

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held February 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting held both in-person at Ongwanada, Kingston, Ontario and online on Zoom internet format.

John Donihee welcomed everyone to the Meeting and read the KFN Land Acknowledgement.

Agenda. Motion was made by Anne Robertson, seconded by Paul Mackenzie; carried.

Minutes. Approval of January Minutes was deferred to the March Meeting.

Timing of Approval of updated Constitution and Bylaws. John notified Membership that the Executive is working on the revised articles to comply with new government regulations for non-profit organizations. The revised version will be posted to the KFN website and vote for approval will take place at the March General Meeting.

Special Vote concerning KFN Website. John informed Membership that the KFN website will be moved to a commercial server who could provide ongoing IT support. This would require a significant but affordable one time cost that is not covered in the current 2023/2024 Budget. Larry McCurdy made the motion:

That the KFN Executive be authorized to spend up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) before the end of Fiscal Year 2023/2024 to secure IT services depending on the results of a review currently underway. Carolyn Bonta seconded; carried.

Members' Observations. Large flocks of crows are still roosting in Kingston.

A fisher was seen weaving along on Bath Rd., its unusual behaviour had possibly been affected by eating geese that had died from the recent Avian Influenza outbreak.

Red Crossbills were spotted at a Land Conservancy property.

Bohemian Waxwings were seen at Depot Lake.

It has been confirmed that geese that have died in the waters near Kingston had Avian Influenza.

Speaker. Christine Hough introduced the Speaker, Phillip Mercier, whose talk was entitled *Studying Bird Migration at Prince Edward Point.* Christine thanked the Speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

There were 45 attendees on Zoom and 17 people in-person in attendance.