

# NEWSLETTER



Millennium Trail  
outing Oct. 9  
*photo Sydney Smith*

## President's Message *by Myrna Wood*

PECFN is proud to be presenting an evening of Suzanne Pasternak's work at the Regent Theatre on Nov 27.

Suzanne's stories about the people who lived and worked on the South Shore have always been popular with County residents, old and new. ( I remember when I was moving to the County her Folk opera *Minerva* was the talk of the town. Actually, I heard her interviewed on the CBC.) The tales of mariners and their families cover most of the 1800s. There were fishers and barley boats and rum runners.

Bringing history up to date, Marc Seguin will show us the lighthouses of our area that must be preserved.

Kendal and Joanne Dewey will be talking about the present day fishery at another showing of Suzanne's film on Dec. 2 at the Devonshire restaurant. Joanne, of course, is a founding member of PECFN who studied the biodiversity of the National Wildlife Area.

The NWA was in the news this week when the Federal government announced new funding for 10 NWAs in Canada. MP Daryl Kramp said our South Shore area was chosen as it is well placed to offer an experience with nature for urban populations within driving distance. It is possible that our Birding Festival, carried on by the PE Point Bird Observatory, is responsible for bringing our area to their attention.

We are pleased to have recognition for the South Shore at the Federal level. It fits well with the proposal made by the South Shore Coalition to have the South Shore designated a 'core area of conservation' in the Official Plan. We will be participating in the new Council's discussions of the Official Plan in 2015. PECFN will continue to protect the County's scarce wildlife lands for the future.

## PECFN CALENDAR

Tues. Nov. 25, 2014, 7pm Bloomfield Town Hall;  
Sable Island horses; Patricia Calder p. 2

Thurs. Nov. 27, 2014, 7pm. Vanishing Legacies, PECFN's  
Regent Theatre Event, p.7

Tues. Dec 2, 2014, 6 pm Fund Raising Dinner – Fish and  
the Fishery Drake Devonshire Hotel, Wellington p. 3

Mon. Dec. 8 & Tues. Dec. 9, 2014, PECFN at Appeal  
Court of Ontario, Toronto p.9

Tues. Jan. 27, 2015, 7pm Bloomfield Town Hall;  
PECFN Membership Night p. 2

County History, Colours and Critters Tour led by Terry  
Sprague Oct. 9/2014, Photos by Gabrielle Holowacz p4

PECFN Outing - Millennium Trail -Danforth to Benway  
Roads, October 9th, 2014 p. 5

Bioblitz for Ostrander Point Aug. 2014, p.8

### Coming up next year:

Tues. Feb. 24, 2015, 7pm Bloomfield Town Hall;  
Kyle Blaney - North American Photo Stories p.6

Tues. Mar. 31, 2015, 7pm Bloomfield Town Hall;  
Pamela Stagg -

Tues. April 28, 2015, 7pm Bloomfield Town Hall;  
Nick Cairns -turtles, frog/snake ecology

Tues. May 26, 2015, 7pm Bloomfield Town Hall;  
Ryan Norris - Monarch study

PECFN Executive minutes:

Oct. 6, 2014 p. 10 - 12

Oct. 27, 2014 p. 13 & 14\_

Nov. 10, 2014 p. 15 & 16



**Patricia Calder**

**The Horses of Sable Island    Tues. November 25, 7pm  
Bloomfield Town Hall**

The horses of Sable Island have become legendary because of their isolated existence on the shifting sands of this remote Island off the shore of Nova Scotia. Stories abound about their provenance and their continuing breeding success. Debates rage about their effect on the habitat and ecology of the Island. Sable Island has been recently designated as a National Park giving it further protection as one of Canada's special places. In June this year, **Patricia Calder** travelled with Adventure Canada to Sable Island to photograph the famous horses. This trip was a "dream come true", but it came with a unique set of challenges. C.A.



