

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Of the HAMILTON NATURALISTS' CLUB
October 7, 2019**

1. Call to Order.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club was called to order by President Bronwen Tregunno at 7:30 p.m. at the Royal Botanical Gardens auditorium. Bronwen asked for a motion to appoint a chairperson and a secretary.

2. Appointment of the Chairperson and Secretary.

Jackson Hudecki moved "that Bronwen Tregunno be nominated as Chairperson and Joyce Litster be nominated as Secretary for the meeting." Dennis Lewington seconded the motion. After the vote, Bronwen declared the motion **carried**.

3. Quorum.

Notice of this meeting having been given to all members by means of *The Wood Duck* and the *e-Newsletter*, and there being at least 30 members present, Bronwen declared the Annual General Meeting duly constituted.

4. Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting.

Mike MacLeod moved "that we accept the minutes of the last AGM, dated October 15, 2018, as reproduced in *The Wood Duck*, September 2019." The motion was seconded by Chris Motherwell. Following the vote, Bronwen declared the motion **carried**.

5. Treasurer's Report.

a) Financial Statements.

Bronwen called on Treasurer Jim Stollard to present the Financial Statements for the year ending April 30, 2019. Upon completion of his presentation, Jim moved "that the Financial Statements for the Hamilton Naturalists' Club for the year ended April 30, 2019 be accepted as distributed." The motion was seconded by Lou Mitton. After the vote, the motion was declared **carried**.

b. Appointment of the Auditor.

Jim moved “that Gibb Widdis, Chartered Accountants, be nominated as auditor of the Corporation for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020 at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board of Directors, and the Board be hereby authorized to fix such remuneration.” The motion was seconded by Gord McNulty, and after the vote it was declared **carried**.

6. Questions from the Assembly.

The Hamilton Naturalist Club’s activities encompass a wide range of services for members, conservation activities in the community and on the landscape. The website, *The Wood Duck*, and the President’s monthly newsletter are all excellent sources for finding out about this information. Viewing the financial statements with Jim Stollard is an excellent opportunity to go over the big picture. The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for the membership to bring forward questions that they may have about the activities of Club. Bronwen asked if there were any questions. There being none, the meeting continued and Jim Stollard presented the Nomination Committee Report.

7. Nomination Committee Report.

Jim Stollard informed the members that he has completed his five-year term as Club Treasurer and would normally be stepping down at this meeting. However, as no replacement has yet been found, at the request of the Board he has agreed to stay in the position for another year or until a replacement can be found.

No further nominations having been received by the Secretary prior to October 1st as required by the Club Bylaws, Jim nominated the following persons who have previously consented to act as Directors of the Corporation, to hold office until the first Annual Meeting of the Corporation or until their successors have been elected or appointed, subject to the provisions of the Corporation’s bylaws and the Business Corporations Act, 1982 namely:

Chris Motherwell	President
Bill Lamond	Vice-President
Joyce Litster	Secretary
Bronwen Tregunno	Past President
Jim Stollard	Treasurer
Bruce Mackenzie	Bird Studies Group Director
Andrea MacLeod	Publicity Director
Gord McNulty	Conservation and Education Director

Jill Baldwin	Membership Director
Rob Porter	Field Events Director
Brian Wylie	Sanctuary Director
Lou Mitton	Programme Director
Mike MacLeod	Volunteer Director
Jackson Hudecki	Director at Large

The motion was seconded by Warren Beacham. After the vote, Bronwen declared the motion **carried** and the proposed slate duly elected.

Jim nominated the following persons as Officers of the Club, to hold office for the coming year or until their successors are elected or appointed.

Chris Motherwell	President
Bill Lamond	Vice-President
Joyce Litster	Secretary
Jim Stollard	Treasurer
Bronwen Tregunno	Past President

The motion was seconded by Peter Thoem. After the vote Bronwen declared the slate of officers accepted.

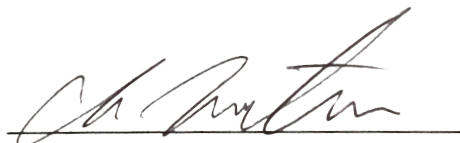
8. **Adjournment.**

Joyce Litster moved “that the business part of the 2019 Annual General Meeting be adjourned.” Seconded by Andrea MacLeod.

The motion was **carried** and the business part of the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

We certify that the above are the true minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Hamilton Naturalists’ Club, held on October 7, 2019.

Original signed by:



Chris Motherwell, President



Joyce Litster, Secretary