

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held September 17, 2020, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom

1. Opening Remarks:

President Anthony Kaduck welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting and announced that with over 25 in attendance we had a quorum. Since this is the first General Meeting KFN has held using the Zoom application, Anthony explained some of its features including the use of the Chat function and voting process.

2. Acceptance of Minutes of General Meeting for February 20, 2020.

Members were advised that minutes of previous meetings are posted on the KFN Website under *Outings and Events*

Motion

Moved by Anthony Kaduck, seconded by Carolyn Bonta that the minutes of the General Meeting held February 20, 2020 be accepted.

Carried

3. Member's Observations

- Ken Edwards, who is in self isolation in New Brunswick, is observing Minke Whales daily from his front porch.
- Erwin Batalla saw 2 Snow Geese yesterday at the Invista property.
- Chris Hargreaves announced that the CRCA has added partial siding to the Barn Swallow structure erected at Lemoine Point last year. This has been effective in other places. Chris hopes that Barn Swallows will nest there next spring.
- Shirley French has observed 3 Common Nighthawks at Cranberry Lake.
- Anthony Kaduck has found the Amherstview Sewage Lagoon a productive place to see shore birds recently. He mentioned several seen yesterday including Short Billed Dowagers and a Stilt Sandpiper.
- Janis Grant saw up to a dozen Little Brown Bats flying at dusk over her property in downtown Kingston on September 16.
- Carolyn Bonta has recently purchased a woodlot where she saw several warbler species including Blue Winged and Wilson's Warblers.

4. Review of Decisions Taken With Respect to Covid-19 Pandemic.

The annual dinner, which was re-scheduled to October, has been cancelled because the gathering would be too large to meet government guidelines. Field Trips and Rambles resumed in September. Please see the website and Newsletter for safety information. The Junior and Teen Naturalist programs are under way out of doors. Monthly meetings with speakers will continue on line using the Zoom Application.

5. Upcoming Events

Please see the website and Newsletter for details on the following upcoming events.

- 22 Sept: Feature Film Presentation: Churchill MB and Kazakhstan
 - At the Mustang Drive-In
 - Presented by the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory
- 26 Sept: Junior Naturalists - Family Field Trip
- 26 Sept: Field Trip - Helen Quilliam Sanctuary
 - Re-Opening of Faith Avis Trail
- 6 Oct: Ramble - K&P Trail
- 10 Oct: Teen Naturalists Hike at Meyer Woods
- 11 Oct: Field Trip – Burbrook Rd section of K&P Trail
- 15 Oct: Monthly Meeting – Guest Speaker Mike Runtz
- 18 Oct: Field Trip – Lemoine Point
- 20 Oct: Ramble – Rideau Trail North of 401
- 24 Oct: Junior Naturalists – Family Field Trip to Lost Lake

6. Treasurer’s Report and Approval of Budget for 2020/21

Please refer to the financial Report and Budget on the website and in the September 2020 Blue Bill. Treasurer, Larry McCurdy, recommended that we approve the standard budget which was developed by the KFN executive in February 2020 for the 2020/21 fiscal year. We are now half way through this fiscal year. There was no discussion.

Motion:

Moved by Larry McCurdy, seconded by Paul Mackenzie that the proposed 2020/21 budget be approved.

Carried

7. Election of New Executive Members

Chair of the Nominating Committee Alexandra Simmons, with members Janet Elliott and Gaye Beckwith, recommended a full list of officers for the Executive Committee for 2020/21 as follows:

Position	Officer, Director	Candidate for 2020-2021
Honorary President	O	Ron Weir
President	O, D	Ken Edwards
Past President	O, D	Anthony Kaduck
Vice President	O, D	John Donihee
Treasurer	O, D	Larry McCurdy
Recording Secretary	O	Janis Grant
Membership Secretary	O	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
Member-at-large		Janet Elliott
Member-at-large		Polly Aiken
Member-at-large		Jane Revell
Member-at-large		Martin Roncetti

Motion

Moved by Alexandra Simmons, seconded by Chris Hargreaves, that the executive members, recommended by the Nomination Committee, be elected.

Carried

8. New Business

There was no new business

9. Feature Presentation

Carolyn Bonta, Field Trips Coordinator, gave an interesting presentation on Biodiversity of the Barrenlands.

Carolyn was thanked by President, Anthony Kaduck.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22. Attendance was estimated to be 31 members.