

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MCILWRAITH
FIELD NATURALISTS OF LONDON ONTARIO INCORPORATED
Friday, February 17, 2017
Civic Garden Complex, London, Ontario**

1.0 Motions

1.1 Moved by Norm Corrin, seconded by Jack Blocker, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 19, 2016 be accepted as amended. Carried.

1.2 Moved by Ron Martin, seconded by Gord Neish, that the Mcllwraith Field Naturalists Financial Reports for 2015/2016 be accepted as circulated. Carried.

1.3 Moved by Bob McGee, seconded by Jack Blocker, that Michael A. King, C.A. be appointed as auditor for Mcllwraith Field Naturalists for the fiscal year 2016/2017. Carried.

1.4 Moved by Muriel Andreae, seconded by Anita Caveney, that the regular membership fee be increased from \$30 to \$35, effective September 1, 2017. Carried unanimously.

2.0 Call to Order:

Muriel Andreae, President, called the 2017 Annual General Meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. Thirty members present constitute a quorum. Approximately eighty members were present.

3.0 Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting:

The Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting had been posted in advance of the meeting on the Mcllwraith Field Naturalists/Nature London website. There was one correction to the date noted in paragraph 7.0. *Moved by Norm Corrin, seconded by Jack Blocker, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 19, 2016 be accepted as amended. Carried.*

4.0 Reports from Board Members:

The Directors' and Appointees' Reports were made available to members in advance in the form of a PDF file "Annual Report" on the MFN/Nature London website. There were no questions or comments.

5.0 Treasurer's Report:

Henry Przysiezny, Treasurer, reviewed the 2015/2016 audited Financial Statements. He highlighted a few significant points with some explanation. There were no questions. *Moved by Ron Martin, seconded by Gord Neish, that the Mcllwraith Field Naturalists Financial Reports for 2015/2016 be accepted as circulated. Carried.*

6.0 Appointment of Auditors:

Moved by Bob McGee, seconded by Jack Blocker, that Michael A. King, C.A. be appointed as auditor for Mcllwraith Field Naturalists for the fiscal year 2016/2017. Carried.

7.0 Election of the Board of Directors: Muriel Andreae, President, presented the Nominations Committee report on behalf of Karen Auzins and the Committee. The slate of individuals for election to the Board of Directors for 2017-2018 was presented and elected by acclamation. Muriel advised that while we have eight on the board, 10-13 would be ideal. There is currently no vice-president. The nominations for the 2017/2018 MFN Board of Directors was presented as follows:

Bernie VanDenBelt (*President*)
Muriel Andreae (*Past President*)
Henry Przysieszny (*Treasurer*)
Lisa Bilty (*Recording Secretary*)
Gord Neish (*Director at Large*)
Norm Corrin (*Director at Large and Volunteer Coordinator*)
Ron Martin (*Director at Large and The Cardinal Liaison*)
Cathy McCrae (*Director at Large and Field Trips Coordinator*)

8.0 Appointed Positions:
Appointees for 2017-2018

Individuals marked with ** are currently on the Board.

Object #1: To acquire and disseminate knowledge of natural history

Archivist(s) – Winifred & David Wake
Brochure/Editor – Ray Robertson
E-mail Co-ordinators; e-newsletter Editors – Sandy & Ric Symmes
The Cardinal Editors – John Berry, Leslie Kostal, **Ron Martin, Leslie Rockwell, Susan Thauer
Editor(s) *Guide to the Natural Areas of London & Vicinity* – Ros & Jim Moorhead
Facebook Coordinator – vacant
Nature Line Coordinator(s) – Bob McGee, Gail McNeil, Rick Martin
Publicity Administrator – Paul Nicholson
Webmaster – vacant

Object #2: To conserve wildlife and protect its natural habitat

Cedarcroft Committee Chair – Herb Bax
Conservation Committee Chair – Sandy Levin
Friends of the Coves Sub-watershed Representative – Bill Maddeford
Heritage Representative (London Advisory Committee on Heritage) – Jim Cushing
Middlesex Woodlands Advisory Committee Representative – Pete Read
Ontario Nature Representative – Anita Caveney
Thames Talbot Land Trust Liaison – David Wake
Urban League Representative – Gerry Pierce

Object #3: To stimulate public interest in and understanding of nature and its protection and preservation

Field Trips Coordinator – **Cathy McCrae

Indoor Meetings Coordinators – Carol Agocs; Kathy Ellis; Diane Weiler
Nature in the City Coordinator – Pat Tripp
Saunders Library Liaison – Pat Tripp
London Environmental Network Representative - vacant

Object #4: To develop and sponsor special interest groups in the various fields of natural history

Butterfly Count Coordinator – Ann White; Victoria Simkovic
Birding Wing Program Committee – Gordon Cameron, Gail McNeil, Paul Nicholson, Ian Platt, Laure Neish
Chimney Swift Liaison – Winifred Wake
Bird Migration Secretary – Pete Read
Christmas Bird Count Compiler – Pete Read

Club Administration – Positions that do not fall directly under the four Objects but are part of the administration/smooth running of the club.

Audio Visual Technician – vacant
Awards Banquet Coordinator(s) – Karen Auzins & Deb Gorman-Smith
Cookie and Coffee/Tea Coordinator – Linda & Jim Bristow
Manual Secretary – Cathy Quinlan
Membership Database Support – Hugh Casbourn
Membership Secretary – Gail McNeil
Sales Coordinator – Ann Henderson
Volunteer Coordinator – **Norm Corrin
Web Host – Ken Dimson

9.0 Other Business:

Moved by Muriel Andraae, seconded by Anita Caveney, that the regular membership fee be increased from \$30 to \$35, effective September 1, 2017. Carried unanimously.

10.0 Adjournment:

Moved by Bob McGee, seconded by Bill Maddeford, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried. The time of adjournment was 7:56 PM.

Minutes were taken by Lisa Bildy, Nature London Recording Secretary