

THE 960th MEETING OF THE BRODIE CLUB

The 960th meeting of the Brodie Club was held on Oct. 16, 2001 in Room 462 of the Ramsay Wright Building of the University of Toronto.

Chairman: Ken Abraham

Recording Secretary: Bill Carrick

Attendance: 21 Members and 1 Guest

Isabel Boardman, Guest of Claire Muller

Minutes of the 959th Meeting were approved with a minor correction changing the program title.

Carrick suggested that Bernard Muller's request for individuals to help support zero population growth, might become an aim of the Club. Addison, Bodsworth, Falls and others contributed to a discussion outlining the difficulties and relative unpopularity of such a proposal. The consensus was not to support this item.

Bruce Falls announced speakers and/or subjects for forthcoming meetings
Nov. - Addison - Moose Ticks, Dec. Penguins, Jan. Parasitology,
Apr. - Aquaculture, TBA Rapley - IUCN

The current committees, nominated at the last meeting, were re-elected by acclamation. Michael Boyer will replace Harry Lumsden as Club representative to the FON. Claire Muller will replace Carrick as treasurer. Recording secretaries will be appointed at each meeting as are chairmen. Oliver Burton will continue to handle duplication and mailing of the minutes as provided by the recording secretaries.

Claire Mulier moved that all members pay the same fee regardless of marital status. Passed with one dissenting vote. Claire will now collect \$10 from each member including corresponding members who wish to receive minutes by mail.

Speaker was Norm Martin, introduced by Bruce Falls.

Martin presented all members present with a copy of the 3rd edition of his and Norma's book - BIOTIC FOREST COMMUNITIES OF ONTARIO and the title of his presentation. (Additional copies are available @ \$10. plus \$2 Postage & handling.

Martin's book is part of a lifetime forest study beginning in the 1940's in Algonquin Park. The formal census work began in 1952.

Martin described the various forest communities in detail listing the composition of each and the successional relationships.

The assistance of many friends and associates were acknowledged.

Bruce & Ann Falls, Jim & Yvonne Bendell, Michael Boyer, Alan Helmsley, Paul Aird, Donald Huff, as well as many others and particularly the late professor J.R. Dymond for his encouragement and support.

OBSERVATIONS -

Jean Iron provided copies of the Raven for all members. (Algonquin Provincial Park Newsletter Vol. 42 #8) containing an article on Deer Mice (no author) which mentions Bruce Falls starting a census in the park which continues to this day (50 years)

Jim Bendell - Trees in Ottawa valley appear to be hard hit by near-record drought - American Beech, Sugar Maple, Elms and White Birch. Conifers seem fine especially White Pine also Aspen and Red Oak. Chipmunks are unusually abundant in woodlands. There was a heavy seed crop in conifers last year.

Epidemic of Eurasian Lady bugs has reached east in large numbers appearing to cause a decline in native species. Asian form eats native bugs as well as aphids.

Mary Tasker - reported sighting a stealth bomber flight (8) over Manitoulin Island at 70,000 feet crossing from east to west.

Carrick - the first reported death of a Trumpeter Swan being hit by a train. Unfortunately this bird was one of a group flown, following an aircraft from Sudbury, Ontario to Semore, Indiana in 1998. The accident occurred in Grund Lake Park near Sudbury.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM

THE NEXT MEETING will be held Nov. 20 at 8:00 PM in Room 432 of the Ramsey Wright Bldg. U. of T. Speaker - Ed Addison - Moose - Winter ticks

OBSERVATIONS

I would appreciate it if members could jot down their observations and hand them to me after the meeting. That would allow me to include them in the minutes with fewer omissions and mistakes and it saves me a lot of time when double-checking species and locations.

Thanks,
Oliver Bertin

Observer: *Ken Abraham*

Species: *Canada Goose*

Location: *near Kinnmount, ON*

When: *Sept 26/2001*

Notes: