



PETERBOROUGH FIELD NATURALISTS

Minutes of the Peterborough Field Naturalists 82nd Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. (Peterborough Golf & Country Club & Zoom)

1. Call to Order

President Rene Gareau called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed the attendees.

The meeting was attended in-person by 70 members of the Peterborough Field Naturalists (PFN). There were an additional 26 members who joined the meeting virtually via Zoom.

The following documents were available at the meeting and had been sent by email (or mail) to all PFN members on March 22, 2023: 82nd PFN Annual Meeting Agenda, Minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting (March 10, 2022), 2022 Annual Report, 2022 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements, Informal Financial Review Report (2021/2022).

2. Land Acknowledgment

The Land Acknowledgement statement to recognize the relationship between Indigenous peoples and their traditional territories was presented by Ian Attridge.

3. Opening Remarks

Reem Ali explained how voting on motions will work for this meeting and asked that people clearly state their names as part of making motions.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Steve Paul, Seconded by Steve Ogilvie

That the agenda for the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Peterborough Field Naturalists be approved. **Carried**

5. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

Motion:

Moved by Fiona McKay, Seconded by Philip Shaw

That the Minutes of the Peterborough Field Naturalists 81st Annual General Meeting held on March 10, 2021 be approved. **Carried**

6. President's Report 2022

President Gareau reviewed some of the highlights outlined in the 2022 Annual Report. It was recognized that despite the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, the PFN has adapted and that there had been numerous opportunities for members to know, appreciate and conserve nature and connect with each other. One noteworthy example of moving forward in 2023 was the March 7 PFN Members Meeting which was delivered both in-person and virtually through Zoom. President Gareau indicated that members can expect hybrid meetings of the PFN to continue as circumstances allow.

7. Annual Report 2021

PFN Secretary, Anda Rungis noted that members had received the Annual Report with Notice of the Annual Meeting and that President had included highlights in his remarks.

Motion:

Moved by Cathy Douglas, Seconded by Marie Duscheneau

That the Peterborough Field Naturalists Annual Report for 2022 be approved. Carried

8. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements, 2022 and Informal Financial Review Report 2021, 2022

Motion:

Moved by Ted Vale, Seconded by Steve Paul

That the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 be approved. Carried

In response to a question from Ian Attridge, it was clarified that the PFN is acting as an agent for Bird Friendly Peterborough for a grant received from the Pathway Project, a program of Camp Kawartha, and that the note in the Financial Statements 2022 will be restated to reflect this.

Motion:

Moved by Sue Paradisis, Seconded by Cathy Douglas

That the requirement for an external audit or review of the PFN Financial Statements for 2023 under the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act 2010 be waived and that the Board of Directors carry out an annual informal review of the PFN's financial records by a committee including one or more persons not members of the Board of Directors.

Carried

9. Nominating Committee Report

Ted Vale presented the details of the Report of the Nominating Committee prepared for the Annual General Meeting April 13, 2023. The report identified Rene Gareau, Sue Paradisis, Anda Rungis, Fiona MacKay and Phil Shaw as Board members completing existing terms and proposed Shelley King, Sandy Garvey, Steve Paul and Cathy Douglas for a three-year term and Ted Vale for a two-year term on the Board of Directors.

President Gareau asked three times for nominations from PFN members in attendance at the Annual Meeting. No additional nominations were made, and the call was declared closed.

Motion:

Moved by Ted Vale, Seconded by Anda Rungis

That the Report of the Nominating Committee be approved.

Carried

10. Certificates of Appreciation

President Gareau announced that Marilyn Hubley, Martin Parker, Jim Young, Cameron Douglas, Brenda Ibey and Bird Friendly Peterborough were the 2022 recipients of Certificates of Appreciation for their work to support the PFN within the club and the broader community.

11. Announcements

Bird Friendly Peterborough representatives Reem Ali, Tom Luloff and Zachary Steele took the opportunity to invite PFN members to attend World Migratory Bird Day being held on May 13, 2023 at the Peterborough Public Library. It was noted that PFN has already secured a table and has planned an activity for junior-naturalist-aged children.

In closing, President Gareau announced that Reem Ali would be resigning from the PFN Board of Directors and thanked her for all the work she had done over the past few years to support the PFN.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Fiona McKay. President Gareau declared *The Peterborough Field Naturalists 82nd Annual Meeting adjourned.*

Rene Gareau, President

Anda Rungis, Secretary

Presentation

A presentation was given by Gerry McKenna and Jenny Jackman on The Ecology of Wesleyville and the Activities of Our Joint Group.