

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MCILWRAITH  
FIELD NATURALISTS OF LONDON ONTARIO INCORPORATED  
Friday, February 16, 2018  
Civic Garden Complex, London, Ontario**

**1.0 Call to Order:**

Bernie VanDenBelt, President, called the 2018 Annual General Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Thirty members present constitute a quorum. Approximately 36 members were present.

**2.0 Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting:**

The Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting were posted in advance of the meeting on the McIlwraith Field Naturalists/Nature London website. There were no changes. *Moved by Lisa Bilty, seconded by Muriel Andreae, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 17, 2017 be approved. Carried.*

**3.0 Reports from Board Members:**

The Directors' and Appointees' Reports were made available to members in advance on the MFN/Nature London website. Bernie VanDenBelt reviewed the numbers of interest arising from the annual report, highlighting the many positive aspects of the club over the last year. There were no questions or comments.

**4.0 Treasurer's Report:**

Henry Przysieszny, Treasurer, was away. In his absence, Bernie VanDenBelt reviewed the 2016/2017 audited Financial Statements and highlighted any significant differences over the previous year. There were no questions. *Moved by Anita Caveney, seconded by Carol Agocs, that the McIlwraith Field Naturalists Financial Statements for 2016/2017 be adopted. Carried.*

**5.0 Appointment of Auditors:**

*Moved by Gord Neish, seconded by Norm Corrin, that Michael A. King, C.A. be appointed auditor for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Carried.*

**6.0 Election of the Board of Directors:** Muriel Andreae, Past-President, presented the Nominations Committee report. The slate of individuals for election to the Board of Directors for 2018-2019 was presented and elected by acclamation. Muriel advised that while we have nine on the board, ten is required by our bylaws and 10-13 would be ideal. The position of Recording Secretary is vacant. The nominations for the 2018/2019 MFN Board of Directors were presented as follows:

Bernie VanDenBelt (*President*)  
Muriel Andreae (*Past President*)  
Henry Przysieszny (*Treasurer*)  
Vacant (*Recording Secretary*)  
Gord Neish (*Vice-President*)  
Mike Channon (*Director at Large*)

Paul Stevens (*Director at Large*)  
Norm Corrin (*Director at Large*)  
Elizabeth Bell (*Director at Large*)  
Irma Harris (*Director at Large*)

## **7.0 Appointed Positions:** **Appointees for 2018-2019**

### **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, Ron Martin, Leslie Rockwell, Susan Thauer, Muriel Andreae & Tom Reaume  
Editor(s) *Guide to the Natural Areas of London & Vicinity* – Ros & Jim Moorhead  
Facebook Coordinator – Mady Hymowitz  
Nature Line Coordinator(s) – Bob McGee, Gail McNeil, Rick Martin  
Publicity Administrator – vacant  
Webmaster – Chris Baldock

### **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  
Ontario Nature Representative – Anita Caveney  
Thames Talbot Land Trust Liaison – David Wake  
Urban League Representative – vacant

### **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 (until end of 2018)  
Nature in the City Coordinator – Pat Tripp  
Saunders Library Liaison – Pat Tripp  
London Environmental Network Representative - Gerry Pierce

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

Butterfly Count Coordinator – George Prieksaitis  
Birding Wing Program Committee – Gail McNeil, 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 – Ric Symmes, Paul Stevens 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

**8.0 Other Business:**

None

**9.0 Adjournment:**

*Moved by Stan Caveney, seconded by Rose Braxton, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.* The time of adjournment was 7:58 PM.

Minutes were taken by Lisa Bilty, Nature London Recording Secretary