



Norfolk Field Naturalists

Annual Report 2018 – 2019

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 2018 – 2019, the NFN had a total of 146 members in good standing (each family membership counts as 2 members) including one Life Member, one Supporting Member (dues + donation of at least \$100) and 26 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 2018 – 2019 were (showing positions as of April 30, 2019)

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	Jan Grincevicius
Director, Publicity	Lisa Timpf
Director, Environment	Bernie Solymár
Director-at-large	vacant
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Appointments:

Lotus Editor	Jan Grincevicius
Long Point Butterfly Count	Adam Timpf
Christmas Bird Count, Woodhouse	Adam Timpf
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 2018 - 2019

Dear Members of the Norfolk Field Naturalists,

Another eventful year has gone full circle. In the following I'm re-capping some of the highlights of the year:

I'm happy and proud to report that the Harry B. Barrett Fund will now be up and running. We have donations just over the minimum of \$10,000 stipulated by the conditions of the fund. We had donations from many of our members and their families. A huge **Thank You** goes to all those who made this goal a reality! The amount will be transferred to the Norfolk Community Foundation in the near future.

Then, on with the next step: Drafting the criteria for the bursary application and contacting colleges and universities in SW Ontario.



Inga with a baby crocodile in Cuba, 2017

As usual, we've hosted a variety of guest Speakers and Field Outings. Winter storms forced us to cancel or postpone a few events early in this year. The Winter Birding outing has met with adverse conditions in the past three years, enough that we decided to scrap this outing and concentrate on indoor presentations instead during January and February. In June this year we revived the old NFN tradition of the Member's Picnic at the Forestry Farm Interpretive Centre. About a dozen of us spent a very pleasant afternoon enjoying our lunches under the shady trees and going for a stroll along the trails observing birds and early summer flowering plants. Next summer we'll add activities to the picnic.

In October the NFN is hosting the Ontario Nature Carolinian East Fall Meeting. You'll have a report in the December issue of the Lotus.

Periodically we are forced to replace aging equipment for our indoor presentations. This time it was the projector that was close to giving up the ghost. Jan and Len Grincevicius were most helpful with the research and we are now proud owners of a brand-new projector, which (hopefully) will serve us for many years into the future.

Our Board of Directors is largely remaining the same, except for the position of Treasurer. Barb Hourigan, who's held the title for the past five years, has tendered her resignation. She has agreed to be the "Acting" Treasurer until we have found a replacement. A huge **Thank You** goes to Barb from us for all the work she has done!

I'd also like to extend our thanks to the rest of the members of the Board for keeping Norfolk Field Naturalists alive and well over the past year.

Looking forward to another eventful season.

Inga Hinnerichsen, President, Norfolk Field Naturalists

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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, 2019 and the Income Statement for May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019 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
June 10, 2019
Port Dover, Ontario

Norfolk Field Naturalists
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2019
(unaudited)

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
TD Operating Bank Account	\$ 16,807	\$ 5,422
HST Receivable	353	152
TD GIC 273-01 (Rowanwood)	15,424	15,599
TD GIC 273-02 (Sec & Prot Fund)	1,564	1,550
TD GIC 273-03 (General Fund)	20,940	20,727
Norfolk Community Foundation	-	10,000
Total Current Assets	<u>55,088</u>	<u>53,450</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>55,088</u></u>	<u><u>53,450</u></u>
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	<u>107</u>	<u>2,201</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>107</u>	<u>2,201</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>107</u>	<u>2,201</u>
 Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	28,919	28,919
Retained Earnings	22,330	33,810
Net Income	<u>3,732</u>	<u>- 11,480</u>
Total Equity	<u>54,981</u>	<u>51,249</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 55,088</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 53,450</u></u>

\$10,000 Harry B Barrett donation to Norfolk Community Foundation

Norfolk Field Naturalists
Profit & Loss
May 2018 through April 2019
(unaudited)

	2019	2018
Income		
Birdathon 75%	\$ 5,309	\$ 4,650
Harry B. Barrett Income	8,091	11,975
Interest	385	245
Membership Donations	1,225	1,140
Membership Dues	2,120	2,170
Other donations	147	70
Other income	2,399	163
Birdathon 25% (Sec & Prot)	1,770	1,550
Total Income	21,445	21,963
Gross Profit	\$ 21,445	\$ 21,963
 Expense		
Christmas Bird Count	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	10,000	28,024
Field Events	2,210	150
HST expense (nonrefundable)	154	66
Liability Insurance	599	588
Lotus Exp	587	571
Memberships	165	165
BankCharge	60	20
Hall Rent	120	250
Office Exp/Postage	420	762
Other	52	-
Accounting	1,122	969
Publications Expense	979	979
Publicity	295	
Speakers Expense	950	900
Total Expense	17,713	33,443
Net Income	\$ 3,732	-\$ 11,480

**NFN wishes to thank these Donors
for their generosity
in the fiscal year 2018 – 2019**

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

Donna Boyle	Bob Millar and Mary Dempsey
Michael and Lynn Bradstreet	Peggy McArthur
John Carson	Michael and Marilyn McMillan
Peter Carson and Mary Gartshore	George Pond
Betty Chanyi	Al Robinson
Brenda Curwain	Stephanie Sinden
Richard Davis and Karen Rylander-Davis	Richard and Krystyna Tanner
Dave and Carol DeFields	Natalie Terdik
Janice Gilbert	Peter Vaughan
Len and Jan Grincevicius	Robert and Emilie White
Lynn Kennedy	Bill and Sheila Whiteley
Robert and Mary Lou Knechtel	Anne and Dolf Wynia
Alan and Doris Ladd	Jane Zukovs
Rob and Lori Martin	

We regret any errors or omissions in the above.
All donations have been accepted with sincere gratitude.

The Norfolk Field Naturalists

wishes to recognize with gratitude the following participants in
The Great Canadian Birdathon
for their fundraising efforts on behalf of this organization:

Peggy McArthur
Michael McMillan
George Pond
Lisa Timpf
Anne Wynia

Thank you!