

## Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists, November 21, 2019, Ongwanada

### 1. Introductory Remarks.

AT 7:30 pm President Anthony Kaduck called the meeting to order and welcomed members to KFN's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting. The mystery bird was identified as a Lapland Longspur, which can sometimes be found in groups of Snow Buntings on Wolfe and Amherst Islands during the winter months. Jackie Bartnik was thanked for providing treats for members who are unable to eat cake. Members enjoyed 2 large birthday cakes – vanilla and chocolate – during the social.

### 2. Review of Minutes of General Meeting, October 16, 2019

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

#### ***Motion***

*Moved by Ken Edwards, seconded by Anne Robertson that the minutes be accepted.*

#### ***Carried***

### 3. Member's Observations

- Martin Roncetti saw a Cooper's Hawk take a Rock Pigeon behind his feeder.
- Barbara Cantin saw 10 Guinea Fowl on the North Shore Road north of Loughborough Lake.
- Kitt Knap saw a Long Eared Owl on the Greenwood Track in the Helen Quilliam Sanctuary. It was chased away by Blue Jays.
- Peter Waycik saw a number of fluttering moths while attending the November 19 Ramble to the Frink Center. Bill Depew identified them as Bruce Spanworm Moths. Adults are apparently active after leaves fall, from October to December. It overwinters as an egg.
- Steve Manders has also seen these moths at Gould Lake.
- Anthony Kaduck and Jim Thompson found a Harris Sparrow on the beach at Wellington. They were on their way to Prince Edward Point to find a reported Spotted Towhee. The trip was a success for them and John Licharson.
- Chris Grooms saw a Snowy Owl near his property and recorded a Bobcat on his trail cam.
- John Cartwright had a Barred Owl in front of his house on Cartwright Point recently. It has not been seen there for several years.

### 4. Upcoming Events

Please check your Newsletter for details of upcoming events.

- Eleven Christmas Bird Counts in the Kingston Region take place from December 14 at Frontenac and end January 3 on Amherst Island.
- A 3 day field trip is planned to Algonquin Provincial Park January 17 – 19, 2020.
- Family Day, February 17 there will be a field trip to Wolfe Island to observe Snowy Owls. It will be open to the public.

5. Announcements

- Gaye Beckwith has dragonfly booklets available for sale at \$7.00/each.
- Peter Waycik has donated a spotting scope for sale by silent auction. Place your bids beside the scope
- Please return name tags by placing them in alphabetical order by first name on the side table.

6. Feature Presentation

Ken Edwards gave an interesting talk and slide presentation on KFN's history over the past 70 years titled "Growing Up in the KFN". His material came from documents from the archives and early editions of the Bluebill. It was noted that John Cartwright, attending this evening, was among the original 22 members.

Following Ken's presentation, Chris Grooms gave a talk titled "One View of KFN; Building, Digging and Chopping" in which he recounted his research on Chimney Swift populations in the chimneys at Queens and work he and other members did to maintain the meadow habitat on the Martin Edward Reserve. The latter involved pasturing a herd of cattle. Members of KFN, Chris included, worked hard to build water troughs, pump water and maintain fences to keep the cows happy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40. There were 69 members in attendance.