

**Minutes of the annual general meeting of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists
(SCO/SOC) Delta Halifax
Saturday October 21st 2005, 1615 – 1740h**

29 in attendance

1. Dunn moved to accept the minutes of the 2004 AGM. Seconded by Gratto-Trevor. **Carried.**

2. Welcome by Francis and introduction of council.

3. Treasurer's report. Presented by Pierre Lamothe.

Diamond: Donations to Cooke award in 2004? Lamothe replied none shown on 2004 statements, but shows up on 2005.

Clarification of earnings by Lamothe.

Clarification of Taverner and Baillie endowments. Francis responded that it is being investigated.

Cooke award capital managed by BSC. About \$20,000 in that fund.

Lamothe **moved** to accept 2003 financial report, seconded by Francis. **Carried.**

Lamothe **moved** to accept 2004 financial report, seconded by Otter. **Carried.**

Auditors: Lamothe moved that Francine Nadeau be appointed as auditor for the 2005 financial reports. Seconded by Dunn. **Carried.**

4. Membership report. Presented by Thérèse Beaudet.

Diamond asked about lifetime membership. Elliot recommended we investigate further, and not worry about reducing costs in the future. Lamothe discussed tax issues.

Savard moved to accept membership report, seconded by Robertson. **Carried.**

5. Picoides report. Presented by D. Diamond.

Hannon moved to accept Picoides Editors report, seconded by Robertson. **Carried.**

Francis presented electronic options. Preferred option is electronic version, with paper copies to those who really would like one (but not encouraged).

Francis **moved** to nominate Robert Warnock as Picoides editor. Seconded by Diamond. **Carried.**

6. Elections results. Hannon presented the results of the election.

New councillors:

Jean-Michel DeVink, Lesley Evans-Ogden, David Bird

Hannon thanked outgoing councillors:

Gilles Gauthier, Liana Zanette, Allan Baker

7. Committee reports

Student awards. Report by Francis.

Pomeroy: would like to receive comments on the evaluation of the student awards.

Action item: Otter will discuss with current student award committee.

Speirs Award. Report by Francis. John A. Crosby was the winner.

OC Council. Report by Francis.

Banding Council. Report by Francis. Dale and Gratto-Trevor. Core manuals will be in 3 languages. Emphasizing training rather than certification.

BSC National Science Advisory Council. Savard discussed replacing Jamie Smith. Francis called for nominations.

8. Discussion on proposed Jamie N.M. Smith Memorial Award for Mentoring in Ornithology. Presentation by Otter.

Candidates would be nominated by students or colleagues who show leadership in mentoring students in Ornithology. Biennially presented as a plaque.

Terms of reference and description will be posted on the web. Fund raising will commence this fall. \$5000 will be required to sustain funding.

Elliot: why biennially? Would need more endowment and may run out of appropriate candidates. Elliot recommended keeping the timing more flexible. Francis suggest wording like the Brewster Award, where the award would not need to be given annually.

Elliot recommend that the wording be generalized for who can nominate potential awardees.

Otter **moved** that a Jamie N.M. Smith Memorial Award for mentoring in Ornithology be created and administered by the SCO/SOC. Seconded by Lamothe. **Carried.**

9. ACE-ECO Journal status. Presentation by Francis.

Nocera: is there an exit strategy? Francis: 70K is available, so should be able to run for the 3 year agreement.

Whitaker: are they abstracted? Francis: thinks so, but not sure.

Barry Smith: can other material (such as data), be archived. Francis: it is an option that can be investigated.

Dunn: when a few issues are out, suggest getting the journal reviewed. Francis: promotion is an issue, so we should investigate.

Elliot: point of interest. Resilience Alliance, BSC and SCO-SOC have formally entered in to an agreement.

Hobson: can a regular e-mail reminder be available? Francis: you can set that up at the journal web site.

10. Web pages. Presentation by Otter. Asked for help with French translation.

11. 2005-2007 meeting locations.

2006: NAOC in Veracruz, 3-7 October 2006. Charles Francis is co-chair. 8 societies are involved.

2007: tentatively Edmonton.

12. Other Business.

Wildlife Publication Award for outstanding monograph. 2005 winners were SCO members, Fred Zwickel and Jim Bendell. Blue Grouse: Their biology and natural history.

Biographies of Canadian Ornithologists. Call for help, contact Savard or Francis.

Otter **moved** to adjourn meeting, seconded by Savard. **Carried** at 1740h.