



Norfolk Field Naturalists

Annual Report 2016 - 2017

Norfolk Field Naturalists, P.O. Box 995, Simcoe, Ontario N3Y 5B3

The Norfolk Field Naturalists organization, established in 1962, is dedicated to the acquisition and extension of knowledge of natural history and the appreciation, enjoyment and stewardship of natural environment, especially within the Counties of Norfolk and Haldimand.

NFN members participate in monthly meetings from September to May. Guest Speakers present programs on interesting and relevant natural history and conservation topics. Field outings are held throughout the year with trips of local interest and significance. Junior naturalists are encouraged to participate with their families. Annual membership is \$20 Individual or \$30 for a Family, \$500 for Life Individual. For 2016 - 2017, the NFN had a total of 215 members in good standing (each family membership counts as 2 members) including 1 Life Member, 5 Supporting Members (dues + donation of at least \$100) and 38 Contributing Members (dues + donation of \$10 - \$99).

NFN has always taken leadership in public education and protection of our local natural treasures. Actions taken include participation in recovery teams for various species at risk, restoration and preservation of habitat, participation in annual bird and butterfly counts and acting in an advisory capacity to local authorities and environmental planning groups.

Club members receive the Lotus, a newsletter with articles on local natural history and club activities. The NFN has taken an active role in protecting local areas of natural significance by participating in planning exercises and helping other groups raise funds for land acquisition.

Directors are chosen / elected from the membership, renewed annually, and normally limited to a period of six years' consecutive service. One Honourary President and one or two Honourary Directors may be appointed by the Board in recognition of long and outstanding service to the NFN; they may be called upon by the Board to act in an advisory capacity.

The NFN Directors for 2016 - 2017 were (showing positions as of 30 April 2017)

President	Inga Hinnerichsen
Vice-President/Director, Speaker Program	Len Grincevicius
Past President	Bernie Solymár
Treasurer	Barb Hourigan
Secretary	Eleanor Chithalen
Director, Sanctuary	Peter Carson
Director, Membership	Diane Salter
Director, Publicity	David Curry
Director, Environment / Field Events	Bernie Solymár
Director-at-large	Sue Olmstead
Director-at-large	Ken Olmstead
Director-at-large	Cliff Skerratt

Appointments:

Lotus Editor	Inga Hinnerichsen
Long Point Butterfly Count	Adam Timpf
Christmas Bird Count, Woodhouse	David Okines
Christmas Bird Count, Fisherville	Linda Thrower
Official NFN Great Canadian Birdathoner	Mike MacMillan

Hon. President: Al Robinson (resigned)

Hon. Director: Harry Barrett (deceased)

Hon. Director: Jim Harlow (deceased)

President's Report 2016 - 2017

Dear Members of the Norfolk Field Naturalists,

Another eventful season of the NFN has passed during which we have continued with a great array of field outings and indoor presentations by interesting guest speakers.

The Board of Directors undertook a major task this year. Our constitution and bylaws needed to be updated, as the last version was enacted in 1996 - 21 years ago. We had already been waiting for the provincial template for a couple of years, but the Ontario legislature have obviously had more urgent items on their agenda. We decided to proceed with the federal version of Not-for-Profit Organizations, such as the NFN. Eventually, when a provincial template becomes available we'll review the bylaws and make any necessary amendments at that time. This is very similar to the Building Code, which I had to get quite familiar with in my previous life in the construction design industry. The provinces take the national code and modify it to suit conditions in their area.

The Board formed a small Bylaw Review Committee consisting of Bernie Solymár, Jan Grincevicius and myself. Jan has extensive experience and expertise in this subject and has been instrumental in finalizing our new Bylaws, Schedules, Policies and Procedures, which we enacted at the Annual General Meeting on September 12, 2017. Reviewing, discussing, editing, correcting and finalizing these documents has been months in the making. Thank you all for the input we received.

The NFN is still supporting other organisations by donating funds and manpower. We are proud to be able to help LPBLT in their quest to acquire new important land tracts in our area. We assisted with a controlled burn at the St. Williams Forest Reserve and the road-side clean-up at the NCC's Backus Block properties. The silent auction at our Movie Night in May brought some funds for NCEE and our collaboration with Long Point Phragmites Action Alliance supports their fight against this invasive plant.

This year, sadly, we have lost a few long-time members who have over the years contributed greatly to our organisation. Among the most notable are Harry B. Barrett, Jim Harlow, Ruth Loughton and Pat Robinson. Our sincere condolences go out to their families.

The Board of Directors has also had a few changes: David Curry, who was looking after publicity for NFN and our secretary, Eleanor Chithalen, have both tendered their resignations after years of service. Cliff Skerratt also stepped down from the Board of Directors. We welcome a new Director-at-Large, Cindy Presant, who accepted the nomination at the Annual General Meeting. Jan Grincevicius agreed to take over from me as the new Lotus Editor. Her first edition is expected in October. This has been a fun, creative and rewarding project that I have enjoyed for the past 5 years and I will still contribute to the newsletter from time to time.

