



# Norfolk Field Naturalists

## Annual Report 2017 - 2018

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 2017 - 2018, the NFN had a total of 128 members in good standing (each family membership counts as 2 members) including 1 Life Member, no Supporting Members (dues + donation of at least \$100) and 25 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 up to 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 2017 - 2018 were (showing positions as of April 30, 2018)

President	Inga Hinnerichsen
Vice-President/Director, Speaker Program & Field Events	Len Grincevicius
Past President	Bernie Solymár
Treasurer	Barb Hourigan
Secretary	Cindy Presant
Director, Sanctuary	Peter Carson
Director, Membership	Diane Salter
Director, Publicity	Sue Olmstead
Director, Environment	Bernie Solymár
Director-at-large	Sue Olmstead
Director-at-large	Ken Olmstead
Director-at-large	Cindy Presant

### Appointments:

Lotus Editor	Jan Grincevicius
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: George Pond

Hon. Director: Anne Wynia

Hon. Director: Dolf Wynia

# President's Report 2017 - 2018

Dear Members of the Norfolk Field Naturalists,

Earlier this year the NFN was approached by a very generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, with a proposal to set up a fund to honour the memory of Harry B. Barrett and his legacy of a lifelong dedication to Norfolk, its heritage and natural history. The \$10,000 donation is the "nest egg" for the fund and the NFN will match the donation by fundraising. A portion of the interest earned by this fund will be available as a bursary to senior or post-graduate students of Norfolk County conducting biological scientific field work in our area. The balance is then rolled back into the fund making the capital grow from year to year. The Board together with the Donor decided to name this fund the Harry B. Barrett Fund. The Board of Directors had several special meetings finalizing and signing the contracts between the Norfolk Community Foundation and the Donor. As you will see in the Financial Report in the following, we are well on our way to meet our total goal of \$20,000 by the end of this year. We are sincerely grateful to all those of you who have made donations to this very important fund. Thank you.

The NFN is also 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. The latest of these natural areas is a 50-acre tract in the Venison Creek watershed. We assisted with forest management restoring areas of oak savannah at the St. Williams Forest Conservation Reserve. The book sale at our Christmas Social brought some funds for NCEE and we donated another sum towards the Rooted in Nature Festival.

The Board of Directors has also had a few changes: Sue Olmstead, Director Publicity, Ken Olmstead, Director-at-Large, both tendered their resignations. Thank you both for your service. We are also saying good-bye to Diane Salter, our Membership Director, after many years of work. Thank you, Diane. Her duties will be taken over by Jan Grincevicius, our Lotus Editor. Also joining the Board is Mary Caughill as Director-at-Large. Welcome!

Last year we welcomed a new Director-at-Large, Cindy Presant, who then accepted the position of Secretary. She comes with valuable experience in this field and has been of great assistance to us.

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.

Inga Hinnerichsen  
President, Norfolk Field Naturalists



Inga representing NFN at the Bluestem Music Festival  
Photo by Cindy Presant

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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, 2018 and the Income Statement for May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018 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 10, 2018

Port Dover, Ontario

**Norfolk Field Naturalists**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of April 30, 2018**  
(unaudited)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
TD Operating Bank Account	\$ 5,422	\$ 15,785
HST Receivable	152	257
TD GIC 273-01 (Rowanwood)	15,599	15,505
TD GIC 273-02 (Sec & Prot Fund)	1,550	5,306
TD GIC 273-03 (General Fund)	20,727	25,944
Norfolk Community Foundation	10,000	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>53,450</u>	<u>62,796</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>53,450</u></u>	<u><u>62,796</u></u>
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	<u>2,201</u>	<u>68</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>2,201</u>	<u>68</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>2,201</u>	<u>68</u>
 <b>Equity</b>		
Opening Bal Equity	28,919	28,919
Retained Earnings	33,810	29,003
Net Income	- 11,480	4,807
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>51,249</u>	<u>62,729</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>\$ 53,450</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 62,796</u></u>

**Norfolk Field Naturalists**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**May 2017 through April 2018**  
(unaudited)

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Birdathon 75%	\$ 4,650	\$ 5,113
Harry B. Barrett Income	11,975	-
Interest	245	215
Membership Donations	1,140	3,395
Membership Dues	2,170	2,670
Other donations	70	285
Other income	163	248
Birdathon 25% (Sec & Prot)	1,550	1,704
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21,963</b>	<b>13,631</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 21,963</b>	<b>\$ 13,631</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Christmas Bird Count	\$ -	\$ 100
Donations	28,024	2,100
Field Events	150	150
HST expense (nonrefundable)	66	112
Liability Insurance	588	576
Lotus Exp	571	667
Memberships	165	265
Membership Disbursements	-	253
BankCharge	20	20
Hall Rent	250	180
Office Exp/Postage	762	1,186
Other	-	902
Accounting	969	885
Publications Expense	979	979
Speakers Expense	900	450
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>33,443</b>	<b>8,824</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$ 11,480</b>	<b>\$ 4,807</b>

**NFN wishes to thank these Donors  
for their generosity  
in the fiscal year 2017 – 2018**

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

Boothby, Kathryn  
Boyle, Donna  
Bradstreet, Lynne & Michael  
Chanyi, Betty  
Craig, Brian  
Curwain, Brenda & Michael  
Dempsey, Mary  
Frishette, Harry  
Gartshore, Mary & Carson, Peter  
Grincevicius, Leonard & Janet  
Hinnerichsen, Inga  
Kennedy, Lynn  
Martin, Robert & Lori  
McArthur, Margaret

McMillan, Michael & Marilyn  
Murton, Elizabeth  
Pond, George  
Price, Dennis  
Robinson, Alan  
Sinden, Stephanie  
Smith, Sheila  
Tanner, Richard & Krystyna  
Vaughan, Peter  
White, Robert & Emilie  
Whitford, Margaret  
Wilson, Madaline  
Zuber, Judith

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 B. Chanyi, Margaret (Peggy) McArthur, Mike McMillan,  
George E. Pond, Lisa Timpf, Anne K. Wynia**

**Thank you!**