

ORILLIA NATURALISTS' CLUB MINUTES
Monthly meeting Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
OMAH, 3rd floor

1. Denis Paccagnella read the Acknowledgement:
 “The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg, specifically the Ojibwe/Chippewa people. This is Williams Treaty territory”
2. Welcome – Denis welcomed the attendees, and asked for visitors or new members to identify themselves. There were 4.
3. Sightings. Mentioned were 3 Pileated woodpeckers working on a tree, eventually stripping the bark; 1 Bluejay feeding another Bluejay, 1 dead; at McCrae PP, a Northern saw-whet owl; healthy red fox; someone asked why are coyotes dragging their toes in the snow? (best answer – to conserve energy).
4. Minutes. Denis moved approval of the Jan. 8, 2020 meeting minutes. Seconded by Adam Thompson. Carried.
5. Business Arising – none.
6. Website. Members are reminded to check the website frequently for new postings and changes to events.
7. Correspondence. There is an upcoming Family Day event featuring Ontario’s Trumpeter Swans, on Feb/ 17, 2020, between 1 and 4 pm, at the Washago Centennial Park.
8. Reports.
 - Treasurer’s Report. There was none as Donald Macdonald was not in attendance, although he has assured the President that we remain solvent for the foreseeable future.
 - Ontario Nature. There was no report as Sue Deadman is away.
 - Program. Marilyn Clark reminded the members that the next meeting on Mar. 4 will be Quiz Night, this time on flora and fauna – teams will be assigned at random, and will have a certain time to identify the item on the screen; this will be on the 2nd floor. There is an outing to the Hermitage on Line 13, on Feb. 15 at 9:30 (Ron and Sharon Hancock), for skiers, snowshoers, or just for social. There is limited parking at the Hermitage, so people should meet to carpool behind Zehr’s at 9:30. Check the website for details.
 - Archives. Denis reminded members to send any items of interest to Kevin Binsted.
 - Conservation. Pat Woodford obtained permission from the group to go ahead and send an email letter of support for the naturalists’ community protest regarding the Ontario government’s proposal to double the logging permitted in currently held forests.
 - Social. Warren Ryckman has provided tonight’s refreshments, including banana bread, brownies, etc.
 - Publicity and Communications. Nil to report.
 - Membership. There are no issues.
9. New Business – there was none.
10. Refreshment break – occurred at 7:46.

11. Marilyn introduced the speaker of the evening – David Hawke, whose subject was Wildflowers of Simcoe County. Following the presentation, there were a few questions, and then Sharon Hancock thanked David for his excellent presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Strickland, Secretary, Orillia Naturalists' Club.