

Minutes of Orillia Naturalists' Club Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 7:30 pm OMAH, 3rd floor Approved May 3/17

Welcome – Denis Paccagnella welcomed visitors, of which there were 6, plus 2 new members.

Sightings – eastern phoebe, rough legged hawk, geese,; at Carden – snipe, meadowlark, bluebirds, song sparrows; osprey in a few nests; goose on an osprey's nest; at the narrows, common mergansers, buffleheads,; Washago – wood ducks, black ducks, swans, turkey, snow shoe hare, 3 otters; on spring ramblings with Muriel (Woodland drive and rail trail) – great blue heron, geese, redwing blackbirds, a woodcock, robins, dogwood, pussy willows; squirrel with white ears; green winged teal, blue winged teal, shovelers; brook stickle back with 5 spines at McGee Creek.

Approval of Minutes – Denis moved approval of the Mar. 1 and Mar. 22 minutes, seconded by Janet Grand, all in favour.

Business arising – none

Website/publicity – check the website for updates on program, for pictures of sightings, and for Find of the Month.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Donald Macdonald reported the current balance in bank is \$1923.71. He will report more fully at the AGM.

Ontario Nature – see attached report presented by Sue Deadman.

Program – Arni Stinnissen updated members on the cost of the upcoming event to Georgian Bay Islands - \$9.90. He asked that attendees pay sooner than at the end – preferably by May 3 AGM, and if some know that they don't want to go, let him know so that he can fill the vacancy from the waiting list. The plan is to car pool from the back of Zehr's at 8:25 a.m. He also invited slide show pictures, max of 5 minutes, to come to the AGM.

Muriel Sinclair's Sights and Sounds of Spring continues – check the website for dates.

Archives – reminder to send pertinent documents and photos to Kevin Binsted for inclusion in the archives.

Conservation – nil.

Social – Warren Ryckman has provided snacks as usual – payment by donation now or later.

Publicity – Nancy Ironside reported that thanks to Barb Ryckman, the website is again up and functioning well. Watch the website for a possible May daytime trip. Membership – Heather Ewing reported that we have 2 new members as of tonight.

New Business – there was no new business.

Refreshment break – at 7:50.