

# Minutes of the October General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held October 15, 2020, 7 pm on Zoom

## 1. Social Time

A social period of ½ hour took place from 7:00 to 7:30 allowing members to join the meeting and familiarize themselves with the Zoom app. Members greeted each other, carried on a general conversation and received instruction where required. Chris Grooms listed some of his recent wildlife observations, prompting a member to ask their location on Chat. Chris responded that they were mostly seen near his home north of Kingston.

Ken Edwards demonstrated the voting app using a quiz on fungi identification.

## 2. Opening Remarks:

President Ken Edwards welcomed members. He thanked Anthony Kaduck for the two years he served as KFN President (April 2018 – April 2020) plus the period from April to September 2020 when KFN was in lock down because of Covid-19.

A mystery bird slide was identified as a Swainson's Thrush photographed by Anthony at Pt. Pelee in 2018.

## 3. Acceptance of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held September 17, 2020.

Members were referred to the minutes posted on the KFN Website under Outings and Events:

### *Motion*

*Moved by Paul Mackenzie, seconded by Larry McCurdy that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held September 17, 2020 be accepted.*

*Carried*

## 4. Member's Observations

- Lesley Rudy has been watching Northern Map Turtles hatch from eggs in Kingston.
- Vickie Schmolka has had Dark-Eyed Juncos in her yard recently and observed a Ruffed Grouse on the Aragon Road.
- Jean Jeffery saw a male Eastern Blue Bird on the K&P trail near Harrowsmith.
- Kevin Bleeks saw a Hudsonian Godwit , a Greater White Fronted Goose and a Snow Goose last week
- Paul Mackenzie saw 3 Monarch Butterflies on Amherst Island.

Members were asked to write further observations on the Chat function.

- Chris Cannon had a Carolina Wren last week which sang loudly.
- Shirley French saw a male Black Throated Blue Warbler 1.5 weeks ago.
- Mark Choinacki had a beaver and mink near his house in the past week.

## **5. Upcoming Events**

Members were advised to consult the Newsletter and Website for details of upcoming events including Rambles, Field Trips and the Fall Roundup.

Ken Edwards, who represents KFN on the City of Kingston Climate Change Leadership Team, asked that members download a map which can be found on the city's website at:

<https://getinvolved.cityofkingston.ca/climate-leadership-plan/maps/impacts-of-climate-change>

## **6. Feature Presentation**

Speaker, Michael Runtz, was introduced by Chris Grooms.

Mr. Runtz gave a spectacular presentation of his own photographs entitled *Algonquin Wild* which documented Algonquin Park's natural history through the seasons.

He was thanked by Ken Edwards. Members were encouraged to ask Mr. Runtz questions on Chat.

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 8:50 pm. There were 55 devices enrolled at the meeting with an estimated 60 members in attendance.