

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held Thursday, April 20, 2023, 7:30 p.m. at Ongwanada, Kingston, Ontario. This was a hybrid meeting held both in-person and on internet Zoom.**

John Donihee welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**Members' Observations:**

Peter Waycik reported that he has found 7 species of butterflies were throughout the area to date.

Redhead ducks were seen on the Cataraqui River.

Steve Manders gave an update on his overwintering crow project, and reported on a pair of Mallard Ducks that have been sighted in the same spot since 2011, as well as visits to his backyard by raccoons, a skunk and a white footed mouse. Also reported was a nesting Bald Eagle at Devil Lake.

Ken Edwards noted that at the Martin Edwards Reserve on Amherst Island there are several holes in the dyke made by muskrats, one of the holes is occupied by a mink.

Anthony Kaduck shared that there are reports that a Neotropic Cororant has been seen near the Inner Harbour Marina.

**Minutes.** A motion was made by Larry McCurdy to accept the 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes, seconded by Bruce Elliott: carried.

**President's Report.** John Donihee gave a report on the current status of the KFN and a recap of events and accomplishments over the past year. Included in his recap John reported that the KFN is in a good state financially, membership numbers are good, mention of the upcoming Bio Blitz in June, the ongoing program for Juniors and Teens, issues dealt with by the Conservation Committee, the work being done to update the Constitution and Bylaws, and that the Annual May Dinner will resume this year. John thanked the Executive and volunteers for the work they have done.

**Treasurer's Report.** Larry McCurdy presented the Treasurer's Report and Budget Approval. Larry gave a brief recap of some of the highlights of some of the income and expenditure items throughout the past year. Larry showed the KFN Income 2022/2023, the KFN Expenses 2022/2023, the proposed KFN Budget Income 2023/2024, and the proposed KFN Budget Expenses 2023/2024. David McMurray made the motion to accept the KFN Budget, Barbara (\*last name?) seconded; motion carried. Diane Crouteau and Kevin Bleeks will act as Auditors and review the Financial Statements; their report will be published in Blue Bill.

**KFN 2023/2024 Executive.** Ken Edwards showed the proposed slate of Officers and Committees for KFN for 2023/2024. The proposed Executive was acclaimed.

**Presentations.** Janet Elliott gave a talk entitled "What is a Wort", Rose-Marie Burke gave a talk entitled "Come Into the Light: A Sampling of Moths and Other Night-Flying Insects". Ken thanked the Speakers.

John thanked Karen Siltanen for providing refreshments.

Jackie Bartnik made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ken Edwards. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

There were 46 people in attendance at Ongwanada and 30 participants on Zoom.