

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists, October 17, 2019, Ongwanada

1. Introductory Remarks.

President Anthony Kaduck called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Frances Tackaberry was thanked for providing refreshments for the social. There was no mystery bird this month. In its place, Anthony posted a photo of a Lincoln's Sparrow, which, although not common, can be seen in the Kingston area at this time of year. He pointed out the Lincoln Sparrow's distinctive field marks and asked that we look for it.

2. Review of Minutes of General Meeting, September 19, 2019

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

Motion

Moved by Bruce Elliott, seconded by John Licharson that the minutes be accepted.

Carried

3. Member's Observations

- Richard Breault reported seeing 6 Black Crowned Night Herons fly over Cataraqui Bay last week.
- Lynn Bell saw a pair of Peregrine Falcons perched on St. Mary's Cathedral
- Anthony Kaduck saw a group of 8 Hermit Thrushes migrating through the area.
- Peter Waycik found a Pandorus Sphinx caterpillar, which he reported on iNaturalist.
- Diane Croteau has a friend who encountered a Mountain Lion while hiking near Verona. He took some excellent photos, which he posted on Flickr.
- Kevin Bleeks saw 2 Pectoral Sandpipers at Morven Creek last week.
- Alexandra Simmons saw an American Bittern flying north of the Curling Club on Days Road.

4. Upcoming Events

- The Fall roundup takes place November 1 – 3. Please let Kurt Hennige know if you plan to participate. Details are in the Newsletter. KFN hopes to give the Kingston Area wide coverage.
- 2 Rambles are planned for November including one to the Frink Center north of Belleville.
- A field trip to Algonquin Park is planned for 17-19 January. More information will be provided closer to the date.
- There will be an official opening ceremony of the Sylvester-Gallagher property November 12. Please see the Newsletter for details.
- The General Meeting on November 21 will be a celebration of KFN's 70th anniversary. Please see the Newsletter for more details.

5. Feature Presentation

Vice President Ken Edwards introduced speaker Mike Burrell. Mike, a former member of KFN's executive, has co-authored a book with his brother Ken on *Best Places to Bird in Ontario*.

Of the 30 places listed in the book, Mike gave a detailed and interesting talk on 3 of them - Long Point, Rainy River and Moosonee.

He was thanked by Ken Edwards.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. There were 70 members in attendance.

