

# N E W S L E T T E R

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## **October 20, 2015 Meeting Program**

**Presenter:** Andre Bourque, ED Ski Codiac in South East NB

"Andre's presentation will cover details on locations and clubs to ski within a 100 km radius of Greater Moncton. He will discuss his Club in the South east (Ski Codiac) and their vision. He will briefly explain the role of Cross Country New Brunswick and the governing body of cross country skiing in our province. He will also cover some of the jargon, trail etiquette and the stages of the long term athlete development model adopted by Cross Country Canada."

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## MINUTES of the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 General Meeting of Nature Moncton

**HELD** at the Rotary Pavilion, Rotary Park, Moncton, New Brunswick.

**PRESENT:** About 29 members and guests.

President John Foster **called** the meeting **to order** at about 7:04 p.m. ADST and welcomed those present. He asked whether there were any **Guests** and several introduced themselves. The President took a visual **Roll Call** and concluded that a **Quorum** existed.

**Notice** of the time and place of the meeting had been emailed to all members at least a day before the meeting, so the meeting was deemed **duly constituted** for the transaction of business.

Susan Atkinson introduced the **Guest Speaker**, Courtney Smith, Coordinator of the Wood Turtle Stewardship and Monitoring Programme of the Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance. Courtney delivered an interesting PowerPoint presentation on *The Wood Turtle*. Following the presentation, the President thanked Courtney and presented her with a gift in appreciation of her remarks.

The Break then took place. Following the **Break**, the meeting resumed.

The President asked whether everybody had had an opportunity to read the **Minutes** of the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Meeting of Nature Moncton which had been printed in the Newsletter circulated by email. He asked whether anybody had noted any errors or omissions. None were raised. UPON MOTION duly moved by Secretary John Filliter, seconded by Aerolynne Greene and unanimously carried, it was resolved to **adopt** the said Minutes as circulated.

Treasurer Margaret Fanjoy presented her **Financial Report** since her June 16<sup>th</sup> report in two stages: From May 31<sup>st</sup> until June 30<sup>th</sup>, Receipts had totalled \$44.50; Disbursements of \$491.43 had been paid; and the Bank Balance as of June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$5,187.77; From July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, Receipts had totalled \$90.00; Disbursements of \$70.46 had been paid; and the Balance as of August 31<sup>st</sup> was \$5,207.29. UPON MOTION duly moved by Margaret Fanjoy, seconded by Lynda LeClerc and unanimously carried, it was resolved to **adopt** the said Financial Report as presented.

**Bird Alert:** Roger Leblanc was not present to report.

**Ways and Means:** Dale Gaskin conducted the **50-50 Draw**, with Lynda LeClerc winning the \$10.50 draw prize and Diane Hebert a gift certificate to John's Garden Centre on the Hillsborough Road.

**Nature Information Line:** Nelson Poirier reported that he had obtained some new equipment for the Line through Amazon.

**Field Trips/Workshops Committee:** Louise Nichols reported that Roger Leblanc had recently led a Field Trip to the Riverview Marsh; that there will be a Workshop at Tankville School on September 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the Joggins Fossils; that Nelson Poirier will be presenting his annual Bird feeding Workshop at Tankville School on November 8<sup>th</sup>; and that Roger Leblanc will be organizing the Christmas Bird Count on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Susan Atkinson reported that eight members had accompanied her on a one hour walk into Mapleton Park immediately preceding the meeting and that she planned to continue leading such hikes as long as the weather and daylight permitted.

**Membership:** Shirley Hunt reported that 23 members had renewed their memberships tonight.

**Newsletter:** Susan Atkinson reported that the September Newsletter had been published and requested that members submit any items to her soon, for the October issue.

**Environment Ideas:** The President invited members to help themselves to, and make use of, the free low flush toilet bags that had been provided by Courtney Smith of the Petiscodiac Watershed Alliance. Susan Atkinson suggested that members cut in two the plastic rings that detach from milk containers and David Christie added that they should be sent to the dump after that.

**Irishtown Nature Park:** Committee Secretary David Cannon was not present to report.

**Joys and Sorrows:** There was no report from Cathi Smith.

**Web Site:** Susan Atkinson reported for Katherin Atkinson that the new website was expected to be launched the next weekend. Members should keep sending website submissions to Katherin through Susan's email address.

