



Norfolk Field Naturalists

Annual Report 2009 - 2010

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

The Norfolk Field Naturalists organization 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. Established in 1962, NFN will celebrate its 50th year in 2012.

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. Donations to the NFN are appreciated and charitable receipts are issued for amounts exceeding \$10.00.

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 our local 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 for a term of 1-3 years, renewed annually, and normally limited to a period of six years' consecutive service. One Honorary President and one or two Honorary 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. There is no limitation on the length of service in the honorary positions.

The NFN Directors for 2009 - 2010 were:

President (+ Field Outings)
Past President (+ Natural Areas)
Vice-President
Treasurer
Secretary (+ Kids 4 Turtles)
Membership
Speaker Program
Publicity
Sanctuary
Director (+ Causeway)
Director-at-large
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Lotus Editor (Board appointment)

Audrey Heagy
Peter Carson
Tara Crewe
Lynda Kosalle
Elisabeth van Stam
Diane Salter
Bernt (Bernie) Solyman
Nina Cameron
Matt Brock
Hazel Wheeler
Colleen Dale
Shirley Rothery
Talitha Hostetter
Anne Davidson

Honorary President
Honorary Director
Honorary Director

Al Robinson
Harry Barrett (NFN Founding Pres. - 1962)
Jim Harlow

President's Report 2009 - 2010

In 2009-2010 the Norfolk Field Naturalists continued to carry out our mission of furthering the study, appreciation and conservation of our natural world. Once again we provided a diverse program of indoor meetings and field trips for our members and the public. In addition, we tried some new offerings including workshops on nature photography and bird-watching, and four movie nights over the winter months.

These programs and events were popular with our members and also with non-members who learned about our events from our brochure, website, the local media and word-of-mouth. The NFN display was used at several events in our community this year, including the Wildlife Festival, Forest Fest and Nature Fest.

We were fortunate to receive a grant from the federally-sponsored Sand Plains Community Action Fund for the purchase of a projector and computer and the production of two new display banners. As a result, we increased awareness of our club's activities and gained new members.

We continued to partner with other local organizations on several projects including Kids for Turtles, the Long Point Causeway Improvement Project, and the Baillie Birdathon.

Our achievements over the past year are the result of the voluntary contributions and dedication of many, many people. I looked at our membership list last night and figured that at least **1 in 10** of our members had volunteered for the NFN in some capacity over the past year, and likely **1 in 2** members have served on the Board or otherwise done volunteer duty for the NFN over the past decade. This volunteerism is what makes our club work.

With more help we could accomplish more. If you think you might be interested in helping out in some capacity, please mention your interest to me or one of the other directors.

In closing, I'd like to say **Thank You** to my fellow **Board members** for capably fulfilling their duties and taking on additional tasks as needed and to acknowledge a few our key volunteers:

- **Anne Davidson** for editing the Lotus newsletter
- **Mike McMillan and the many other NFN members** who participated in the Baillie Birdathon for the NFN.
- **Jane Thomson of Over the Moon** graphics in Port Rowan for producing our brochure and banners.

This year I'd like to single out the contributions of two of our board members who have made an invaluable contribution to the club over many years:

- **Lynda Kosalle**, who has capably looked after the club's monies and charitable reporting requirements, will be stepping down from the Treasurer position after 8 years of service;
- and**
- **Bernie Solymar**, who has done an amazing job of lining up an array of excellent speakers covering a wide diversity of topics over the past 8 years – that's more than 50 different speakers! He, too, wants to move on to new challenges.



