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September 15, 2015 Meeting Program

"Courtney Smith of the Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance will be speaking about a study of the Wood Turtle, *Glyptemys insculpta*, which has been undertaken within the Petitcodiac River watershed. The Wood Turtle is a long lived, semi-aquatic, species that is endemic to northeast North America and is in various stages of decline throughout its range. In New Brunswick it is listed as threatened on the Species At Risk Act. In 2014 and 2015, field work was conducted throughout the watershed to determine wood turtle habitat as well as daily activities such as foraging, copulating, and overwintering. Much effort was focused on assessing threats within the habitats as well as outreach to riparian landowners and watershed citizens.

The purpose of Courtney's talk will be to present the results of her fieldwork and outreach, and to provide listeners with an understanding of the current threats facing wood turtles in New Brunswick."

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MINUTES of the June 16th, 2015 General Meeting of Nature Moncton

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

PRESENT: About 42 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 were introduced. 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.

Nelson Poirier introduced the **Guest Speaker**, Paul Vautour and his wife Ann. Paul delivered an amazing PowerPoint presentation that Ann had prepared on *Bees and Bee-keeping*. Following the presentation, the President thanked Paul and presented him with a gift in appreciation of his remarks. The Break then took place.

Following the **Break**, the meeting resumed at 8:40 p.m.

The President asked whether everybody had had the opportunity to read the **Minutes** of the May 19th, 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. UPON MOTION duly moved by Secretary John Filliter, seconded by Jane Aikman and unanimously carried, it was resolved to **adopt** the said Minutes with one minor correction, namely, in the section on Field Trips, "Creak of" was deleted and replaced with "Creek". Treasurer Margaret Fanjoy presented her **Financial Report**. Receipts since the last general meeting had totalled \$72.00; Disbursements of \$51.50 had been paid; and the Bank Balance as of May 31st, 2015 was \$5,634.70. UPON MOTION duly moved by Margaret Fanjoy, seconded by Rosemary MacAulay and unanimously carried, it was resolved to **adopt** the said Financial Report as presented.

Bird Alert: Roger Leblanc reported that a Caracara had been seen near Caraquet and also at Mary's Point.

Ways and Means: Dale Gaskin conducted the **50-50 Draw**, with Susan Atkinson winning the \$19.50 draw prize, Anne Marsch the restaurant gift certificates from the Chocolate River Motel and Diane Hebert a trove of honey.

Nature Information Line: Nelson Poirier reported that the line was going well and encouraged members to use the blog spot to see photographs with the full resolution. Click twice on the picture.

Field Trips: The President noted that the chairmanship of this committee was still vacant.

Workshops: Louise Nichols reported that there weren't any workshops scheduled until the fall.

Membership: Shirley Hunt reported that 2 or 3 new members had joined the club recently.

Newsletter: Susan Atkinson had left the meeting. The President requested that members submit any items to Susan before August.

Web Site: Katherin Atkinson was not present but Susan Atkinson had advised the President that the new website was expected to be up and running shortly. Members should keep sending website submissions to Katherin through Susan Atkinson's email address.

Environment Ideas: No environmentally-friendly ideas were invited.

Irishtown Nature Park: Committee Secretary David Cannon reported that the Irishtown Nature Park Committee had held two quite educational days earlier this spring.

On Saturday, June 16th, it had hosted an EcoFest, which was primarily a preparation/practice day for the Provincial Envirothon held shortly afterwards in Fredericton. Eight of the eleven provincial high school teams participated and the general public was welcome to observe. The INP Committee want to promote the event better next year, especially to Nature Moncton members. EcoFest included five fifty-minute sessions, including Bernie Daigle on *Forest Ecology*, Christine McLaughlin of the Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance on *Aquatic Ecology*, Dr. Alyre Chiasson on *American Eels*, Denis Doucet on *Insect Life*, and Heather Fraser of the City of Moncton on *Urban Forestry*.