**Next Monthly Program:** The President reported that the October program still needs to be confirmed by Roger Leblanc.

**New Business:** The President asked if there was any New Business. John Filliter inquired whether the Club would be able to supply good photos of male, female and juvenile birds of the eight species counted by the Nature Conservancy of Canada during its annual Shorebird Surveys, noting the superb photographs that Nelson Poirier posts daily on the Nature Moncton blogsite. Susan Atkinson reported that a Baie Verte survey is coming up on October 17<sup>th</sup> and that volunteers would be welcome to join it. Dale Gaskin reported that the farmer who has been supplying bags of sunflower seeds to members for \$15.00 expects to deliver them in about a month; to place an order, members should call Dale at 734-2197.

**Sightings:** Dale Gaskin reported seeing Bluebirds and a tiny brown frog on the Dawson Settlement Road; Susan Atkinson reported seeing a Hairy Woodpecker feeding at her Hummingbird Feeder.

There being no further business, UPON MOTION by Dale Gaskin, the meeting was **adjourned** at 8:43 p.m. ADST.

Verified and approved by:  
submitted by:  
John Foster, President  
Secretary

Respectfully

John Filliter,



*Courtesy of Brian Stone*

## ***From the Editor's Desk***

### **Nature Moncton's Newsletter**

This October issue of the Nature Moncton Newsletter is being prepared as the fall colours are at their peak. While I love all four seasons this is probably my favourite. The Canadian Thanksgiving has just passed and with it was the time to reflect on how fortunate we all are to live not only in Canada but here in NB. The Activities Committee (Workshops, Outings etc) chaired by Louise Nichols, will be meeting again on October 26<sup>th</sup> and while our program slots are filling in nicely we are always looking for suggestions. As a member of the Workshop Committee, along with Louise, Roger and Nelson, I hope you are all as excited with our upcoming events as we are. Remember to follow along with what is happening via the Info-Line, Website and the monthly Nature Moncton meetings.

Any last minute changes will be posted on the Info-line.

As we continue to enjoy the extension of the warm weather it is also time to prepare ourselves for the winter season. To get us off to a great start we will be welcoming Andre Bourque, ED of Ski-Codiac.

***Note: If you are interested in a short walk in the Park before the meeting join me in the parking lot by 6pm.***

### **Update on Nature Moncton's Website**

Apologies for the continued delay but for reasons unknown there has been unexpected delays in the transferring of the web domain name from the old site yet without access to perform any updates to the old site. As of this week there have been reassurances that this will happen forthwith.

The address will remain the same: [www.naturemoncton.org](http://www.naturemoncton.org).

**Remember:** the purpose of the Newsletter is keep our members informed of the monthly meeting minutes, announcements, reports of our club's field trips, workshops and other matters of interest.

Please feel free to let me know of items of interest or comments. [susanatkinson29@gmail.com](mailto:susanatkinson29@gmail.com)

**Reminder: Your Nature Moncton membership renewals are now due. The 2015-16 Membership form is attached. It can be filled in and printed off. The completed form and payment can be mailed or brought to Shirley Hunt at the meeting.**

### **Deadline for submission(s) for the November Newsletter is Monday November 9, 2015**

Submissions can be sent by:

- 1) Email: [susanatkinson29@gmail.com](mailto:susanatkinson29@gmail.com)
- 2) Telephone: 506-384-2332 to make arrangements to deliver article(s) or photo(s) which you cannot email.
- 3) Leave the material with Susan at any monthly meeting.

## **Calendar of Nature Moncton Field Trips, Workshops and Presentations**

**All are welcome participate in our activities**

**All field trips, workshops and meeting presentations** are posted on the Nature Moncton website as soon as they are confirmed. During the week leading up to the event they are also posted on the Nature Moncton Information Line (384-6397 or in your email box).

Keep checking the Nature Moncton website at [www.naturemoncton.org](http://www.naturemoncton.org) or the Info-line for updates as they are subject to change. Also as the season progresses more get added.

**Louise Nichols is our Workshop/Outings Co-ordinator and she and the members of the Committee are always seeking input and suggestions from members. All ideas are welcome.**

Contact Louise at: [nicholsl@eastlink.ca](mailto:nicholsl@eastlink.ca)

### **Workshops:**

**Pre-registration is requested** as some events have a maximum or minimum number of participants. It also assures effective planning and to allow for contact to be made in the event of changes. Pre-register with Judi Berry-Steeves at 506-387-4778 or at [jbsteeve@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:jbsteeve@nbnet.nb.ca). A modest \$8 fee is charged for workshops which are held at the Tankville School, 1665 Elmwood Drive, Moncton.