Audrey Heagy
NFN President 2009 - 2010

Photo by: Anne Davidson

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BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2010

2009-2010

2008-2009

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	15,207	22,950
Investments (GIC's)	55,385	40,173
Other Receivable (GST rebate)	937	779
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	71,529	63,902

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Other Payable	0	0
Deferred Income (Badger 3k, Great Tree Hunt 7.5k, Bequest \$2k)	12,550	14,550
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	12,550	14,550

EQUITY

Accumulated Surplus at Beginning	49,353	39,700
Surplus (Deficit) this Period	9,625	9,652
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT END	58,979	49,352
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	71,529	63,902

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INCOME STATEMENT YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2010

2009-2010

2008-2009

REVENUE

Membership Dues	3,175	3,470
Donations/ Fundraising/ Projects (See Notes below for details)	16,486	37,677
Investment Income (Interest)	212	928
GROSS REVENUE	19,873	42,075

DISBURSEMENTS

Christmas Bird Count (Includes butterfly count \$100)	300	200
Donations	750	-
Hall Rental	160	184
Insurance	508	943
Memberships (incl Lotus) (Incl. 1.4k for member meeting projector)	2,635	1,019
Norfolk Fair, Fundraising, Workshop	3,199	1,855
Office Expense (incl Postage and Web)	817	859
Program Speaker	750	675
Publications	972	600
Securement & Protection	-	-
Special Conservation Projects	-	25,899
GST Expense	156	190
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	10,248	32,423

NET INCOME - Surplus, (Deficit)

9,625 **9,653**

Notes re Donations / Fundraising / Projects:

Birdathon Income total -	8,218	7,654
Membership Donations -	1,602	1,683
Other Donations -	-	625
Publications income (Books, Fair sales)-	-	940
St. Williams Burn Mgmt Strategy	2,000	-
SWCAF-Norfolk Business Dev.	3,796	-
Karner Blue Butterfly Income	-	4,000
The Great Tree Hunt	-	7,450
Norfolk IBA Exotic Removal	-	14,300
Workshops	870	-
Other	-	1,025
Total Donations / Fundraising / Projects	16,486	37,677

NFN INVESTMENTS (Money Market GIC's maturing Dec. 2010 & Feb 2011) YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2010

(A) Endowment - for Rowanwood Nature Reserve:	Balance: 13,162
Externally restricted funds - By agreement with the Ontario Heritage Foundation, NFN is the custodian and manager of this 97-acre reserve. The income from this GIC is used for the ongoing costs such as taxes, insurance and upkeep.	
(B) Securement and Protection:	Balance: 40,896
Funds committed to acquisition or protection of new nature reserves. These funds are retained over several years until enough resources are available for a targeted purchase/project. Internally restricted funds.	
(C) Youth Program Funds:	Balance: 1,327
Funds for educational programs and materials for youth.	
Total Investments: 55,385	

Thank You NFN Donors

NFN is a registered charity and donors receive a tax receipt for donations that exceed \$10.00. Donations may be specified for a particular purpose. When not specified, donations are used to support NFN's operating costs, special publications, or other projects, at the discretion of the Board. All expenses over \$1000 require prior approval of the membership.

We thank these members for their generosity in calendar year 2009.

Harry Barrett	David Defields	Arthur Loughton	George Pond
Donna Boyle	Erica Dunn	Lori Martin	Dennis Price
Lynne Bradstreet	Don Emerson	Margaret McArthur	Bill Read
Patrick Brown	Felicity Fowke	Alan McKeown	Al Robinson
Thomas Campbell	Marie Grant	Jay McKiee	Diane Salter
Peter Carson	Leonard Grincevicius	Michael McMillan	Stephanie Sinden
Betty Chanyi	Scott Guthrie	Douglas Murton	Kristen Thompson
Donna Cowan	Mae Hill	OPG Employees &	Doug Timpf
Brian Craig	Mary Lou Knechtel	Pensioners	Sheila Whitely
Paul De Cloet	Zeb Landon	Charity Trust	

Charitable Registration # 119058691

Thank You NFN Birdathoners

The Birdathoners who designated NFN in May 2010 raised a total of \$16,034.10 of which NFN should receive \$7,015.05 in January 2011. For their enthusiasm and hard work, we thank:

Allan Aubin
Betty Chanyi

Peggy McArthur
Mike McMillan

George E. Pond
Anne Wynia

Visit the NFN Website at: <http://www.norfolkfieldnaturalists.org/>