

# Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists, January 16, 2020, Ongwanada

## 1. Introductory Remarks.

AT 7:29 pm President Anthony Kaduck called the meeting to order. The mystery mammal was identified as an American Marten, formerly known as a Pine Marten. The species has been split following examination of its DNA. Pine Martens are more commonly found in Eurasia while American Martens are resident in North America. Janet Scott and Elena Zanetti were thanked for providing treats.

Anne Robertson brought the Junior Naturalist's coin collection box to the meeting and explained that the Executive had agreed to ask adult KFN members to contribute. The annual coin collection is used to give back to nature. This year the Juniors are supporting Arctic animals via the World Wildlife Fund. Information is available on the WWF website. Adults were asked to leave their contributions at the door.

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

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

### ***Motion***

*Moved by Larry McCurdy, seconded by Richard Brault that the minutes be accepted.*

### ***Carried***

## 3. Member's Observations

- Rose-Marie Burke had 6 Cowbirds at her feeders on Monday and Tuesday of this week.
- Daphne Christie observed a deer kill in a frozen pond at Frontenac Park two Sundays ago. The victim was a 10 point buck. She kept the antlers.
- Ken Robinson reported that the North Leeds Birders saw 2 Field Sparrows on a back road northeast of Seely's Bay on Wednesday. This is an unusual find in January.
- Mike Baird saw 2 Robins at his house on New Year's Day.
- Ken Edwards reported on the Prince Edward County waterfowl survey. He found over 12,000 Redheads near Waupoos last Sunday.
- Daphne Christie heard a pair of Great Horned Owls calling on Lincoln Drive on January 11.
- Rose-Marie Burke has heard another pair of Great Horned Owls at Glenburnie.
- Kevin Bleeks reported that he and Kurt Hennige saw 500 Snow Buntings with 2 Lapland Longspurs on Wolfe Island last weekend.

## 4. Upcoming Events

Please check your Newsletter for details of upcoming events.

## Rambles

- Tue 21 January – Cataraqui Cemetery
- Tue 4 February – K&P Trail Cordukes Road East
- Tue 18 February – Collins Creek Trails
- Tue 3 March – Murvale Creek Area

## Field Trips:

- Winter Birds and Wildlife - Algonquin Provincial Park – 17-19 January
- Snowy Owls on Wolfe Island (Family Day) – 17 February

### 5. Members Presentation

Due to technical difficulties at the December meeting, Jacqueline Bartnik was unable to give her presentation. This evening she gave a 5 minute photographic view of construction of the third crossing on the Cataraqui River.

As a member of the Conservation Committee, Carolyn Bonta spoke briefly about the City of Kingston's "Density by Design" project. Although a planning exercise in designing and situating mid-rise and tall buildings, it was brought to Carolyn's attention that the issue of bird-window collisions is mentioned in the recent Issues & Options Report and that the City is accepting feedback on all aspects of the report. The Conservation Committee will be submitting comments to the Planning Department, and Carolyn encouraged interested members to also individually express their support for bird-friendly infrastructure and design in the City of Kingston.

### 6. Feature Presentation

Our guest speaker, Barrie Gilbert, was introduced by Ken Edwards. He gave an interesting talk on his new book:

*One of Us – A Biologist's Walk Among Bears*

Copies of the book were for sale following the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm. There were 95 members in attendance.