

Minutes of Grasslands Naturalists Strategic Planning Special Board Meeting

Date: 16 December 2023

Board Attendees: Hugh Armstrong, Linda Fisher, Phil Horch, Martha Maudsley,
Sheila McLeod, Paul Thibault (Chair), Angela Turner, and Ian Turner

Guests: Corlaine Gardner

1. Call to order - 11:15 AM

2. Review minutes from previous Strategic Planning meeting (25 November 2023) - Approved

3. Review member discussions at the 28 November General Meeting

A written summary of the 28 November discussions was reviewed.

4. Second look at the following possible activities for 2024 based on available resources and taking into account the above review of member discussions

1. Invasive Species (Removal/Control/Education/Workshop)
2. GN History Brochure
3. Xeriscaping
4. GN Marketing products and events
5. Establishment of baselines for city areas to be protected
6. Bird-friendly City
7. Pollinators and Bee-friendly City
8. Summer student employee for Adopt-a-Pond
9. Indigenous event
10. Scenic Views brochure and survey
11. Transfer funds to MHIP to help with salaries
12. Donation to another charitable organization
13. Other

The following questions were asked for each of the above:

1. Is the GN Board Interested?
2. Is there anyone interested in participating?
3. Is there anyone interested in leading?
4. Is financing required?
5. Does it involve external organizations?
6. Does it involve a grant application?

The answers to these questions will be used in formulating the final Strategic Plan.

5. Planning for member discussions at the January General Meeting

1. How to make this interesting for the members? The session will start with pizzas for everyone attending.
2. Format and discussion moderator(s). There will be four tables with moderators leading discussion groups on different topics. Sheila McLeod has experience with this format and will be the main organizer.

6. Next meeting: TBD

7. Adjourn