

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MCILWRAITH  
FIELD NATURALISTS OF LONDON ONTARIO INCORPORATED**

**Friday, February 19, 2016**

**Civic Garden Complex, London, Ontario**

**1.0 Motions**

**1.1 Moved by Carol Agocs, seconded by Ian Wilton, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 20, 2015 be accepted as presented. Carried.**

**1.2 Moved by Henry Przysiezny, seconded by Karen Auzins, that the McIlwraith Field Naturalists Financial Reports for 2014/2015 be accepted as circulated. Carried.**

**1.3 Moved by Henry Przysiezny, seconded by Norm Corrin, that Michael A. King, C.A. be appointed as auditor for McIlwraith Field Naturalists for the fiscal year 2015/2016. Carried.**

**1.4 Moved by Muriel Andreae, seconded by Ann White, that the Board of Directors for 2016/2017 be elected as presented. Carried.**

**2.0 Call to Order:**

Muriel Andreae, President, called the 2016 Annual General Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Thirty members present constitute a quorum. Sixty-five members were present.

**3.0 Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting:**

The Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting had been posted in advance of the meeting on the McIlwraith Field Naturalists/Nature London website. There were no errors or omissions noted. *Moved by Carol Agocs, seconded by Ian Wilton, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 20, 2015 be accepted as presented. 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 2014/2015 audited Financial Statements. He highlighted a few significant points with some explanation. There were no questions. *Moved by Henry Przysiezny, seconded by Karen Auzins, that the McIlwraith Field Naturalists Financial Reports for 2014/2015 be accepted as circulated. Carried.*

**6.0 Appointment of Auditors:**

*Moved by Henry Przysiezny, seconded by Norm Corrin, that Michael A. King, C.A. be appointed as auditor for McIlwraith Field Naturalists for the fiscal year 2015/2016. 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 2016-2017 was presented and elected by acclamation. The membership was advised that Directors volunteer to fulfill a specific role within the Board. They are not elected to a particular

position. The nominations for the 2016/2017 MFN Board of Directors was presented as follows (in alphabetical order):

Muriel Andreae (*President*)  
Karen Auzins (*Past President*)  
Lisa Bildy (*Recording Secretary*)  
Gordon Cameron (*Director at Large and Birding Liaison*)  
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*)  
Henry Przysiezny (*Treasurer*)  
Bernie VandenBelt (*Vice President*)

*Moved by Muriel Andreae, seconded by Ann White, that the Board of Directors for 2015/2016 be elected as presented. Carried.*

### **8.0 Appointed Positions:**

#### **Appointees for 2016-2017**

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 – Barbara Bain, 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 – Mady Hymowitz  
Nature Line Coordinator(s) – Bob McGee, Gail McNeil, Rick Martin  
Publicity Administrator – Paul Nicholson  
Webmaster – Mady Hymowitz

#### **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 \_\_\_\_\_

#### **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

Nature in the City Coordinator – Pat Tripp  
Saunders Library Liaison – Pat Tripp  
London Environmental Network Representative \_\_\_\_\_

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

Butterfly Count Coordinator – Ann White  
Birding Wing Program Committee – Gordon Cameron, Gail McNeil, Paul Nicholson, Ian Platt  
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 – Eric Auzins  
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:**

No other business was conducted.

**10.0 Adjournment:**

Moved by Pete Read, seconded by Sue Read, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.  
The time of adjournment was 7:45 PM.

Minutes were taken by Leslie Rockwell on behalf of Lisa Bilty, Nature London Recording Secretary