Lastly, I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to all Members of the Board for their services this year.

Looking forward to another eventful year, sincerely,

Inga Hinnerichsen, President, NFN



Inga with Indigo Milky mushrooms

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Notice to Reader

We have prepared the accompanying financial statements for Norfolk Field Naturalists which comprise the Balance Sheet as at April 30, 2017 and the Income Statement for May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 from the books and records of the Corporation supplied to us by the Board of Directors.

We have not performed an audit, a review or verification of the information contained in such books and records or otherwise supplied to us for accuracy or completeness. Accordingly we do not express any opinion in respect of such statements.

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Sincerely,

Whitton Accounting Services

August 3, 2017

Port Dover, Ontario

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Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2017

	<u>Apr 30, 17</u>	<u>Apr 30, 16</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
TD Operating Bank Account	15,785.46	18,497.32
Total Chequing/Savings	15,785.46	18,497.32
Other Current Assets		
HST Receivable	256.64	262.74
TD GIC 273-01 (Rowanwood)	15,504.91	15,413.68
TD GIC 273-02 (Sec & Prot Fund)	5,305.63	0.00
TD GIC 273-03 (General Fund)	25,943.70	0.00
TD GIC 273-39 (Sec & Prot Fund)	0.00	3,479.30
TD GIC 273-40 (General Fund)	0.00	20,402.21
Total Other Current Assets	47,010.88	39,557.93
Total Current Assets	62,796.34	58,055.25
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>62,796.34</u>	<u>58,055.25</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	67.80	133.90
Total Accounts Payable	67.80	133.90
Total Current Liabilities	67.80	133.90
Total Liabilities	67.80	133.90
Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	28,918.71	28,918.71
Retained Earnings	29,002.64	23,919.94
Net Income	4,807.19	5,082.70
Total Equity	62,728.54	57,921.35
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>62,796.34</u>	<u>58,055.25</u>

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Profit & Loss
May 2016 through April 2017

	May '16 - Apr 17	May '15 - Apr 16
Income		
Birdathon 75%	5,113.43	5,432.74
Interest	215.40	745.10
Membership Donations	3,395.00	1,710.00
Membership Dues	2,670.00	2,540.00
Other donations	285.00	1,850.00
Other income	248.14	459.24
Securement&Protection Income		
Birdathon 25%	1,704.47	1,810.91
Total Securement&Protection Income	1,704.47	1,810.91
Total Income	13,631.44	14,547.99
Gross Profit	13,631.44	14,547.99
Expense		
Christmas Bird Count	100.00	0.00
Donations	2,100.00	2,600.00
Field Events	150.00	174.45
GST expense (nonrefundable)		
HST expense (nonrefundable)	111.59	114.24
Total GST expense (nonrefundable)	111.59	114.24
Insurance		
Liability Insurance	575.64	575.64
Total Insurance	575.64	575.64
Lotus Exp	666.85	1,097.17
Membership Disbursements	253.39	0.00
Memberships	265.00	165.00
Operating Expense		
BankCharge	20.28	43.90
Hall Rent	180.00	200.00
Office Exp/Postage	1,186.20	582.23
Other	901.60	0.00
Total Operating Expense	2,288.08	826.13
Professional Fees		
Accounting	884.70	1,183.66
Total Professional Fees	884.70	1,183.66
Publications Expense	979.00	979.00
Speakers Expense	450.00	1,750.00
Total Expense	8,824.25	9,465.29
Net Income	4,807.19	5,082.70

**NFN wishes to thank these Donors
for their generosity
in the fiscal year 2016 - 2017**

**Donors receive a tax receipt for donations that exceed \$10.00.
Charitable Registration # 119058691**

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Pond, George	Haskett, Wayne and Fran
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Robinson, Alan & Patricia	Luke, Robert
Shortt, Ronald & Eleanor	McKeown, Alan
Whitford, Margaret	Perks, Robert
Wilson, Madaline	Pirie, Mary
Curwain, Brenda & Michael	Robinson, Alan & Patricia
Kennedy, Lynn	Shirlow, Joan
Martin, Robert & Lori	Wynia, Adolf & Anne
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Sinden, Stephanie	Simcoe Research Station
Bradstreet, Lynne & Michael	Bradstreet, Lynne & Michael
Szychta, Richard & Barbara	Collin, Dorothy
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Boothby, Kathryn	Loughton, Sandra
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We regret any errors or omissions in the above.
All donations have been accepted with sincere gratitude.

The Norfolk Field Naturalists

wish to recognize with gratitude the following participants in

The Great Canadian Birdathon

for their fundraising efforts on behalf of this organization:

**Betty Chanyi, Mike McMillan,
George Pond, Lisa Timpf and Anne Wynia.**

Thank you!