

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH HNC BOARD
MEETING HELD ON 12th MARCH 2015.**

Items Discussed:

Fiscal Report

As the treasurer was unable to attend no Fiscal report was presented.

Member Survey

We plan to start the member survey shortly. It will mainly be distributed by email and a discussion was held regarding how to reach the members who do not have email or internet access. It was agreed that an announcement would be inserted in the Wood Duck to let people know to ask the membership director for a paper copy if required.

Vinemount Topics

The Board discussed an appropriate name for the new Vinemount sanctuary. The family that owns the quarry has no interest in being involved in the naming. After a debate the Board agreed on The Vinemount Meadows Sanctuary as the preferred name. This will be recommended to the owners.

Proposed Wildlife Feeding By-Law

The City of Burlington is considering a bylaw regulating the feeding of wildlife. The Board agreed to draft a list of the issues and then ask some local birding experts for their input before finalizing the document.

Waterdown Road Expansion and wildlife crossings

The proposed expansion has been approved in principle and a key issue is whether or not safe wildlife crossings will be included in the plan. The Board will pursue this further with appropriate interested groups.

VET and web team update

The Volunteer Engagement Team (VET) is very active. They continue to set up the new management system. There is a volunteer recognition event planned for April. The HNC website is becoming increasingly important in reaching out to volunteers and to the community in general.

Field Events Updates and Registry of Concerns

The Board heard that some of our field events are so popular that attendance is becoming a challenge to manage effectively. The Club will investigate ways to better handle larger groups of attendees.

Greenbelt Topics

The Greenbelt Review is now underway and the first set of public comments needs to be received by 27th May 2015. The Club will continue to encourage people to engage with this important issue.

Hawkwatch

There is an opportunity to have a booth at the Hawkwatch. We will ask for volunteers.