

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL HNC BOARD
MEETING HELD ON 9th APRIL 2015.**

Items Discussed:

Fiscal report

The Treasurer provided an updated financial position for the Club as at 31st March 2015 and reported that the Club is in good financial standing.

Brief Overview of Member Survey

Maggie offered a brief summary of the early results of the member survey to date. So far, after 5 days, we have received almost 80 responses. Generally, the initial results indicate a positive view of the Club and its activities. Many comments have been included in the responses with a lot of useful suggestions regarding additions or changes that we might consider for the future.

Introduction of the Draft Easement Violation Policy

The Board was presented with a draft of this policy for an initial review. Warren suggested that it is time for the Club to formalize our Easement Policies, to cover both current and planned future easements. It will provide the Club with a set of rules which will provide guiding principles and how to address possible violations of those rules.

Co-Sponsorship of projectwildthing

Peter gave a brief outline of projectwildthing and recommended to the Board that HNC co-sponsor a showing of this film partnering with EH and A Rocha. The film is a family-friendly story aimed at encouraging young people to get outside and enjoy the natural environment. It is planned to be screened during Earth Day activities. There is no cost to HNC.

Director-at-Large Updates

The Board was given a short update on the various meetings that are being held in the local area regarding the Green Belt Review. Several different groups are participating in the review process.

2015 Youth Summit Sponsorship

The Board heard that the ON Youth Summit will be held in September and we agreed that we would support the attendance of a young person from within the Club or from the immediate area as we did last year.

Environmentalist of the Year Support

Jim noted that last year we missed an opportunity to provide our usual donation to the Environmentalist of the Year Dinner and felt it would be appropriate to make a double donation this year.

Retirement of Noteworthy Bird Records Collator

Bill noted that Rob Dobos is retiring from this role, after many years of dedication. The Club needs to find a replacement for Rob. Bill will put an article in an upcoming issue of the Wood Duck to thank Rob for his service and to ask for volunteers to replace him.

Waterdown Road Expansion

The Board intends to send a letter to the appropriate authorities urging the inclusion of safe wildlife crossings in the expansion plans.

NAI Presentation

Paul informed the Board about an upcoming presentation to be made to Hamilton council regarding the most recent NAI update. It was felt that the presentation would carry more weight if it was a joint presentation between HCA, HNC and the city's Natural Heritage Planners. The purpose is to verify how well protected the natural areas are in the City's Official Plan. The City may be getting pushback from developers on establishing linkages between the recognized Natural Areas. The Board agreed that there was some merit to having HNC involved with this presentation.