

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday, March 22, 2017

OMAH

Welcome – The President, Denis Paccagnella, welcomed the group at 7:30pm. There were 5 guests who identified themselves.

Sightings: trumpeter swans, tundra swans near Tiny Marsh and Minesing Swamp; Carolina wren (feeder, Washago); pine siskin, red bellied woodpecker (Washago); (at Pinery) bald eagles, horned larks, red bellied woodpeckers, purple finches; 13th Medonte – flock of snow buntings; East Coulson – a falcon.

Items 4, 5, and 6 were deferred;

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Ontario Nature – Sue mentioned that the AGM of ON will be at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre, June 2 – 4 go to the Ontario Nature website, look under AGM 2017 for details.

Programme – April 5 will feature Emily Rondel, on Golden winged Warbler research; the Facebook 101 workshop was a success as judged by the enthusiastic reception from the attendees;

There is a waiting list for the Georgian Islands trip in June, so if anyone is not wanting to go, please let Arni know so that he can accommodate the waiting list; finally, the club's AGM will be May 3.

Muriel expects the Sounds and Sights of spring to begin early in April – for Tuesdays and Thursdays, keep an eye on the website for updates; dress for poor weather in layers; leave at 6:30 pm sharp from behind Zehr's, and expect to be out for 2 hours.

The business part of the meeting thus ended at 7:49, and Denis invited all to partake of the hospitality, planning to re-convene for the speaker, Tricia Stinnissen, at 8:06 pm.

The speaker was introduced by Tanya Clark; Tricia presented on her work at the Bruce Peninsula National Park, basically watching the eco-balance in the park. She was thanked by Barb Ryckman, who commented that as Tricia is a Park employee, she is not able to accept the honorarium, but the funds are being contributed to the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory. Barb also mentioned that our last speaker, Ethan Meleg, was similarly constrained, and the funds from that talk were donated to the Couchiching Conservancy.

The meeting ended by 9:20 pm.

Submitted by Carole Strickland