

Minutes of the November General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held November 19, 2020, 7 pm on Zoom

1. Social Time

A social period of 1/2 hour took place from 7:00 to 7:30 pm allowing members to join the meeting and greet each other.

2. Opening Remarks:

President Ken Edwards welcomed members to the November General Meeting.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held October 15, 2020.

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

Motion

Moved by Kathy Webb, seconded by Chris Hargreaves that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 15, 2020 be accepted.

Carried

4. Member's Observations

- Steve Manders photographed 2 beavers at 3rd Depot Lake. He attached photos to the Zoom chat.

-This week, Ken Edwards was birding at the old Girl Guide Camp which was bought recently by Invista. He saw a Carolina Wren. A discussion followed about how to access the property. Ken walked along the shore which was easily accomplished due to low water levels in Lake Ontario. Members of the public are normally allowed access if they make a request at Invista's main gate.

-Ken has also seen large numbers of Tundra Swan and other waterfowl at Elevator Bay.

Redheads and Scaup are particularly numerous.

-Ken also noted that there are many Ring Neck Ducks at the Little Cataraqui Creek Conservation Area.

-Hoary Redpolls have been reported recently in the Kingston Area.

-Shirley French has seen Common and Hooded Merganzers in transit at Cranberry Lake over the past week.

5. Upcoming Events

Members are advised to consult the December Newsletter and Website for details of upcoming events including Rambles, Field Trips and Christmas Bird Counts.

Please note that the Amherst Island CBC is open only to residents of Amherst Island this year. The December 17 General Meeting is member's night. It will be held on Zoom. Members are encouraged to submit up to 10 photos or short videos (up to 5 minutes) to Erwin Batalla by Monday, December 14. Members may comment live on their presentations or submit written comments to be read by Erwin.

6. Feature Presentation

John Donihee introduced speaker Emily Giles, Senior Species Specialist with the World Wildlife Fund.

Emily gave an interesting presentation on WWF projects in Canada designed to protect endangered vertebrates. The projects are listed in WWF's *Living Planet Report*.

A lengthy question period followed.

John Donihee thanked Emily for describing her work.

& Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm. 39 Zoom members attended (approximately 45 people).