



HURONIA WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SIMCOE COUNTY MUSEUM February 9, 2019

Cam Douglas called meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

CD welcomed attendees, summarized agenda.

CD reviewed minutes of last AGM

No issues; John C Motion to accept- Chris E seconded – Carried

JC presented financial statement- hard copies passed out for review

Bob Douglas questioned charges for hall rentals. John C explained the sum is the yearly total including monthly director's meetings at Craighurst Church.

John J. motioned to accept treasurer's report, Peter D. seconded, Passed

Neil Craig reviewed Forest Health meeting which was well attended and announced speaker arranged for coming meeting on May 14, a professional forester involved in research on Beech Bark disease currently affecting our woodlots.

Concern expressed regarding threatened closing down of Edgar Hall that we have booked for our Forest Health meeting. Neil to keep track of developments.

Chris E. reviewed Fall Field Day that he hosted on his property, was pleased with turnout and commented that the logger who had worked his hardwood bush was impressed with the interest and response of attendees.

Peter Devillers gave an update on the procedures to renewing MFTIP programs and stressed stricter requirements of quality in presentation of applications. Also, Peter emphasized meeting deadlines.

Jim Marchand updated us on matters that involve the HWOA related to our becoming a chapter of the OWA. He mentioned the OWA is considering registering as a not for profit group to perhaps enable receipts for donations for tax purposes.

Welcomed some new members.

Cam discussed future events, asked for suggestions and proposed a dinner evening. Response pending.

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Mark Scharf summarized the HWOA Jack O.Hara Forestry Scholarship Program and introduced Erika . She is one of the two recipients, of 11 applicants. She gave a lively speech on her areas of interest and the intended career path. The other recipient Robert, provided a video presentation and also impressed with his experience and future aims involving computer applications in forest science. The recipient, Erika was asked to keep our HWOA group informed of her progress. She indicated her intention to achieve a master's degree. A certificate and cheque was presented to Erika and photo taken.

Bruce Keeling enquired if current year contributors to the scholarship fund (of almost \$ 1,000) had been acknowledged. John C responded that he had a list .

Cam introduced Harold Parker to manage elections of new directors Ken Ewens is standing down . John C nominated Doug Frost, Jim M. seconded . Doug Frost elected Bruce K. nominated Hugh Beaton, He declined, but would talk to his brother.

BREAK FOR COFFEE AND NIBBLIES (Thanks to Debbie Douglas)

Neil Craig introduced the featured speaker Will Cox . He was involved in the controlled burn of the forest tract adjacent to the Simcoe County museum property in September 2018 and gave a most informative talk with video of the program to restore the property from a gravel ballast pit acquired from CP railways, to a woodland habitat for endangered species such as the Kirtland warbler.

An enquiry of the invasive reed plant Phragmites followed and the various methods that local administrations are trying to combat it, was discussed.

Neil thanked the speaker

Jim Marchand announced the OWA conference in Cobourg April 4th and 5th and thanked everyone who turned out.

Meeting adjourned about 3:25 pm

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