

## Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists September 19, 2019, Ongwanada

### 1. Introductory Remarks.

President Anthony Kaduck called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. He thanked Peter Waycik for printing name tags for members and Alexandra Simmons for their distribution. Members were asked to return them at the end of each meeting.

Kathy Innes was thanked for supplying refreshments for the social.

The mystery bird was identified as a first year Common Yellowthroat.

### 2. Review of Minutes of Annual General Meeting, April 20, 2019

The minutes of the April Annual General Meeting are posted on the website. There were no corrections.

#### ***Motion***

*Moved by Anne Robertson, seconded by John Allen that the minutes be accepted.*

#### ***Carried***

### 3. Member's Observations

- Rose Marie Burke had a Whip-poor-will singing at her property north of Kingston until last Tuesday. Cicadas are still singing there. Salamanders are on the move. She brought a Blue Spotted and a Yellow Spotted Salamander to the meeting from her yard for members to observe.
- Since June, Peter Waycik has identified 344 species of moth at his house on Howe Island.
- Paul Mackenzie observed that this has been a great year for Monarch Butterflies. He reminded members that this is Climate Week and that there will be a demonstration against global warming tomorrow at City Hall at 10 am.
- John Allen said that local social media have reported sightings of a male fox with a broken left rear leg on Division Street north of Princess. Sandy Pines will try to rescue it if those who see it let them know its location.
- Erwin Batalla reported an invasion of Painted Lady Butterflies in addition to the Monarchs.
- Maureen Addis has also seen a great many Giant Swallowtail Butterflies.

### 4. Upcoming Events

Please see the Newsletter and website for scheduled field trips, rambles and the Fall Roundup. Our next speaker will be Mike Burrell who will talk about his new book *Best Places to Bird in Ontario*. Members are advised to bring their chequebooks if they wish to buy a copy.

### 5. Request for Contribution - Nature Conservancy of Canada

Mark Stabb from the Nature Conservancy of Canada gave a talk on purchases NCC is currently negotiating to meet its focus on targeted landscapes. They are interested

in preserving habitat along the Lake Ontario shores of Prince Edward County and Wolfe Island, specifically at Ostrander Point and Staley Point. He presented an outline of why these particular properties are valuable, the types of habitat they contain and financial arrangements so far.

6. Discussion & Vote.

Following Mark's talk, Treasurer Larry McCurdy explained that KFN currently has \$8,500 in the Habitat Preservation Fund and can afford to make a contribution. The executive recommends to the membership that \$6,000 be donated to NCC, \$3,000 to each property. There was very little discussion.

**Motion:**

*Moved by Anthony Kaduck, seconded by Larry McCurdy that:  
Kingston Field Naturalists donate \$6,000 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada for proposed land purchases in Prince Edward County and on Wolfe Island. The amount will be divided so that \$3,000 will go toward the Ostrander Point (Prince Edward County) purchase and \$3,000 to Staley Point (Wolfe Island).*

**Carried**

7. Feature Presentation

Tonight's scheduled talk on Conservation of Frogs by Matt Ellerbeck was cancelled by the speaker shortly before this meeting. KFN is very pleased and grateful that David McMurray was able to give a presentation on *Fall Flowers of Eastern Ontario* on very short notice. Anne Robertson introduced him and described him as a long-time friend and fellow plant lover. He grew up in Montreal and gained his BA in economics at Queens University followed by a law degree also at Queens.

Mr. McMurray took up Botany in 2001 and is a self-educated botanist. He is meticulous with his plant identification and record keeping.

Besides KFN, David volunteers for the local Land Conservancy as a steward of their Depot Creek Nature Reserve. He also volunteers at the Lemoine Point Tree Nursery.

Mr McMurray gave a very interesting talk on local Goldenrods and Asters.

The speaker was thanked by Erwin Batalla who presented him with a copy of *Birds of the Kingston Region*.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm. There were 65 people in attendance.