**Membership night is coming up on January 27, 2015.**

This is your opportunity to tell us about what you have seen on your rambles around the country or around the world. All forms of communication are welcome - photo albums, collections of rocks or shells or whatever, or power point presentations. If you have an IT version of your presentation please bring it on a memory stick - a computer will be provided. We hope that many people will present, so please try to keep your presentation to 10 minutes. Please let Sheila Kuja ([sanda.kuja@bell.net](mailto:sanda.kuja@bell.net)) know in advance of your intention to present.

**Fabulous Fund Raising Dinner**

**Fish and the Fishery**

**Tuesday Dec 2, 6 pm  
Drake Devonshire Hotel,  
Wellington  
\$75**

*only a few tickets left!*



Reserve your tickets at

[www.saveostranderpoint.org](http://www.saveostranderpoint.org)

or by calling Sheena Kennedy at:

613-399-1461

• Enjoy a delicious meal of Dewey Fisheries local fish prepared by Drake Devonshire Head Chef Matthew DeMille

• Learn about the fish on your plate from local fishers Joanne and Kendall Dewey

Discover the history of the Lake faring families of PEC's South Shore

Dine in the Devonshire's unique dining room overlooking the Lake where it all happened

3 Courses with wine followed by Suzanne Pasternak's haunting 45 minute film, Vanishing Legacy: The Story of the Lake faring Families of Prince Edward County.

Vegetarian option available

**Thank you for helping to Save Ostrander Point**

**County History, Colours and Critters Tour led by Terry Sprague Oct. 9**

**Photos by Gabrielle Holowacz**



Tour bus was donated by Sandbanks Vacations & Tours

Terry Sprague led an enthusiastic group around the County.

---

**Habitat Loss means Species Decline .  
Protecting our Wild areas helps to  
mitigate Climate Change**



female White-winged Crossbill at Sydney's  
feeder photo Sydney Smith

---

“The Evening Grosbeaks appearing at bird feeders this fall are one of Canada’s declining species. It has declined 78% in the last 40 years. Other examples of species decline: our iconic Canada Warbler: 80%; Rusty Blackbird: 90%; Olive-sided Flycatcher 79%; Bay-breasted Warbler 70%. And in September the World Wildlife Fund reported that animal populations have fallen on average by 52 percent since 1970. The findings pertain mostly to vertebrate species, including mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles.

The root cause of these decimations is simple - loss of habitat. This loss of habitat and the species they support is a crisis for our planet superseded only by the projections of even worse decimations caused by climate change. Not only do we humans urgently need to stop the use of fossil fuels, we also need to urgently move to conserve the habitats of our remaining wildlife.

In order to stop fossil fuel use we must implement conservation by investing in retrofitting all 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century technology in our buildings and vehicles and begin to build alternative sources of power. It is imperative that these new developments be sited in places that we humans have already removed from nature in order to preserve the scarce wildlife lands that remain. New developments should not be sited in land that functions as significant habitat for wild species.

Our undeveloped wild places play a vital role in mitigating the effects of climate change. Forests and wetlands sequester carbon keeping it out of the atmosphere, while tall grass prairies actually remove carbon from it. Wetlands prevent flooding and erosion and replenish our aquifers. Alvars and other seasonal wetland habitats filter contaminants, keeping them out of our streams and lakes. What allows these invaluable habitats to mitigate climate change are the wild species they support. Without these wild species, they will no longer function. Eventually they will cease to exist at all.

Prince Edward County’s South Shore is the last undeveloped land along the northern shore of Lake Ontario. If this industrial development is allowed to proceed it will be surrounded by another 29 turbines in the centre of the IBA and pave the way for hundreds of more turbines along Lake Ontario shorelines, including at Amherst Island which is world-renowned for the owl populations that overwinter there. They will join Trans Alta’s turbine project on Wolfe Island which has caused the highest mortality rate of birds and bats in North America with the exception of Altamont pass in California and displaced the indigenous and wintering Red Tail Hawk and Short Eared Owl populations. A concentration of hundreds of industrial turbines along this intersection of two major migration corridors will form an impenetrable barrier, causing mounting declines for our migrating species and substantial degradation to the habitats along the migration routes that they stage in.”

