

Summary of the Minutes of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club Board Meeting, September 6, 2012

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Items Discussed

Property Update

Jen Baker has been taking students to the Amaolo property for nature instruction. Students have been climbing and falling on the banks of the pond as they attempt to examine pond life. As a result, the Land Trust has voted to build an Education Deck for the safety of the students and protection of the environment. Ninety to 95% of the cost will be covered by grants and the remainder by donations and volunteer work. The Board voted to support the Building of the Education Deck.

Website Renewal

Kyle Bates is our new webmaster. He has also started a new job, so he will not have time to undertake the renewal of the web site. We may have to hire someone to do this, and Peter Scholtens is looking into the cost and feasibility.

Donations in Lieu of Gifts

The Club has received some donations in lieu of birthday gifts. Maggie Sims, our Membership Director, is sending out cards in acknowledgement of the donations.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held at St. Paul's United Church in Dundas on November 17th. Jen Baker is looking for volunteers to help out at the event and donations for door prizes. If you can help, please contact her at 1jenbaker@gmail.com

Financial

Jim Heslop reported that the Club made between \$1100 and \$1200 at our Trivial Pursuit Night.

The Board voted to change our accounting system from Excel Spreadsheets to Quick Books. This will make the financial tracking of our projects and the production of financial reports much easier. Our auditors are in favour of the change, in fact they encouraged us to look into it. It will not cost us anything to make the change because the Land Trust already has Quick Books and we can piggyback on their copy. They were able to purchase it at a discount because we are members of EcoNet.