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March 15th Meeting Program

Pre-meeting presentation: The Canadian Wildlife Service in the Maritimes: our role and your contribution.

Presenter: **Becky Whittam**

In this presentation, Becky Whittam, Head of Population Management with the Canadian Wildlife Service, Environmental Stewardship Branch will provide an overview of CWS's role nationally and regionally in wildlife conservation and will discuss the value of data collected by Maritime naturalists and birdwatchers in the delivery of the CWS mandate. Many different projects will be discussed including work on Piping Plover and Roseate Tern, Chimney Swift, sea ducks, shorebirds, swallows and more.

As always all are welcome.

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MINUTES of the NATURE MONCTON

February 16th, 2016 General Meeting

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

PRESENT: About 38 members.

Dale Gaskin **called** the meeting **to order** at about 7:15 p.m. AST and welcomed those present. He asked whether there were any **Guests** and welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot. He announced that we plan to focus on nature activities rather than business at future monthly meetings, except for the Annual General Meeting. Details of upcoming monthly meetings, field trips and workshops will be announced; Bird Alert and Nature Sightings reported, environmental events and issues, new books, TV programs and films and exhibits such as art and photography that might be of interest to members announced, as well as upcoming events by other nature-related associations, will be reported.

Roger LeBlanc then introduced the **Guest Speaker**, Dr. Nicholas Lecomte, who is the Canada Research Chair in Polar and Boreal Ecology at the Université de Moncton. Dr. Lecomte made a PowerPoint presentation on his team's research in the Arctic on *Tracking the Migrations of Semipalmated Sand-pipers with Geolocators*. After his presentation, Dr. Lecomte fielded some questions and then received a gift basket and our thanks from Mr. Gaskin.

The **Break** took place at about 8:15 p.m. Following the Break, the meeting resumed at 8:32 p.m.

Mr. Gaskin then reported that the **Minutes** of the January 19th, 2016 Monthly General Meeting had been circulated on the Information Line and asked if anybody had any errors or omissions to report. None were raised. UPON MOTION by Secretary John Filliter, seconded by Elsie Gallant, it was resolved to approve of the Minutes as circulated.

Mr. Gaskin then requested Treasurer Margaret Fanjoy to present her **Financial Report**. Ms. Fanjoy presented her Financial Statement on the screen and asked if there were any questions. UPON MOTION by Ms. Fanjoy, seconded by Mr. Filliter, it was resolved to approve of the February 2016 Financial Statement as presented.

The Chairperson then invited **Reports from Committee Chairpersons**.

Louise Nichols reported for the **Activities Committee** that on February 20th there will be a **Workshop** by Pam Novak of the Atlantic Wildlife Institute, Inc. on *Wildlife Rehabilitation* at the Tankville Schoolhouse. She also noted that on our **March 15th monthly meeting**, Becky Whittam will be presenting. Roger LeBlanc reported that Becky is now with The Canadian Wildlife Service and after the meeting advised the Secretary that she will be speaking about *The Canadian Wildlife Service and its Services in the Region* at the March monthly meeting.

David Cannon reported on the February 9th meeting of the **Irishtown Nature Park Committee**. They are working on their new five-year Management Plan and are expanding the INP Committee to include a second representative of Nature Moncton. Any

interested volunteers were invited to apply to David or another member of the Nature Moncton Executive Committee.

David Christie reported on the **Bird Alert**, noting that there were no alerts in the last month, though there had been several during the previous one. He didn't know whether the Tufted Titmouse was still to be seen around Bouctouche. He observed that migrations usually begin the last week of February.

In the **50-50 Draw** conducted by Carmel Constable, Connie Colpitts won \$30.00, but donated it to the Club after being drawn for a Birdfeeder door prize too. Elsie Gallant won a bird book door prize. Jean Renton donated a number of books which are being sold by the Club for \$2.00 each.

Mr. Gaskin then asked whether there had been any interesting **Nature Sightings** this month. More Waxwings had been seen near the Université de Moncton. Mr. Gaskin had seen a Ruffed Grouse at Dawson Settlement. An Orange-crowned Warbler has been attending Bob Child's feeder on Court Street. A female Cardinal had been spotted on Tomb Street.

Brian Stone then showed a number of his recent **photographs** that had not been featured on the Information Line, including transparent Fishing Huts, a beautiful Blue Jay, Cedar Waxwings, Bohemian Waxwings, a Dark-eyed Junco, a Gull and Crow on Garbage Patrol, a Red-tailed Hawk, a Ring-necked Pheasant at Clarence Cormier's home, and a Rough-legged Hawk on the Tantramar Marshes.

