

Minutes and script of NDN AGM 2017 from JANUARY 25 2018

1. Welcome and Call to Order -Derek Connelly

Visitors encouraged to grab a coffee, snack , renew memberships etc. before the AGM

- This marks the beginning of the fifth year of North Durham Nature
- This past year we had 28 family, 32 individual and 4 life memberships for a total of almost 100 members in 2017! We hope you are here to join us through 2018.
- Our quorum is 15 of the members present. Do we have a quorum? Yes 18 members present .
- It is my pleasure to call our AGM to order.

Agenda

- Treasurer report
- A review of the year 2017
- NO Elections required, NO Constitutional changes
- May I have a motion to approve the Agenda? James Kamstra A seconder Stephen Wright? All members in favour . This motion has passed. Thank you.

2. Treasurer Report

Our Treasurer Kim Adams has provided us with the financial statement and copies are available . This will also be available electronically for all members who wish a copy.

Our revenue for 2017 was \$8086 our expenses were \$2811 and are total equity is \$10,997.

We are well positioned to undertake our projects in 2018.

- May I have a motion to approve Nancy Hannah A seconder Pat Asling? All members in favour. This motion has passed. Thank you.

3. Review and adjournment

Our 2017 annual report highlights our projects, and events completed in 2017 and our plans for 2018. This will also be posted on our website. We encourage you to email us with feedback on our events and our newsletter so that we can best serve your interests in nature.

A special thank you to all our donors for giving generously to our club. In particular Margaret Almack who has given us her late husband Paul's Mouseproof Bird Box project , and to Keith and Zane Stait Gardner for the use of their workshop for storage and construction. Nancy Hannah reminded us of the generous donation from Anne and Alan Wells who offered Christmas trees and boughs to members and friends donating over \$300 to the club - what a perfect Christmas gift. Also thanks to Ann Goldring who is selling her Nature cards at Presents Presents with sales going directly to the nature club . Also thanks to our life members and other donors.

A very special thanks to my fellow board members, and our amazing volunteers.

We are in need of help in Port Perry for some refreshment support for our meetings there so if you are able to help let us know.

Thank you all for your attention. I call our AGM to a close. We are adjourned.

Evening Activities

Jay Thibert gave a special thanks to Nancy Hannah and Anne Wells for all their work on the Refreshments over the past four years. He made a call to members to step up and assist this project and collected names for food contributions for the next talks. In particular a request was made for a Port Perry Refreshment organizer. Nancy and Anne have agreed to continue organizing at the Uxbridge location. Jay will follow up on this action.

Cara Gregory explained the Nature Quiz Night format an idea Mark Stabb and Cara had witnessed at a Ontario Nature meeting. Cara divided us up into pairs of ten groups and led us through the activity. 10 tables contained some 80 wildlife artifacts contributed by Cara from Nonquon Centre, James Kamstra , Martha Schissler and Gary Patterson. Cara created a powerpoint of photos of the main items with answers while Martha and Gary identified their contributions from the tables. About 25 people participated in the activity and we hope to repeat it at a future date.

James Kamstra advertised our next events and we wrapped up at 9 pm.