### **Field Trips:**

Generally no fee is charged. For outings car-pooling is organized to allow seats be available for those who need rides. If car-pooling, please remember to share the gas costs.

Date 2015	Event	Presenter/ Outing Leader
Ongoing	<b>"Impromptu Outings"</b> – These field trips visit sites in the Greater Moncton area and are designed for everyone and are usually accessible to those who have limited time or mobility. They can take place at any time and will last 2-3 hours at the most. Timing will be dependent on nature's schedule. Listen to the Info Line 384-6397 and be ready to go.	Various
Tuesday October 20, 2015	<b>Nature Moncton Regular Meeting:</b> Andre will discuss our local cross country ski association and tips to be ready to enjoy this wonderful winter sport.	Andre Bourque
Friday/Saturday October 23-24, 2015	<b>Workshop &amp; Outing: See write-up for further details.</b> <b>Intertidal Workshop and Field Trip (part 2) with Alain</b> <b>Friday, 7-9pm workshop at Tankville school</b> <b>Saturday 8:30am meet at School to car pool to Fundy for the day.</b>	Alain Clavette
Tuesday November 17, 2015	<b>Nature Moncton Annual General Meeting:</b> Reports of 2014-15 fiscal year Presentation: The changing nature of the seas of the world and the Bay of Fundy in particular	Tony Diamond
Sunday, November 8, 2015	<b>Workshop: Winter Bird Feeding</b>	Nelson Poirier
Saturday December 5, 2015	<b>Workshop: Christmas Bird count and Winter Birds</b>	Roger LeBlanc
Tuesday, December 8, 2015	<b>Nature Moncton Regular meeting:</b> Presentation: A visually aided tour of the Arctic with segments of our shooting up there in July.	Roger Leblanc

## Related Items of Interest



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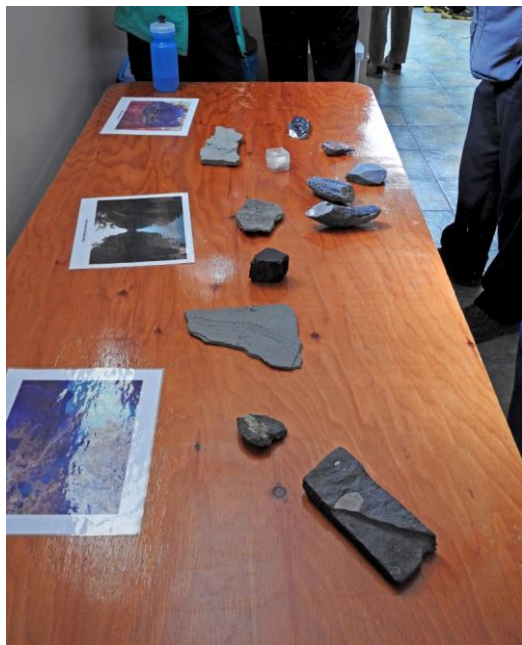
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Courtesy of Brian Stone

### Fossil Workshop Report:

This was a very interesting workshop with lots of information even for those who are passionate about fossils. Watch for the notice next spring as the NM Activities Committee organises an outing to Joggins. Dr. Grey has kindly provided us with her .ppt presentation and once the new website is up and running it will be posted there.



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DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE DAILY NATURE INFO LINE & PHOTOS BY EMAIL? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE CHECK or WRITE, AS APPLICABLE:

ACTIVITY	WILLING to LEAD: if applicable	WILLING to HELP: with others or on a committee	JUST INTERESTED in PARTICIPATING & ENJOYING MY MEMBERSHIP!	ANY NEW SUGGESTIONS /COMMENTS FOR THIS ACTIVITY? (write on back of form if not enough room)
BIRD ALERT				
WORKSHOPS				
FIELD TRIPS				
PUBLICITY				
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT				
MONTHLY MEETINGS /PRESENTORS				
WAYS & MEANS FUNDRAISING				
PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION				
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, example: website, archiving documents				
EXECUTIVE ROLES: President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, or Executive Committee Chair				Nomination suggestions:

Payment: cheque payable to 'Nature Moncton'

At any monthly meeting see Shirley Hunt (Membership chair) or mail completed form & cheque to mailing address:

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