

Orillia Naturalists' Club Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
3rd Floor OMAH, Orillia, Ont.

1. Welcome – Denis Paccagnella welcomed the members to the meeting. There were 8 guests, and 2 new members.
2. Sightings – Leanore Wiancko reported on her blue bird box successes this year; white egret at the narrows, 3 coyotes on Horseshoe Island this summer (no geese!), Bonaparte Gulls migrating, 100 Sandhill Cranes on Burnside, mink frog on trail (picture on website)
3. Approval of the minutes for the March 7th and April 4th meetings – moved by Denis , seconded by Fern; carried.
4. Business arising - none
5. Facebook - Barb Ryckman reminded members to send posts for Facebook to her.
6. Correspondence - none
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Treasurer - Donald Macdonald provided the Treasurer's report to the members. In summary, there has been a good response regarding membership renewals and donations, and the Club should be able to meet its obligations and programs this year. Charitable tax return has been prepared by Hehn-Trickey.
 - b.. Ontario Nature – Sue Deadman provided a report on the latest happenings with Ontario Nature (see appended report). Highlights include, the ON magazine on line featuring an article on Ron and Janet Reid, the upcoming legal battle re nicitinoids, and the Nov. 3 fall regional ON meeting at Jackson's Point, featuring Lake Simcoe.
 - c. Programme - Marilyn Clark, our new VP, spoke about the program and encouraged everyone to check the website for information on the following:
 - i. Adams Walk - Oct 13
 - ii. Dan Strickland - Canada Jays, Nov 7th
 - iii. Xmas Bird count will happen on Dec. 15, followed by the Pot Luck. Fern Splichal is organizing the groups. The pot luck will take place on the 2nd floor of OMAH that evening, members should bring their food contribution, as well as plates and cutlery.
 - d. Archives – Kevin (absent) Denis reported (Youth Center outing is this month) and send Kevin pictures etc. for the Archives
 - e. Conservation - Pat – no report
 - f. Membership – Heather provided the attached report.
 - g. Publicity - Nancy (Website)

- h. Social - Warren invited guests to partake of his “goodies” including a cake and candles for Mary Mick’s birthday!
- 8. Refreshment Break -15 minutes

- 9. James Kamstra was the guest speaker, introduced by Fern Splichal, and thanked by Donald Macdonald. His topic was Butterflies and Moths, title “Butterfly Wonder”.
- 10. Next meeting: November 7th, and the topic of the speaker, Dan Strickland, is: Canada Jays.
- 11. The meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Minutes prepared by: Shirley Thomson. Edited by Carol Strickland.

Att: (2)

Fall issue of ON magazine - one of their best.

Articles include -

- ① Nearly 400 participants submitted over 1,000 sightings of over 43 species to the Ont. Rep. & Amphibian Atlas during specialized bioblitzs held earlier this year.
 - ② The addition of the Midland Painted Turtle to the species of special concern list
 - ③ The Trent Nature Areas, one of the candidates for the Protected Places campaign
 - ④ Newmarket took the pledge and became a 'Bee City' thanks to the efforts of the ON Youth Council
 - ⑤ Noise pollution and tips for a quieter life
 - ⑥ One written on the Carden Challenge by a novice birder - featured Ron & Janet.
- 7 Brought 1 copy for the side table. Can be viewed online as well.

In November ON and partners are heading to court to challenge Health Canada's approval of neonicotinoid pesticides for use in Canada. This hearing will focus on thiamethoxam. For years Health Canada has maintained conditional registration for this pesticide without determining the risk to pollinators.

Fall Regional meeting -

Sat. Nov 3 930 am.

Hosted by Paul Harpley &
South Lake Simcoe Field Naturalists

Held at De la Salle Park, Jackson's Point

Lake Simcoe to be the theme.

ONC MEMBERSHIP REPORT

October 3, 2018

Submitted by Heather Ewing
Membership Coordinator

Members paid to date	76 98
Life members	6
Complimentary members	3 speakers from Barrie
Under 30s	7
Not yet renewed	53 49
 TOTAL	 142 146