

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the McIlwraith Field Naturalists of London Incorporated
Friday, February 15, 2019
Civic Garden Complex, London, Ontario

1.0 Call to Order & Quorum

Bernie VanDenBelt, President, called the 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) to order at 7:30 p.m. He read an Indigenous acknowledgement statement as agreed to by the Board at its October 2018 meeting. Thirty members constitute a quorum for the AGM. Over 100 were present.

2.0 Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting were posted in advance of the meeting on the McIlwraith Field Naturalists (Nature London) website. No changes to the minutes as posted were proposed.

Motion Moved by Muriel Andreae and seconded by Carol Agocs: **That the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Annual General Meeting be approved** (Carried)

3.0 President's / Annual Report

The Annual Report, which highlights the activities of the various groups within Nature London, was made available to the membership ahead of time on the Nature London website. Bernie reviewed some of the numbers and acknowledged the part that so many volunteers play in the smooth running of the organization.

4.0 Treasurer's Report

Henry Przysiezny, Treasurer, reviewed the financial statements of the 2017-2018 year and reported the club is in sound financial condition with surplus funds.

Motion Moved by Henry Przysiezny and seconded by Bob McGee: **That the 2017-2018 Financial Statements be adopted** (Carried)

A motion was put forward that we defer the appointment of the auditor until the April 26, 2019 indoor meeting. Recent legislative changes allow small non-profits such as Nature London to dispense with an annual audit should they elect to do so. Bob McGee reported that the Thames Valley Trail Association has decided not to have an audit, and Anita Caveney reported that it is not necessary to have one if income is less than \$100,000.

Motion Moved by Henry Przysiezny and seconded by Rose Braxton: **That the appointment of the auditor, if required, be deferred to the April 26, 2019 meeting** (Carried)

5.0 Election of Directors

Muriel Andreae, Past President, presented the Nominating Committee report. The slate of individuals for election to the Board of Directors for 2019-2020 was presented and elected by acclamation. Muriel Andreae and Henry Przysieszny have completed their terms and were thanked for their time and commitment to the Board. According to our by-laws, we should have 10-13 people on the Board and currently we only have nine nominated. The following nominations were presented:

Gordon Neish (President)
Bernie VanDenBelt (Past President)
_____ (Vice-President)
Lesley Pergau (Treasurer)
Elizabeth Bell (Secretary)
John Berry (Director at Large)
Mike Channon (Director at Large)
Norm Corrin (Director at Large)
Irma Harris (Director at Large)
Paul Stevens (Director at Large)

6.0 Confirmation of Appointees

Below are the appointees for 2019-2020.

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

Archivists - Winnie and David Wake
Brochure Editor - Ray Robertson
E-Newsletter Editors - Ric and Sandy Symmes
Cardinal Editorial Committee - Muriel Andreae, John Berry, Ron Martin, Leslie Rockwell, Tom Reaume
Editors of *Natural Areas of London and Vicinity* - Roslyn and Jim Moorhead
Facebook Coordinator - Mady Hymowitz
Nature Line Coordinators - Rick Martin, Gail McNeil, _____
Publicity Administrator - _____
Saunders Library Liaison - Pat Tripp
Webmaster - Chris Baldock

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

Cedarcroft Committee Chair - Herb Bax
Conservation Action Committee Chair - Sandy Levin
Friend of the Coves Liaison - Bill Maddeford
London Advisory Committee on Heritage Representative - Jim Cushing
Ontario Nature Representative - Anita Caveney
Thames Talbot Land Trust Liaison - David Wake
Urban League Representative - Susan Price

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

Field Trips Coordinators - Judy Coates, Nathan Garber, Ron Huizer, Christine McGonigle, Evelyn Rogers

Indoor Meeting Coordinators - Rick Maritn, Ruth Dickau, Jane Edwards, Kathy Ellis, Jennifer Seachrist

Nature in the City Coordinator - Pat Tripp

London Environmental Network Representative - Susan Price

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

Butterfly Count Coordinator - George Prieksaitis

Birding Wing Program Coordinators - _____

Bird Migration Secretary - Pete Read

Chimney Swift Liaison - Winnie Wake

Christmas Bird Count Compiler - Pete Read

Club. Administration - Positions that do not fall directly under the foot objects but are part of the administration/ smooth running of the club

Audio Visual Technicians for Regular Meetings - Ric Symmes, Paul Stevens,

Audio Visual Technician for Birding Wing - Quinten Wiegersma

Awards Banquet Coordinators - _____, Deb Gorman-Smith

Cookie, Coffee and Tea Coordinators - Linda and Jim Bristow

Manual Secretary - Cathy Quinlan

Membership Database Support - Hugh Casbourn

Membership Secretary - Gail McNeil

Sales Coordinator - Ann Henderson

Book Donation Coordinator - Betsy Baldwin

Volunteer Coordinator - Norm Corrin

Web Host - Sylvia White

7.0 Other Business

No other business items were raised.

8.0 Adjournment

Motion Moved by Ann White and seconded by Phil Dean: **That the meeting be adjourned** (Carried) The meeting was adjourned at 8.10 p.m.

The minutes were taken by Elizabeth Bell, Nature London's Recording Secretary.