*Myrna Wood and Amy Bodman*

---

PECFN speaker for Tues. Feb. 24

North American Photo Stories by Kyle Blaney

Kyle Blaney is an avid traveller and accomplished amateur nature photographer from Belleville. In this multimedia presentation, Kyle will show his favourite photos, discuss where they were taken, and talk about the process that led to their capture. Kyle has been incredibly lucky to travel all over North America. He has kayaked with grizzly bears and watched them mate. He has stood in awe as a humpback whale breached over and over again right beside his boat. He has had a flat tire on Yukon's Dempster Highway and been prepared to camp beside the road. He has watched a Kermode bear amble along a wet log right in front of him and hunt for salmon. He has photographed a bird in Prince Edward County that baffled North America's leading experts. Kyle will share his photos and talk about all of these stories and more!



To view Kyle's photos go to:  
[www.kyleblaneyphoto.com](http://www.kyleblaneyphoto.com)

**Letter to PECFN members**

Dear Members,

Our new season started with the September meeting when we had a chance to discuss the future of Sandbanks Park with the Superintendent, Robin Reilly.

This was the first opportunity to report on the separate bank account we opened for the Ostrander Point Appeal Fund. We have paid our legal bill covering the Tribunal and the start of the defence to Gilead's counter appeal up to September 2013. We still owe for the Divisional Court, the Stay, and the current Appeal. Since September 2013, Eric and Natalie have spent 700 hours on the case and they have paid out \$36,000 on 'Disbursements', that is primarily photocopies, transcripts, and couriers, on our behalf. So we are continuing our fund raising campaign to help with the final defence of the South Shore at the Appeal Court in December. If you've already donated to the Ostrander Point Appeal Fund we thank you.

You may have assumed that membership in PECFN was covered by your donation, but PECFN dues are separate and help cover ordinary club expenses such as rental of the Bloomfield Town Hall every month, insurance, speakers' fees, and membership in umbrella organizations like Ontario Nature and Nature Canada. With the new season starting, we're hoping you will renew your membership if you have not already done so. Annual dues are \$15.00 for an individual and \$30.00 for a family.

Besides your membership renewal, of course, we really appreciate ideas for programs, contacts for speakers, and articles for the newsletter.

Please help support your club and its programs by attending the next meeting (November 25) and renewing your membership then! Our speaker that evening will be Patricia Calder presenting 'Sable Island Horses'. See her website at <http://spiritofthehills.org/patricia-calder-photographer>

Many thanks,  
Agneta Sand, Membership Secretary  
and Myrna Wood, President

PECFN's next Fund Raising event. Thurs. Nov. 27, 7pm. Don't miss it!

# Vanishing Legacies: A Celebration in Film of the County's South Shore

7:00 pm

Thursday November 27

The Regent Theatre

Picton

Fundraiser for Ostrander Point  
Admission \$15.00

Presented by  
The Prince Edward Field Naturalists

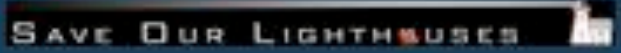
For more information and  
to reserve online visit  
[www.saveostranderpoint.org](http://www.saveostranderpoint.org)

**V**anishing Legacy: The History of the Lakefaring Families of Prince Edward County—A Film by Suzanne Pasternak, with discussion by Suzanne.

**L**ighthouses of the South Shore — A presentation by Marc Seguin of Save Our Lighthouses.

**H**istory Moments produced by Peter Lockyer of History Lives Here Inc.

**M**usical performance by Suzanne Pasternak and Tom Leighton.



## A Bioblitz for the Ostrander Point Crown Land Block in Prince Edward County, August 2014

A Bioblitz was organized for the Ostrander Point Crown Land Block in Prince Edward County (the County) on the weekend of 9 - 10 August 2014 by PECFN. A Bioblitz is a biological survey undertaken by a group of people including both experts and non-experts with the objective of cataloguing the flora and fauna of a specific area. It was intended that the event would:

- (1) contribute to increasing interest in the protection of natural areas and flora and fauna in the County;
- (2) provide education and enjoyment for both children and adults; and
- (3) make available information that would assist land-use planning decisions in the area by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and the Municipality of Prince Edward.

