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Annual General Meeting Agenda

Date: December 8, 2015

Location: Rotary Lodge, Mapleton Park, Moncton NB

- 1. Call to Order:**
- 2. Minutes of the December 9, 2014 AGM:** previously approved and published in the January Special Edition of the NM Newsletter
- 3. Business Arising from the minutes**
- 4. Treasurer's Report and Budget**
- 5. President's Report:**
- 6. Monthly Program Summary Report**
- 7. Workshops and Fieldtrips Summary**
- 8. External organisation report:**
 - 8.1 Irishtown Park: Annual INP Report**
- 9. Nominations:**
- 10. New Business:**
- 11. Next meeting: TBA**
- 12. Adjournment:**

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**MINUTES of the NATURE MONCTON
December 8th, 2015 General Meeting and
2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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

PRESENT: About 38 members for the Guest Speaker, 30 for the Annual General Meeting.

President John Foster **called** the meeting **to order** at about 7:04 p.m. AST and welcomed those present. He asked whether there were any **Guests** and one person from Sackville introduced herself. 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 week before the meeting, so the President deemed the meeting to be **duly constituted** for the transaction of business.

The President introduced the **Guest Speaker**, Nature Moncton member and documentary filmmaker Roger Leblanc, who delivered a fascinating presentation on *A Naturalist's Trip to the Arctic* featuring considerable footage on his upcoming documentary on Snowy Owls. In addition to Snowy Owls, there was footage of Parasitic and Long-tailed Jaegers, King Eiders, Snow Buntings, Bairds Sandpipers and Lapland Longspurs. Following the presentation, and some questions from the audience, the President thanked Roger and presented him with a gift in appreciation of his remarks.

The Break then took place at about 8:10 p.m. Following the **Break**, the meeting resumed at 8:24 p.m.

In the 50-50 Draw, Martha Aldridge won \$24.00. Other draw prizes were won by Richard Peron and Wendy Sullivan.

The President asked whether everybody had had an opportunity to read the **Minutes** of the December 9th, 2014 Annual General Meeting of Nature Moncton which had been printed in the January 2015 Newsletter circulated by email. He asked whether anybody had noted any errors or omissions. None were raised. UPON MOTION duly moved by Frank McDermott, seconded by Dale Gaskin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to **adopt** the said Minutes as circulated.

Treasurer Margaret Fanjoy presented the **2014-2015 Financial Report and Budget** for the Fiscal Year from July 1st, 2014 to June 30th, 2015. Her report covered the tenures of the late Janet MacMillan, Aerolynne Greene and herself and she had received depositing assistance from Shirley Hunt. Frank McDermott had reviewed the financial records. UPON MOTION duly moved by Margaret Fanjoy, seconded by John Filliter and unanimously carried, it was resolved to **adopt** the said Financial Report and Budget as presented.

President John Foster then presented the **President's Report**, thanking those who had volunteered their services to Nature Moncton and reviewing its programmes over the Fiscal Year. UPON MOTION duly moved by Rosemary MacAulay, seconded by Dan Stote and unanimously carried, it was resolved to **approve** of the President's Report as presented.

Roger Leblanc delivered a summary of the **Monthly Programmes** on behalf of the Activities Committee consisting of Louise Nichols, Nelson Poirier, Susan Atkinson and himself.

Susan Atkinson reported on **Workshops and Field Trips**, the **Newsletter** and the **Club Website** during the Fiscal Year. She noted that the domain name for the website had been prepaid for ten years and hosting costs had been paid for the last and present fiscal years.

David Cannon reported that he had nothing to add to his previous reports on the **Irishtown Nature Park Committee**.

When the subject of **Nominations** came up, the President asked Secretary John Filliter to advise on the constitutional requirements. Mr. Filliter reported that under Article 9, the Officers are supposed to be elected for two year terms at Annual Meetings and since it appeared from the Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting that no elections had been held then, he recommended that Officers be elected at this meeting. UPON MOTION by Frank McDermott, seconded by Roger Leblanc and carried unanimously, it was resolved to re-elect the incumbent officers for another two-year term. UPON MOTION duly moved by Mr. Filliter, seconded by Mr. McDermott, and carried unanimously, it was resolved to elect the Officers of the Club to be its Directors, even though the Constitution did not provide for any Directors.

Shirley Hunt reported that the Club has approximately 70 **members** at present, including families.

The President asked if there was any New Business that anybody wished to raise. One member asked whether Cabela's was offering its meeting room free of charge; it was agreed to investigate this. Another member asked whether Cabela's had been bought out by Bass Pro Shop. Dale Gaskin announced that he would be happy to turn over the operation of the 50-50 Draws to another member if anybody was willing to volunteer. The President reminded members that contributions of items for the Gift Baskets should be made to Dianne Hebert.

There being no further business, Dale Gaskin moved and Elsie seconded that the meeting be **adjourned** at 8:55 p.m. AST.

Verified and approved by:
by:

Respectfully submitted

John Foster, President
Secretary

John Filliter,

4. Treasurer's Report:

The 2014-15 Annual Financial Statements as presented at the meeting are available to all members for the asking but will not be published in this year's Annual Special Issue.

