

MACNAMARA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

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Meetings: first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., Arnprior Curling Club, 15 Galvin Street

Annual Memberships – Family \$30, Individual \$25 – Renew Online

Guests welcome: \$5 per meeting – Students welcome to attend for Free!

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NOTICE

New Roles for Board Members – At its meeting in December 2014, Board members reviewed the roles of the Executive confirmed at the Club's December meeting: **Michael Runtz**, President; **Karen Krueger**, Vice-President; **Judy Seligy**, Secretary; **Art Goldsmith**, Meeting Speakers; **Cathy Stewart**, Treasurer; **Maureen Carrier**, Field Trips; **Karen Runtz**, Bulletins/Publicity; **Olga Janoska**, Membership.

To meet these operating needs, an amendment to the Constitution is required—notably, to the number of Board members. Therefore, as per our constitution, we are sending out this notice of the following amendments that will be presented for vote by Club members at our March 3, 2015 meeting as per the constitutional requirement. These amendments replace the original articles.

Amendment 2 to Article 4: Directors

1. **Numbers and Quorum**-The affairs of the M.F.N.C shall be managed by a Board consisting of a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of fifteen (15) Directors elected at a general meeting of members in good standing. Fifty per cent plus one (50%+1) of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for a meeting. That is, if there are 10 Directors elected by the members, then during the proceeding year, a quorum for all Board meetings shall be six (6). If there are eleven (11) Directors, a quorum shall consist of six (six) Directors. Should there be resignations, the Board will continue to operate with quorum requirements based on the minimum number of Directors (7). That is, if there are two resignations from the Board during an MFNC operating year (equivalent to the calendar year), the quorum shall be set at five (5). If the total number of Directors is reduced below the minimum of seven (7), quorum shall not be less than five (5) Directors. In any case, quorum shall never be less than five (5) Directors.

Amendment 1 to Article 5: Offices

1. **Appointment**- The Board of Directors shall appoint from among its members, a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. From time to time, Directors shall be assigned to execute duties as set out by the Board. These duties include, for example: developing educational programs, representing associated organizations (e.g. Renfrew County Stewardship Council) planning and administering field trips, electronic and paper publishing, liaison with organizations of interest to MFNC, promotion and publicity, administration of membership, planning and managing events and any other duties deemed essential by the Board. Changes in duties shall be communicated to the members promptly.

MEETINGS

February 3, 2015 – Great Naturalists' Quiz by Michael Runtz: This is an interesting and entertaining way to learn about local natural history. Michael's contagious enthusiasm, his keen insight into the intricacies of nature, and the countless anecdotes of his experiences as a naturalist always make for a very entertaining evening. Participants will be divided into teams that will compete to answer riddles and identify specimens.

March 3, 2015 – Dr. Brent Patterson, a research scientist with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and an adjunct professor at Trent University, will provide a presentation on: **Wolves and Coyotes in Ontario.**

FIELD TRIPS

Up-to-date information is posted on the website under the Events tab. Always check this site for last minute changes before heading out on a field trip.

February 6: Mudpuppy Night in Oxford Mills. See website for details.

March 1: Afternoon Snowshoe and Social hosted by Karen Krueger. See website for details.

March 29: Tentative date for our popular annual Owl Prowl. Confirmation and details will follow as the date approaches.

Please register for field trips at events@mfnc.ca.

Macnamara Notecards going strong! Did you catch our coverage in the January issue of *the Humm*? Note that the cards are now available at the Gilligallou Bird Store in Almonte, the Pakenham General Store, Fulton's Pancake House and Sugarbush, Dunrobin Meat and Grocery, the Arnprior Book Shop, the Arnprior Home Hardware, and the Arnprior Public Library. They are also available—\$10/packet— at upcoming Club meetings or online at <http://mfnc.ca/macnamara-notecards-are-here/>.

Membership Renewal – Thanks to those members who have taken action to renew their 2014-2015 membership. If you forgot, you can still register by mail or online using the information under the Membership tab at mfnc.ca. If you prefer to renew in person, you can do so at our next meeting.