

Orillia Naturalists' Club Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 7:30 – 10:0 pm

3rd Floor OMAH, Orillia, Ont.

1. Welcome – Denis Paccagnella welcomed the members to the meeting. There were 9 guests.
2. Sightings –
Muriel Sinclair – barred owl in yard, Don McDonald-Great Blue Heron @Elgin Street.; Sue Deadman-Pine Siskin, Northern Cardinal pair, Red Polls, Evening Grosbeaks; Bill –Meadowhawks, Hooded Mergansers (Tudhope); other reports – 3 otters; Redstart
3. Approval of the minutes for October 3rd meeting– moved by Denis , seconded by Muriel Sinclair; carried.
4. Business arising – Denis showed videos expressing thanks prepared by the two youths sponsored by ONC for the Ontario Youth Summit.
5. Facebook/website - reminder to check website for sightings and upcoming events/outings.
6. Correspondence – letter from Karen Szjiarto, a Grade 3 teacher at Lions Oval PS wondering if there are opportunities to have a guest speaker visit the school to talk with the Green Team. No-one put forth their names – and Denis planned to share this request with other groups.
7. Note re safety in parking lot as a member was accosted at a recent meeting of another group at the same site. The OPP have been contacted.
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Treasurer - Donald Macdonald provided the Treasurer's report – Nothing new to report
 - b. Ontario Nature – Sue Deadman provided a report on the latest happenings with Ontario Nature (see report in Archives).
 - c. Programme - Marilyn Clark, VP, spoke about the program and encouraged everyone to check the website for information on the following:
 - i. 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 at 6 pm that evening, members should bring their food contribution, as well as plates and cutlery.
 - ii. Fern spoke about the Bird count and passed a clipboard around for those interested to sign up.
 - d. Archives – Kevin (absent)
 - e. Conservation - Pat – (absent)
 - f. Membership – No report
 - g. Publicity - (Website) Check it out!
 - h. Social - Warren invited guests to partake of his “goodies” including his Halloween pumpkin which is a delicious loaf.

i. Refreshment Break -15 minutes

9. Dan Strickland was the guest speaker, introduced by Heather , and thanked by Adam Thomson. His topic was "The Amazing Canada Jay".
10. Next meeting: Dec. 15, 2018, Pot Luck supper following the Audubon Christmas Bird Count (see 8c above). The January meeting will be Jan. 2, 2019, 7:30 pm – the topic is: Parasitic Invertebrates of Local Parks.
11. The meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Minutes prepared by: Cathy Bernatavicius. Edited by Carol Strickland.