Photos by John F. Foster

Monarch caterpillar  
(*Danaus plexippus*)



European Mantid (*Mantis religiosa*);

*Excerpt from Bioblitz follows.*

*If you want to view it in total, email Cheryl <[cherylanderson23@sympatico.ca](mailto:cherylanderson23@sympatico.ca)>*

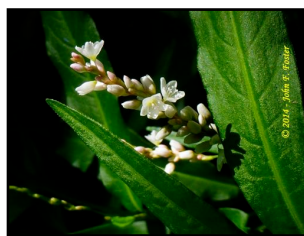
Ostrander Point was swarming with nature lovers on the weekend. Over sixty individuals helped PECFN collect information about animals, birds, plants, insects, amphibians and reptiles at Ostrander Point.

Tanya Pulfer, Ontario Nature's reptile and amphibian Atlas co-ordinator joined Dr. Paul Catling, alvar specialist, Ted Cheskey, Manager of Avian Conservation at Nature Canada and local renowned naturalist Terry Sprague to lead participants on hikes throughout Ostrander Point enumerating everything they saw.

While the Blanding's turtles were well concealed in cool mud, Monarch and Giant Swallowtail butterflies were making good use of the wild flower meadows. Several Monarch caterpillars were found on the plentiful milkweed. An exciting new discovery for Ostrander Point was the Harvester Butterfly, the caterpillars of which feed only on a particular group of plant lice, which in turn feed only on a few kinds of woody shrubs in swamps. It is our only carnivorous butterfly. This remarkable, rare and local insect is not only new for Ostrander Point; it is also the first and only record for PEC, again establishing the biodiversity value of Ostrander. Also documented was the rare Appalachian Brown Butterfly also an inhabitant of swamps. Butterflies were making good use of the wild flower meadows. Several Monarch caterpillars were found on the plentiful milkweed. An exciting new discovery for Ostrander Point was the Harvester Butterfly, the caterpillars of which feed only on a particular group of plant lice, which in turn feed only on a few kinds of woody shrubs in swamps. It is our only carnivorous butterfly. This remarkable, rare and local insect is not only new for Ostrander Point; it is also the first and only record for PEC, again establishing the biodiversity value of Ostrander. Also documented was the rare Appalachian Brown Butterfly also an inhabitant of swamps.



Summer Azure (*Celastrina neglecta*)



Mild Water-pepper  
(*Polygonum hydropiperoides*);



Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa* L. ssp. *sativa*)



### OPAF Update

On Dec 8-9, PECFN will be defending the Environmental Review Tribunal (ERT) ruling that overturned the Ministry of the Environment's approval of the Gilead wind turbine project. We are appealing to the Appeal Court of Ontario because, subsequently, the Divisional Court overturned the ERT ruling. The Divisional Court ruling became environmental law which rendered the ERT system powerless. Therefore PECFN's appeal to the Appeal Court of Ontario is a precedent setting case that impacts the validity of the ERT, the Endangered Species Act (because the ERT ruled that development must not take place at Ostrander Point because it is the breeding habitat of the Blanding's Turtle which is an endangered species) and the Environmental Protection Act (because it negates the power of the ERT to act to protect important habitat from degradation). As such it will affect environmental law across Ontario.

Justice Blair, who granted a stay against any construction on the site until the matter is finally decided said, "the issues raised on the proposed appeal are issues of broad public implication in the field of environmental law".

As usual, PECFN will be represented by Eric Gillespie assisted by Erin Wallace. South Shore Conservancy and Nature Canada have received permission to intervene on our behalf. On the other side Gilead and the Ministry of the Environment will be joined by Canadian Wind Energy Association.

We congratulate Natalie Smith on her new posting to Client Earth in London. Natalie has been integral to our case and we are sorry that she has decided to go back to England, but wish her all the best in her new position.

