

Summary of the Minutes of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club Board Meeting

February 7, 2013

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Items Discussed:

- **Volunteer Director Portfolio**

Doris Southwell is our new Volunteer Director, replacing Elaine Serena who retired from the position in the fall. We thank Elaine for her years of work on the Board and welcome Doris as Volunteer Director.

- **Aerotropolis**

On behalf of the Club, Gord McNulty made a presentation before the Ontario Municipal Board concerning Aerotropolis. He reported that there were a number of other excellent presentations. The City has cut back on the size of Aerotropolis.

- **A Rocha and the Hamilton Naturalists' Club**

A Flamborough family is planning to donate property to A Rocha Canada, with the Hamilton Naturalists' Club holding a conservation easement. A Rocha was founded in Portugal and is now present in 19 countries, carrying out environmental and education advocacy. A Rocha Canada's Board has not yet approved receipt of the potential property, but if they do, the local members would like to develop an environmental education centre there. Peter Scholtens, who is a member of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club and an A Rocha Canada volunteer, thinks that there is a possibility HNC could be involved in some of A Rocha's education and conservation initiatives because the goals of both organizations are similar.

- **Storage and Archives Committee**

The Club has not made a donation of their minutes, publications and other documents to the Archives since 1983. The Storage and Archives Committee has gathered materials produced since 1983 for donation to the Local History and Archives Department of the Hamilton Public Library. A request has also been made for the Archives of Ontario to transfer the early Club materials from 1919 to 1983 (which were donated to them) to the Hamilton Public Library archives. The Library is currently upgrading and expanding their climate-controlled archives and should be moving all materials into the new facilities this summer. At that time, all HNC archival materials will be located in the Hamilton Public Library Local History and Archives Department and will be available to those who wish to study the Club.

- **Trivia Night**

Everyone is reminded that the annual HNC Trivia Night will occur on Saturday evening, April 27 at St. Paul's United Church in Dundas. Please plan to attend. It is always lots of fun.