

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists

March 18, 2021, 7 pm on Zoom

1. Social Time

A half hour of social time took place prior to commencement of the business meeting at 7:30. During this time, a series of slides were presented, the first of which was by Anthony Kaduck, showing South American Hummingbirds. The second series were beautiful dragonfly photographs taken by Kathy Webb. A series of photographs of local wildlife taken in Tanzania in February and March 2020 were presented by Janis Grant. Members enjoyed a choice of observing these slides or attending a Breakout Room presentation hosted by Mark Read titled "iNaturalist Q & A". Mark explained how the iNaturalist Application works and answered participant's questions.

2. Member's Observations

Members used the CHAT function of ZOOM to record their observations during the meeting.

- Liz saw a Winter Wren in Elginberg and 2 Turkey Vultures at Brewer's Mills on March 12
- Kevin Bleeks saw a Northern Shrike on Gore Road yesterday (March 17). He is still getting Common Redpolls every day at his feeder averaging 35 – 40 during February.
- Peter Waycik saw a Horned Lark and a Sandhill Crane near Gananoque, March 12.
- Peter Waycik also saw a Glaucous Gull at the Howe Island Ferry (east) March 13.
- Shirley French saw 2 Turkey Vultures about a week ago.
- Erwin Batalla reported that the Red-shouldered Hawks are back on Opinicon Road and doing courtship displays.
- Anthony Kaduck saw a Red-shouldered Hawk near Lansdowne.
- Anthony Kaduck reported that Sandhill Cranes came through the region in numbers this week.
- Peter Waycik reported that iNaturalist lists 1340 lepidoptera species in the Kingston Study Area
- Mark Read found the first record of American Elm Leaf Miner for Ontario at Murphys Point last year. It was identified by Charley Eiseman from a photo Mark posted on iNaturalist.

3. Opening Remarks

President Ken Edwards opened the meeting at 7:30.

4. Review of Previous Minutes.

Motion

Moved by Janet Elliott, seconded by Peter Waycik that the minutes of the General Meeting held February 18, 2021 be accepted.

Carried

5. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is made up of Chair Anthony Kaduck and members Alexandra Simmons and Paul Mackenzie. Their contact information is in the Newsletter. The committee is looking for members to fill 3 executive committee vacancies i.e. Secretary, Treasurer and Field Trips Coordinator. Please contact a Nominating Committee member if you are interested.

6. Upcoming Events

Events are posted on the Website and in the Newsletter. Members were cautioned that scheduled events will only take place if Covid restrictions allow. Please check the website for up-to-date information.

May Bird Walks this year will be open only to KFN members. The public will not be invited.

A field trip is planned to Prince Edward Point May 2 led by Anthony Kaduck.

The annual Bioblitz will take place this year from 3 pm Friday, June 11 to 3 pm Saturday, June 12 at the 4th Lake Nature Reserve. There will be no guided hikes this year and Covid precautions will be enforced. More details will be posted on the website as the date approaches.

7. Feature Presentation.

John Donihee introduced speaker, David Bree, Park Naturalist at Presqu'île Provincial Park.

Mr. Bree gave a very interesting illustrated talk titled “ Bringing Moths Into the Light” which was followed by questions submitted on CHAT.

He was thanked by John Donihee.

8. The meeting ended at 8:33. 59 devices were logged on Zoom.