As soon as I have information about the room number and times for the Appeal Court at Osgoode Hall I will pass it along for those that would like to attend. Cheryl Anderson

### PECFN Outing - Millennium Trail -Danforth to Benway Roads, October 9th

Today we walked along the Millennium Trail to explore an extensive wetland north of Danforth Road. We spotted a pair of mallards in the water and behind them mostly hidden by rushes, a heavy orange beak and partial white head of a bird we could not see clearly enough to identify. Further along the trail we saw a kingfisher perched on a dead tree trunk but it flew off before some of us had our binoculars aimed. We saw a Northern Harrier, easily identified by the white patch on its rump. Across the trail flew a blue jay and later a robin. The grey dogwood was heavy with ripe berries beside the path and occasionally we caught sight of bright orange bittersweet berries. On our way back Sheila pointed out a Shaggy Mane fungus broken on the footpath and nearby we saw a clouded sulphur butterfly. We caught sight of a Monarch Butterfly and talked about the increase in Monarch sightings this year over last. There were some turkey vultures hovering in the sky and a black crow flew overhead. We noticed evidence of turtle nests, raccoons and beaver activity. Amy Bodman



Millennium Trail Oct 9/14  
*photo Sue Banks*

**Minutes of the Executive Meeting  
Prince Edward County Field Naturalists  
282 Niles Street, Wellington  
October 6, 2014**

Present: Amy Bodman, Elizabeth Cowan, Sandra Dowds, Sheena Kennedy, Sheila Kuja, Agneta Sand, Myrna Wood  
Regrets: Cheryl Anderson

The Agenda was approved as presented.  
The Minutes of September 8, 2014, were approved as presented.

**1. Status Reports**

**(A) Membership: Agneta**

\$180 has been received as dues for the new membership year. Agneta suggested that members, especially those who haven't paid up yet or who may be under the impression that a donation to OPAF automatically means membership, need to have it explained to them what their dues cover: not court costs but rather hall rental, speaker honoraria, insurance and other ordinary club operating expenses. Myrna agreed to draft an e-mail to the membership.

**(B) Treasurer: Sheena**

Sheena reported the following balances:  
PECFN bank account: \$3,412.48  
OPAF bank account: \$4,526.86

It was suggested that we should give a present to Bev Campbell, who has been so helpful with the income tax returns. Myrna will try to find out if she already has a copy of either the *Butterfly Guide* or *Wind, Water, Barley and Wine*.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Sheila, seconded by Sheena and carried unanimously,  
THAT \$1,000.00 be moved from the PECFN account to the OPAF account.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Elizabeth, seconded by Sheila and carried unanimously,  
THAT \$5,000.00 be paid out of the OPAF account toward Eric's legal fees.

Myrna will draft an e-mail to the membership explaining that Eric has been paying what are known as "disbursements" (costs involved in keeping the case going) out of his own pocket and must be repaid.

**(C) Programs:  
Outings**

Amy suggested a Millennium Trail walk, Danforth to Benway, to look at the marshland. Oct.9, 1:00-3:00 p.m., was chosen. Amy will write up a description of the walk and Sandra will e-mail it to the membership.

Mike Burrell will be giving the eBird workshop on Oct.21, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at the Picton Library. Cheryl will prepare a press release. (to be cont'd)

### **Indoor programs**

Oct.28: Josh Wise, Ontario Nature, will speak about the Natural Heritage System. (He says he will probably not want to spend the night but perhaps he could be given dinner, depending on when he arrives.)

Nov.25: Patricia Calder will speak about the Sable Island horses.

Jan.27, 2015: Membership night – Myrna will prepare an e-mail to alert the members.

Feb.24: Kyle Blaney – Myrna will contact him.

Mar.31: Pamela Stagg will speak about alvars and wetlands.

April 28: Nick Cairns will speak about turtle/frog/snake ecology.

May 26: Ryan Norris will speak about the Monarch study.

### **(D) Fundraising Committee:**

The *Butterfly Guide* sales have brought in \$4,090.00 so far, against printing costs of \$3,402.00. Sheena will order a further 50 copies, for future events, Christmas, etc.

