2,076	
Membership expenses	1,500		1,471	
Memberships-other groups	500		248	
Ontario Nature meetings	400		0	
Publicity	1,000		868	
Rent Rooms	1,800		1,603	
Speakers	<u>1,500</u>	13,275	<u>833</u>	11,142
Awards	1,200		352	
Bioblitz	750		1,009	
Conservation Committee	900		137	
Donations Out	1,000		<u>14,300</u>	15,798
Nature Reserve expenses	5,000		4,616	
Property Tax	4,000		<u>4,039</u>	8,655
Inventory Purchase	550		500	
Taxidermy expenses	1,000		801	
May Dinner	3,000		3,336	
Website Redesign	<u>5,000</u>		<u>242</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	35,675		40,474	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-7,820		-3,223	

KFN BALANCE SHEET - MARCH 31, 2019

ASSETS

Investments	80,875.29
Bank Account	18,295.02
Real Estate (At Cost)	260,800.00
Equipment	13,677.82
Book Inventory	<u>3,344.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	376,992.13

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Designated Funds	38,084.74
Undesignated funds	61,085.57
Real Estate, Inventory, etc	<u>277,821.82</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	376,992.13

KFN BALANCE SHEET - MARCH 31, 2019

DESIGNATED FUNDS BREAKDOWN

ASUS Fund	634.71
Faith Avis Fund	550.83
Habitat Preservation Fund	7,811.26
Life Membership Reserve	7,600.00
Nan Yeoman's Young Naturalist Fund	1,487.94
Property Management Reserve	<u>20,000.00</u>
TOTAL	38,084.74

KFN BUDGET (INCOME) 2019 - 2020

	<u>Actual 18/19</u>	<u>Budget 19/20</u>	
Membership Fees	12,597	12,000	
GST Rebate	983	1,000	
			13,000
Donations General	5,134	2,000	
Donations Hab Pres	8,742	4,000	
Book Auction	570	500	
			6,500
Income CFKA	952	1500	
Interest Income	1,826	1,000	
Grazing - Amherst	2,500	2,500	
			5,000
Other Income	150	100	
Sales	242	155	
May Dinner	3,555	4,000	
TOTAL INCOME	37,251	28,755	

KFN BUDGET (EXPENSES) 2019 - 2020

	<u>Actual 18/19</u>		<u>Budget 19/20</u>	
Administration	1,468		575	
Junior Naturalist Program	1,156		1,700	
Blue Bill	1,419		1,500	
Field Trips	0		200	
Insurance	2,076		2,200	
Membership Expenses	1,471		1,500	
Memberships - other groups	248		500	
Ontario Nature meetings	0		400	
Publicity	868		1,000	
Rent Rooms	1,603		1,900	
Speakers	833	11,142	1,500	12,975
Awards	352		1,200	
Bioblitz	1,009		750	
Conservation Committee	137		900	
Donations Out	14,300		1,000	3,850
Nature Reserve Expenses	4,616		9,000	
Property Tax	4,039		4,100	13,100
Inventory Purchase	500		50	
May Dinner	3,336		4,000	
Taxidermy Expenses	801		0	
Website	242		750	
TOTAL EXPENSES	40,474		34,725	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-3,223		-5,970	