

Society of Canadian Ornithologists – Société des ornithologistes du Canada AGM minutes

Location: Fountain Commons, Acadia University

Date: July 18 2015

Council member Attending/Présents: Greg Mitchell, Matt Reudink, Joe Nocera, Darroch Whittaker, Junior Tremblay, Ken Otter + 23 SCO-SOC members

Council members Regrets/Absents: Laura Tranquilla, Laura McKinnon, Lance Laviolette, Dan Mennill, David Green, Barbara Frei, Kyle Elliott, Alex Bond, Greg Robertson

Meeting called to order by Otter at 12:18

1) Welcome | Mot de Bienvenue (Otter)

Welcome to SCO-SOC members.

2) Review of Agenda/Révision de l'agenda (Otter)

Motion: To accept agenda order and items (moved by Otter, seconded by Whittaker)

3) Acceptance of 2014 minutes /Acceptation des minutes de 2014 (Otter)

Motion: To accept 2014 meeting minutes (moved by Reudink, seconded by Dunn)

4) 2015 SCO meeting update/ Mise à jour du de la réunion de 2015 (Otter)

Thanks expressed to conference organizers on behalf of SCO-SOC. Current meeting going great.

Action item | élément d'action : Detailed membership secretary's report to be provided.

5) President's Report /Rapport du Président (Otter on behalf of Robertson)

SCO-SOC currently has \$75 000 balance. Need volunteers for judging presentation awards and student activities at future meetings. SCO-SOC agreed to be partner in joint AOU and COS meeting at Michigan State University in 2017. SCO-SOC approached to be partner in IOC in Vancouver in 2018. Robertson has been working with Ornithological Council permitting for mailing samples across provincial and international borders; should have some results in a year's time.

By-laws were last updated in 2008. By-laws recently reviewed and no major changes proposed with the exception of increasing the number of council members to 14-17. Change requires ratification vote with 2/3rd majority for acceptance. Will vote at 2016 NAOC meeting and an email vote, as vote requires participation from whole society.

6) ACE-ECO Journal Committee/Editors report (Koper)

ACE-ECO is now 10 years old. New Editors (Norris and Hobson). Rapid response time (6 weeks from submission). New methodology section. Looking for new people volunteers for Editorial Committee. Otter – encouraged SCO-SOC members and other societies to submit as it is an affordable open-access journal.

7) Committee Reports / Rapport des comités (Otter)

All standing committees require new members, including Speirs (chair, and 1 or 2 additional members), Journal Committee (co-chair and 1 member), student awards (chair and 1 member), student affairs (currently inactive). Otter – still struggling to get Speirs award nominations.

8) Treasurer's Report/Rapport du Trésorier (Reudink)

Proposed increase in contribution to Ornithological Council from \$250 to \$500. SCO-SOC loaned ~\$16 000 to NAOC 2012 and should be receiving loan back shortly, and likely to receive extra money from profit sharing arrangement. Discussed laddering GICs to maximize return and accessibility of funds.

Motion: To accept treasurer's report (moved by Koper, seconded by Barber)

9) Membership Secretary's Report / Rapport du secrétariat au sujet des adhésions

Action item | élément d'action: Otter to ask Lavolette to send report to membership.

10) *Picoides* Editor's Report/ Rapport de l'Éditeur de *Picoides*

Action item | élément d'action: Otter to ask Warnock to send report to membership.

11) Committee Reports / Rapport des comités (round 2; Otter)

Student affair committee is inactive. Nominations needed for Speirs award needed. Need better effort to encourage student memberships. Tremblay to sit on ACE-ECO committee. Koper, Francis, and Tozer looking to step down from ACE-ECO committee. Current committee members for Jamie Smith award are Clarke, Otter, Robertson, and Pomeroy. Current chair for student research and travel awards is Karen Wiebe, but would also like to step down. Otter – made special acknowledgement of Ornithological Council work regarding permitting and Animal Care.

12) Other business/Autres affaires

Whittaker stressed the importance of constantly working to engage Francophone community in SCO-SOC because we are a national society.

Martin – suggests SCO-SOC should recruit student members to announce student activities and events. Journal committee recently engaged two students as volunteer social media contributors for ACE-ECO (now operational). SCO-SOC could entertain a similar model.

Elliott (Richard) – suggests the importance of being present and a partner at the IOC in Vancouver.

Nocera – raised concern about only two issues of *Picoides* this year.

Action item | élément d'action: Otter to follow up with Bond about ACE-ECO social media members.

13) Adjournment/Ajournement

Motion: To adjourn meeting at 12:58 (moved by Mitchell, seconded by Tremblay).