Terry Sprague's coach tour will be taking place on Oct.7. Cheryl is overseeing the lunch, with the help of Amy and Sheena.

### **November Big Push:**

- Pasternak film – Amy has spoken to the Regent about costs and to the organizer of Cinefest for ideas. She and Sheena will approach the Devonshire Drake about a fundraiser, either combined with the film or separately. Amy will e-mail Ryan about his National Parks film, since the Pasternak documentary may be too short on its own. She will also inform the executive of what dates are possible at the Regent.
- Municipal election – Elizabeth will find e-mail addresses for as many candidates as possible. Myrna will prepare a message to be sent to the new councillors. Agneta suggested that the same message should be sent to the membership.
- 99.3 County FM 50-50 tickets – none of us seems to have won ...
- Art auction in spring – Cheryl has quite a few items that could be auctioned at the April fundraising dinner catered by Michael Hoy; Sandra will ask the Curling Club about possible dates.
- Mia Lane Limited Edition print of Blanding's turtle or other – it was felt that this would probably be prohibitively expensive, but Sheila will ask her.

### **(E) PEPtBO:**

Fall banding continues.

### **(F) Ostrander Point and Tribunal:**

The case goes to the Appeal Court on Dec. 8-9. Nature Canada has agreed to intervene on our side if the court allows. Myrna will contact the David Suzuki Foundation. Amy will contact a freelance journalist she knows to see if he could write a piece about the case.

### **(G) BioBlitz report and committee:**

The sightings lists are completed, but John Foster's report and pictures have not been received. It was urged that something be sent to participants as soon as possible, so they can see what was achieved. Sheila will write an article about the BioBlitz.

### **(H) Ontario Nature:**

The East Region fall meeting is being held in Deep River on Oct.18. Elizabeth, who ought to attend, is busy elsewhere that weekend. She will prepare a report on PECFN's activities to be submitted to the meeting.

### **(I) Newsletter:**

Computer troubles persist, but it is hoped they will be fixed before the next newsletter is wanted. (to be cont'd)

## 2. New Business

Sheila is concerned about Sandbanks' vocation (nature vs recreation) and will write a letter to Superintendent Robin Reilly.

Sheila felt that PECFN should be represented at the proposed "partnership" meeting being organized by MNR on Oct.16 in Campbellford, whatever our doubts about the meeting's usefulness. She and Amy volunteered to attend. Myrna will draft notes for the 10-minute presentation that participants are allowed, and notify MNR that PECFN will be there. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Oct.27, 2014, 10:00 a.m., 282 Niles Street, Wellington.

### Tree Seedling sale on now!

Lower Trent Conservation is once again taking orders for native tree and shrub seedlings for spring 2015. We still have some exciting species to choose from, but they are going fast so it's best to order early for the best selection. There is more information on our website at <http://www.ltc.on.ca/stewardship/tssp/tsp/> and folks are free to give me a call if they have any questions.

Ewa Bednarczuk, M.Sc.

Ecology & Stewardship Specialist

**Lower Trent Conservation**

Tel: 613-394-3915 ext. 252, 714 Murray Street, RR1, Trenton ON K8V 5P4



**Minutes of the Executive Meeting  
Prince Edward County Field Naturalists  
282 Niles Street, Wellington  
October 27, 2014**

Present: Cheryl Anderson, Amy Bodman, Elizabeth Cowan, Sandra Dowds, Sheena Kennedy, Sheila Kuja, Agneta Sand, Myrna Wood

The Agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes of October 5, 2014, were approved as presented.

**1. Status Reports**

**(A) Treasurer: Sheena**

Sheena reported the following balances:

PECFN bank account: \$2,764.93

OPAF bank account: \$2,526.86

PayPal account: \$193.00

She noted that \$175,000 has been paid to Eric so far.

PECFN's income tax return for 2013 has been completed, with the invaluable help of Bev Campbell. Sheena has given her a copy of Chris Hadfield's book of photographs from space, with our thanks.