Mr. Gaskin asked whether anybody had any **Other Business** to raise. Roger LeBlanc, who is now a regional representative on Nature New Brunswick, reported that the schedule for the **2016 Festival of Nature** may now be viewed on the Nature New Brunswick website. The event will be held in Dalhousie this year.

Susan Atkinson reported that the **Newsletter** will be sent out very shortly and explained that she had been having problems with her computer and had to retype the issue. The deadline for submissions to the next issue is February 29th.

There being no further business, the meeting was **adjourned** at 8:50 p.m. AST.

Verified and approved by:
submitted by:

Respectfully

Dale Gaskin, Chairperson
Secretary

John Filliter,

Nature Moncton's Nominating Committee is seeking to fill the vacant positions in the Executive Committee, if you are interested in volunteering please contact Dale Gaskin at 506-734-2197. The time required is light but the rewards of working with great fellow members is priceless.

From the Editor's Desk:



Courtesy of Nelson Poirier

Nature Moncton's Newsletter

After last month's frustrating computer issues I received a lovely early birthday surprise from my most wonderful daughter Katherin: "a brand new computer ☺". I am still in the process of getting everything transferred but I'm in business. I will leave you to imagine my very happy Snoopy dance.

The **Activities Committee** has a full slate of Presentations, Workshops and Outings planned so watch the Info-line, Website and the Newsletter for updates.

NOTE: The days are getting longer and with that comes the return to Daylight Savings Time on Sunday March 13, 2016. Please remember to change your clocks the night before if you are planning to join us on the next scheduled outing which is this Sunday. Due to the distance to travel the departure time will be earlier than usual.

Nature Moncton's New Website: www.naturemoncton.com. To resolve a number of issues please note there is a slight change in the website's domain name from .org to .com.

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.

Another Reminder: Thank you to the many of you who responded to our appeal to renew your membership. Your contribution is vital to the success of the Club. There is still time if you have not yet sent in your renewal.

An important benefit of membership: As an activities driven club all members are covered under the insurance policy that the club maintains. A copy of the form is on the last page of this issue.

Deadline for submission(s) for the April Newsletter is Thursday March 31, 2016

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

Everyone is welcome to participate in our activities

All meeting presentations, workshops and field trips are posted to the NM Info-Line (384-6397) or sent to your email during the week leading up to the event. They are also published in the current issue of the Newsletter, posted to the Website and published in What's Happening in Moncton. Keep checking the as they are subject to change.

Louise Nichols is our Activities Committee Co-ordinator and she and the members of the Committee are always seeing input and suggestions from members. All ideas are welcome. Contact Louise Nichols 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.

Related Items of Interest

| Date 2016 | Event | Presenter/ Outing Leader |
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| Ongoing | "Impromptu Outings" – These outings 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 |
| March 13, | Outing: The Saint John area has several coves and lagoons that our seasonal hotspots for birds. Richard Blacquiere knows the spots well and how to get to them for best viewing opportunities for seeing birds. Meet at the Coliseum parking lot with departure at 8am sharp. Phone #s: 506-866-2752 & 506-851-3248 | Outing led by Richard Blacquiere |
| March 15, | The Canadian Wildlife Service in the Maritimes: our role and your contribution. In this presentation, she will give an overview of CWS's role nationally and regionally in wildlife conservation, and will discuss the value of data collected by Maritime naturalists and birdwatchers in the delivery of the CWS mandate. Many different projects will be discussed including work on Piping Plover and Roseate Tern, Chimney Swift, sea ducks, shorebirds, swallows and more. | Becky Whittam, Head of Population Management; Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS), Environmental Stewardship Branch |
| April 19, | Ducks Unlimited is one of the greatest birding success stories. The story of how Ducks Unlimited began and where it is now will be presented by DU's National Past-president. | Mac Dunfield |
| May 14 | Workshop: Learn about what you can find in our ponds and streams | Wayne Fairchild |
| May 17 | Nature Conservancy of Canada: Title TBA | Kerri-Lee Morris Cormier |



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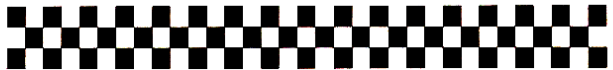
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| WORKSHOPS | | | | |
| FIELD TRIPS | | | | |
| PUBLICITY | | | | |
| CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT | | | | |
| MONTHLY MEETINGS /PRESENTORS | | | | |
| WAYS & MEANS FUNDRAISING | | | | |
| PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION | | | | |
| NEED TRANSPORTATION | | | | |
| TRANSCRIBING DAILY INFO LINE | | | | |
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| EXECUTIVE ROLES: President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, or Executive Committee Chair | | | | Nomination suggestions: |

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

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