On Sunday, June 7th, the Committee held a Nature Day at INP as part of the City of Moncton's Environmental Week. Unfortunately June 7th was also a date when many Nature Moncton members were attending the Festival of Nature in Sackville. Eric Wilson presented a Birding Session, Dr. Alyre Chiasson conducted a Wildflower and Nature Walk, and the event concluded with a Photography Scavenger Hunt. The INP Committee wants to encourage more of the public to attend the event next year and Mr. Cannon will try to notify Nature Moncton members directly next year.

Joys and Sorrows: The President asked if there was any news of this nature but none was reported.

Next Monthly Program: The President reported that the September program is 90% likely to be on *Turtles*.

New Business: The President asked if there was any New Business. Diane Hebert said she could use a new wicker basket and other contributions for the gift baskets she prepares for monthly presenters.

Sightings: Members reported Rose-breasted Grosbeaks on the Salisbury Road and at Scott Settlement, Orioles at Scott Settlement and Moncton, Hummingbirds, Tree Swallows, Cliff Swallows and Barn Swallows at Scott Settlement, a Moose at Edgett's Landing, Turkey Vultures at Edgett's Landing and Windmill Farm, and Chimney Swifts at Hillsborough.

There being no further business, UPON MOTION by Dale Gaskin, the meeting was **adjourned** at 9:03 p.m. ADST.

Verified and approved by:
John Foster, President
Secretary

Respectfully submitted by:
John Filliter,

From the Editor's Desk

Nature Moncton's Newsletter

This September issue of the Nature Moncton Newsletter is the first of our 2015-16 season. The Executive committee hopes you had a happy and relaxing summer and are looking forward to the exciting events being planned for this season. Louise Nichols, Chair Workshop Committee, held a meeting in August to set up a schedule for this 2015-16 year. It was decided that with 4 members this committee would also take on organising field trips as well. As a member of the Workshop Committee, along with Louise, Roger and Nelson, I am excited with the upcoming events and hope to see you all there.

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

New ideas are always welcome. As the seasons change we all see changes in our surroundings. As we put away our summer outdoor furniture and prepare for the exciting things to do and see in the coming months follow along with what is happening via the Info-Line, Website and the monthly Nature Moncton meetings.

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

Update on Nature Moncton's Website

As of this issue of the Newsletter the Nature Moncton website will be running on a new platform. The new platform will allow the webmaster to post meeting presentations, maps and other items of interest to members. Please feel free to provide feedback.

The address will remain the same: www.naturemoncton.org.

Note: Nature Moncton Fiscal year-end is June 30th of each year. The 2015-16 NM Membership renewals are due as of July 1st and can be mailed to the NM address. Attached is the 2015-16 membership form which can be filled in and printed off. The completed form and payment can also be brought to Shirley Hunt at the September meeting.

Deadline for submission(s) for the October Newsletter is Monday October 5, 2015

Submissions can be sent by:

- 1) Email: 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 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

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. 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	"Impromptu Outings" – 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
September 15, 2015	Nature Moncton Regular Meeting: Update on the status of the Endangered population of NB's Wood turtles.	Courtney Smith with the Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance
Sunday September 27, 1:00 to 3:00 pm	The Joggins Fossil Institute is a not-for-profit charitable organization that manages the Joggins Fossil Cliffs UNESCO World Heritage Site . The Cliffs represent a time over 300 million years ago wherein club mosses could grow over 30m tall, dragonflies had a meter wing span & millipedes were the size of humans! In this presentation, participants will learn about why the Joggins beach is such a special place & what the Institute does to foster earth history education & conservation.	Dr. Melissa Grey
Tuesday October 20, 2015	Nature Moncton Regular Meeting: Title: TBA	Dr. Julie Paquet
Sunday, November 8, 2015	Workshop: Winter Bird Feeding	Nelson Poirier
Saturday December 5, 2015	Workshop: Christmas Bird count and Winter Birds	Roger LeBlanc

Related Items of Interest



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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)
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WORKSHOPS				
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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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