**(B) Programs:**

**Outings**

Cheryl suggested that the new Sandbanks trail starting from Lakeshore Lodge for a spring walk. Amy suggested the Millennium Trail near Consecon, on Monday, November 17, at 10:00 a.m. She will write up directions for the newsletter.

**Indoor programs**

Oct.28: Josh Wise, Ontario Nature, will speak about the Natural Heritage System. Sheena will prepare a cheque for him.

Nov.25: Patricia Calder Sable Island horses – Cheryl.

Pamela Stagg will make a presentation about the Christmas bird count.

Jan.27, 2015: Membership night

Feb.24: Kyle Blaney - Myrna

Mar.31: Pamela Stagg – wetlands - Amy

April 28: Nick Cairns turtles/frog/snake ecology– Amy

May 26: Ryan Norris Monarch study – Cheryl

**(C) Fundraising Committee:**

The cost of reprinting the *Butterfly Guide* is \$786.50. We will ask how many copies are wanted as Christmas gifts. Sheena will reorder. Amy suggested taking a copy to all public events, so that people can see it, admire it and order copies. (to be cont'd)

#### Vanishing Legacies Event:

Amy reported on the Regent Theatre screening of Suzanne Pasternak's documentary, arranged for November 27 at 7:00 p.m. The evening's title will be *Vanishing Legacies: a celebration in film of the County's South Shore*. In addition to the film there will be a talk on lighthouses, some "History Moments", songs and a Q&A session. Wine will be available for purchase; Sandra will ask SmartServe certified PECFN members if they would volunteer to tend bar. There was some discussion on ticket prices : \$10 will make it accessible (later changed to \$15). Cheryl will talk to Borys about the fees associated with online ticket sales. She will also send out a press release by this Friday. Suzanne is working on a poster, which Borys will print, and she is also willing to ask for an article by the *Picton Gazette*. Amy will write a piece for the Wellington Times. Other publicity approaches discussed included the new County FM radio station and interested groups (CineFest, HotDocs, historical societies, the Naval and Marine Archive, PECL, fishing community, etc.).

A local fish dinner at the Drake Devonshire on December 2, with a screening of Suzanne's documentary, was also discussed, but no conclusion could be reached because the hotel's cooperation is still uncertain. If this falls through, a less fancy fish-and-chips dinner at the Wellington Legion was suggested, with a guest chef.

Myrna reported that no County Council meeting was scheduled between the election and the end of the year.

Sandra has booked the Curling Club for the spring gala dinner on April 25. Michael Hoy will cater. There will be both a silent auction and an auctioneer.

Mia Lane Limited Edition print of Blanding's or other? Sheila will approach her.

#### **(D) Ostrander Point and Tribunal:**

Myrna reported that Nature Canada has submitted its factum for the Appeal Court.

#### **(E) BioBlitz report and committee:**

John Foster's report and pictures have not been received yet. It was urged that something be sent to participants as soon as possible, so they can see what was achieved. Sheila will write an article about the BioBlitz next week.

#### **(F) Ontario Nature:**

ON is organizing a webinar in early November to review the legal implications of advocacy and charitable status.

#### **(G) Newsletter:** deadline November 15. Everyone send her information.

## **2. New Business**

Sheila and Amy reported on the MNR meeting in Campbellford on October 16. MNR has no funding for rating wetlands for provincial status.

**Next meeting:** Nov.10, 2014, 10:00 a.m., 282 Niles Street, Wellington

**Minutes of the Executive Meeting  
Prince Edward County Field Naturalists  
282 Niles Street, Wellington  
November 10, 2014**

Present: Cheryl Anderson, Amy Bodman, Elizabeth Cowan, Sandra Dowds, Sheena Kennedy, Sheila Kuja, Agneta Sand, Myrna Wood

The Agenda was approved with additions.

The Minutes of October 27, 2014, were approved as presented.

**1. Status Reports**

**(A) Membership: Agneta**

Since October, 16 memberships have been renewed and two new members have joined, for a total of \$270.00 in dues. Agneta plans to follow up with those who haven't paid for the new year.

