

Summary of the Minutes of the December 8, 2011 HNC Board Meeting

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Items Discussed:

Publications Committee Report

Most of the discussion in the future will be done by e-mail. The Committee is looking for volunteers to review articles for publication in the *Wood Duck*.

Natural Areas Inventory

Because some Board members were unfamiliar with the history of the NAI, Jim Stollard sent them a brief history. Jim is no longer on the Board but he will remain as the Club's NAI liaison.

Status of the Junior Naturalists' Club

The Junior Naturalists' Club will start meeting in the New Year. Peter Scholtens, Jim Stollard and Brian Wylie met with Barb McKean of the RBG to discuss the program for the Junior Club. (See Motions Passed, below.)

HNC Birders' Hotline

No one picks up messages on the hotline and this is confusing and frustrating for those who want to report a bird or contact Board members. The future of the Hotline will be discussed at the next Board meeting where the Board will decide whether the Hotline should be discontinued and what other methods should be available for reporting sightings or contacting Board members.

Sanctuary Land Trust Strategic Planning Meeting

The Sanctuary Land Trust will be holding a strategic planning meeting on January 28th.

Sound System and Microphones at RBG

There have been complaints about sound quality at our meetings at the RBG. Peter Scholtens will speak to the person in charge at RBG concerning improvements.

Motions Passed:

That the Board rent a Safety Deposit Box at a local bank to keep the originals of the Club's important documents, such as Letters Patent and Bylaws, at an annual fee of no more than \$300. Copies of the documents will be kept elsewhere.

That the Board review the terms of agreement with the Hamilton Conservation Authority and proceed in principle with an agreement that will allow Jen Baker, the Club's Land Trust Program Coordinator, to work two days a week for HCA doing land securement in the Hamilton watershed, beginning September 2012.

That the Board accept in principle the Junior Naturalists' Program as presented by the RBG at their meeting with HNC representatives on December 14, 2011.