

**Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held October 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m., in-person attendance at Ongwanada, this was a hybrid meeting with on-line attendance on Zoom format.**

John Donihee welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

**Agenda:** Motion to accept Agenda made by Janis Grant, seconded by Jackie Bartnik; carried.

**Announcements:** The Ontario Land Trust Association's Angus McLeod Vision Award was awarded to Larry McCurdy in recognition of his many years of volunteer work for various conservation organizations including the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Land Conservancy, the Kingston Field Naturalists, Rideau Trail Association, and Friends of Lemoine Point. We congratulate Larry for having been awarded with this recognition.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kingston Field Naturalists is coming up in 2024, the Executive is planning events to celebrate the occasion. A request was made for Members to submit photos of past events and outings. A link will be posted to the KFN website for uploading photos.

**Minutes:** Anne Robertson made the motion to accept the Minutes, seconded by Ken Edwards; carried.

**Members' Observations.** The main observation was several reports of swans in the area. Erwin reported that swans were being seen in all bays in Kingston, and were predominantly mute swans. Ken Edwards reported that trumpeter swans had good breeding success in the area this year, Chris Grooms reported that they also had good success at the pond on his property near Harrowsmith.

**Notice of Volunteer Opportunity:** Anne Robertson reported that Eli Drummond of Nature Conservancy Canada is looking for volunteers to help cut down buckthorn at the Milburn Creek property.

**Call for new Treasurer.** After many years of work as KFN Treasurer Larry McCurdy wishes to retire from this position, and would like someone to help take over as Treasurer and start training for this task before the AGM and elections in April.

**Speaker.** Christine Hough introduced the Speaker, Mark Stabb, the NCC Program Director for Eastern Ontario, whose talk was entitled *Landscape and Corridor Conservation: A Few Examples from Nature Conservancy of Canada*.

Christine thanked the Speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

*There were 26 Members online and about 31 people in person; about 57 total.*