**(B) Treasurer: Sheena**

Sheena reported the following balances:

PECFN bank account: \$2,987.43

OPAF bank account: \$2,626.36

**(C) Programs:**

**Outings**

Sandra will inform the membership of a walk on Monday, November 17, at 10:00 a.m., taking the Millennium Trail from Route 1 (Schoharie Road) to Lakeshore Road where the trail crosses Lake Consecon. Amy will write up a description for her.

**Indoor programs**

Nov.25: Patricia Calder – Sable Island horses. Cheryl will introduce her, Sandra will thank her, and Sheena will prepare a \$50.00 cheque for her honorarium.

Pamela Stagg will make a presentation about the Christmas bird count.

Jan.27, 2015: Membership night. Cheryl will write up a request for presentations, stressing the importance of visuals and the limits of the Town Hall's technology.

Feb.24: Kyle Blaney – Myrna will ask for blurb

Mar.31: Pamela Stagg – wetlands – Amy

April 28: Nick Cairns turtles/frog/snake ecology– Amy

May 26: Ryan Norris Monarch study – Cheryl

Nov. 2015: Joanne and Kendal Dewey?

**(D) Fundraising Committee:**

Marketing via County FM was discussed. There is some uncertainty about whether they regard Ostrander Point as too "political" for a community radio station.

The deadline for applications to the County for grant funding is Nov.19. Myrna and Cheryl will put together data about PECFN and the appeal that fits the grant guidelines. Elizabeth will help with fitting the data into the application form; once filled in it will be sent to Messrs Quaiff, Hull and Epstein for their suggestions.

Vanishing Legacies Event:

Amy reported on the Regent Theatre screening of Suzanne Pasternak's documentary, arranged for Nov.27 at 7:00 p.m. Suzanne's health is fragile, and we don't want to burden her, but Amy will ask her if she still has contacts at the CBC who might help publicize the event. Agneta and Elizabeth will sell tickets at the door. Sandra will look into the Taste wine glasses as well as organizing the SmartServe bartenders. (cont'd on next page)

Since there isn't a great deal of room in the Regent lobby, the Coalition will be asked to provide a brochure rather than a table display. Amy will pay for 30 DVDs (to sell for \$20.00 each) and Myrna will arrange for 25 copies of Suzanne's signed posters (to sell for \$10.00 each).

It was agreed that Ted Cheskey would be a good person for a CBC interview if this can be arranged.

The dinner at the Drake Devonshire on Dec.2, with a screening of Suzanne's documentary, is going ahead. Joanne and Kendal Dewey will speak beforehand about the fishery. Suzanne's film will be screened after dinner. Amy and Sheena will continue to work on the Drake management. Amy has already asked Rose Hall Run about donations of wine and will approach Stanner's. Sandra will approach Karlo and Half Moon Bay.

Cheryl will circulate the posters for both events so we can all forward them to as many people as possible. Cheryl and Amy will draft ads for the *Wellington Times* and the *Picton Gazette*. We decided not to invite Councillors specially.

Gala dinner and art auction, April 25, 2015:

No new art will be solicited. The silent auction will continue throughout the meal. It was suggested that Déjà Vu would be a fun group to provide music for the event.

Sheila reported that Mia Lane had had various suggestions for prints, but it was decided that the idea wasn't as promising as we had hoped and will be dropped.

**(E) Ostrander Point and Tribunal:**

Myrna reported that Seth Lefort would like the Mohawk Confederacy to be interveners, since the Supreme Court's recent decision in *Roger William (on behalf of the Tsilhqot'in Nation) v British Columbia* has reaffirmed the requirement for Aboriginal consent to certain kinds of development. He will contact Eric.

**(F) BioBlitz report and committee:**

Sheila announced that the report will be ready for e-mail distribution by Nov.11.

**(G) Ontario Nature:**

Myrna will write ON Executive director asking for media interviews on ESA.

**(H) Newsletter:**

Deadline is Nov.15.

**2. New Business**

Amy reported that the Millennium Trail had been badly widened through the Danforth Marsh.