To request a copy contact Margaret Fanjoy at fanjoym@nbnet.nb.ca

Nature Moncton 2015 Secretary's Annual Report

I was appointed by President John Foster to assume the duties of the former Secretary for the balance of her term in office, which appointment was ratified by the Executive Committee at its meeting on March 23rd, 2015.

In addition to preparing Minutes of that Executive Committee meeting, I prepared Minutes for General Meetings of the Club held on March 17th, 2015, April 21st, 2015, May 19th, 2015 and June 16th, 2015.

My practice has been to try to circulate draft minutes to other members of the Executive Committee as soon after the meetings as possible, to solicit their comments as to errors or omissions in the draft. They have been very helpful in correcting my many misspellings of names and places! The President has also kindly arranged to record the meetings to assist me with keeping the minutes, as I lack shorthand skills.

I thank the Club for giving me this opportunity to serve it.

Respectfully submitted, John Filliter, Secretary

6. Nature Moncton monthly program summary September 2014 - June 2015

September 2014

Jean Bertheleme: Irish Town Nature Park in @ 360

October 2014

Search and Rescue: Four presenters plus "Sugar"- Search and Rescue dog.

November 2014

Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance: Programs on Atlantic Salmon, American Eel study and Irishtown Nature Park, Salisbury fish weir, and Jonathan Creek restoration.

December 2014

"Living off the grid" with Jim Brown

January 2015 Members' Night

Ann Vautour: announcement of Bee Keeping Convention,

Tim Borlass: regarding proposed mega campground for Point du Chene

Brian Stone: images of Bog and Woodland orchids

Roger Leblanc: video of Golden Eagle capture

John Foster: photos of a bridge construction in Mapleton Park

February 2015

Raising Monarch Butterflies Rheal Vienneau

March 2015

Jim Wilson: Fifty plus years of birding in New Brunswick

April 2015

Andrew Boghen: A parasitic lifestyle

May 2015

Roland Chiasson: Festival of Nature and

Directions to nine popular sites for naturalists in the Sackville area

June 2015

Paul and Ann Vautour Bees and Bee Keeping

7. WORKSHOPS AND FIELD TRIPS SEPTEMBER 2014 TO JUNE 2015

Sept. 21st, 2014: Mushroom Workshop (presenter: Nelson Poirier)

Oct. 4th, 2014: Bee-keeping Workshop (presenters: Paul and Ann Vautour)

Nov. 9th, 2014: Bird-feeding Workshop (presenter: Nelson Poirier)

Nov. 29th, 2014: Winter Birds Workshop (presenter: Roger Leblanc)

Feb. 1st 2015: Scat and Tracks Workshop (presenter: Nelson Poirier)

March 7th, 2015: Bird Feeder Tour

April 19th, 2015: Intertidal Workshop and Field Trip (presenter and guide: Alain Clavette)

May 2nd, 2015: Duck Workshop and Field Trip (presenter and guide: Roger LeBlanc)

8. INP REPRESENTATIVE REPORT to NATURE MONCTON

Nature Moncton is pleased to be represented on the Irishtown Nature Park Committee (the INPC). The Irishtown Nature Park is Moncton's largest and most natural park, as well as one of Canada's largest municipal parks. It consists of approximately 2,200 acres of forested land including an interior lake of approximately 250 acres. The INPC members are appointed by the Moncton City Council.

In the fall of 2014, Louise Richard had to step down after ably representing Nature Moncton for the prior two years. David Cannon was submitted as our next representative and he was confirmed by the City Council for a three-year term effective October 2014. David also replaced Louise as the INPC Secretary and thus also joined the three-member Executive of the INPC. Since being appointed, David has attended all eight regular meetings, a sub-committee meeting and the Annual General Meeting. He also participated in two additional INPC events, the EcoFest 2015 event held on May 16th, and the INPC Day in the Park event held June 7th.

In 2015, the City spent over \$150,000 on repairs to bridges and trails, particularly to the Scout Trail and Vince's Walk. This is the start to several other trail upgrades. Currently, \$200,000 is budgeted for renovations to the Howard's Trail in 2016.

The May 2015 EcoFest event involved high school students from across the province, the largest preparatory event prior to the Provincial Envirothon Challenge held shortly thereafter in Fredericton. In October 2015, thirty teachers from the Anglophone East School District attended the Park in preparation for next year's Envirothon.

The Day in the Park was much the more rewarding due to the enthusiastic bird walk led by Nature Moncton member and birder Eric Wilson. And there were eight Nature Moncton workshops given in the Tankville Schoolhouse, covering mushrooms, bee-keeping, bird feeding, winter birds, tracks and scat, inter-tidal life, ducks, and fossils.

Prepared by NM INP representative David Cannon



2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM (2015/07/01 to 2016/06/30)

RENEWAL ☐ or NEW MEMBER ☐

NAME _____

LIST OTHER NAMES SAME ADDRESS (for family membership ONLY):

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

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				
NEED TRANSPORTATION				
TRANSCRIBING DAILY INFO LINE				
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, example: website, archiving documents				
EXECUTIVE ROLES: VP, Treasurer, Secretary, or Executive Committee Chair				Nomination suggestions:

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

SINGLE \$25

FAMILY \$35

STUDENT \$10

PAID \$ _____

CHEQUE

CASH

RECEIPT #

Payment: cheque payable to 'Nature Moncton'

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

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