# Minutes of the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting of The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club 14 January 2003

Place and time: Victoria Memorial Building, Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Ontario, 7:30 pm

Chairperson: Eleanor Zurbrigg, President

Attendance: Forty-four persons attended the meeting.

Attendees spent the first half-hour reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting, the Treasurer's report and the Report of Council. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm with some opening remarks from Eleanor Zurbrigg, the President.

## 1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Under the report of the Nominating Committee, Ron Bedford's name was mispelled.

It was moved by Roy John and seconded by Diane Lepage, that the minutes be accepted as amended.

(Motion Carried)

### 2. Business Arising from the Minutes

We are not receiving the annual reports from the Trinidad and Tobago Naturalists' Club, although we are getting their newsletters

Concerning the Soiree, both the Excursions and Lectures Committee and the Education and Publicity Committee are working on re-vamping the Soiree.

## 3. Communications Relating to the Annual Business Meeting

There were no communications relating to the Annual Business Meeting.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Frank Pope reviewed the financial report for the year ending September 30, 2002, noting that the Club's net assets had increased by \$38,274. As a result of the fund-raising campaign begun in April, 2002, the OFNC was able to send \$55,000 to the Nature Conservancy to help with the purchase of land in the Alfred Bog. The Club also contributed \$1000 to the Nature Conservancy toward the purchase of the Cameron Ranch in the Carden alvar.

Moved by Frank Pope and seconded by Ron Bedford that the Financial Report be accepted. (Motion Carried)

## **5. Committee Reports**

Eleanor Zurbrigg introduced each of the Committee reports and a representative of the appropriate Committee and asked for questions and comments. She thanked the committee chairs and committee members for their work over the past year. She also mentioned that Frank Pope and Bill Cody each received Queen's Jubilee medals this year.

Moved by Dave Hobden, seconded by Roy John, that the reports as amended be accepted. (Motion Carried)

#### 6. Nomination of the Auditor

Moved by Frank Pope, seconded by Bill Cody, that Janet Gehr continue as Auditor for another year. (Motion Carried)

## 7. Report of the Nominating Committee

Fenja Brodo expressed thanks to Eleanor Zurbrigg (President), Roy John (Vice-President) and the rest of Council on behalf of the club.

President Garry McNulty Vice President Mike Murphy Vice President Gillian Marston Secretary Susan Laurie Bourque Treasurer Frank Pope Eleanor Zurbrigg Past President **Business Manager** Bill Cody Editor, CFN Francis Cook

Editor, T&L Karen McLachlan Hamilton

#### Committee Chairs

Birds Chris Traynor Computers Janet Castle Conservation Stan Rosenbaum E&P John Cameron E&L Roy John Finance Louise Schwartz **FWG** David Hobden Macoun rep Barbara Gaertner Membership Dave Smythe Ron Bedford Publications FON Rep Cendrine Huemer

## Members at large

Charlie Clifford Kathy Conlan Marcel Gahbauer Diane Lepage

#### **Chairs not on Council**

Awards Ernie Brodo Macoun Rob Lee Nominations Fenja Brodo

Retiring from the Council: Allison, Moore, McBride,

Roach, Goddard, Holmes

New on the Council: Castle, Traynor, Huemer,

Murphy, Bourque, Gahbauer

Moved by Fenja Brodo, seconded by Frank Pope, that the slate of nominations for the 2003 Council be accepted.

(Motion Carried)

## 8. New Business

There was no new business.

## 9. Presentation by the Excursions and Lectures Committee

Roy John and Philip Martin gave an often-humorous presentation on their experiences on field trips over the years. Roy mentioned that the Committee is always looking for speakers and trip leaders, as well as suggestions for trips and topics. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Roy John.

#### 10. Adjournment

Moved by Diane Lepage, seconded by Lee Cairney that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 pm.

(Motion Carried)

KEN ALLISON Recording Secretary

## The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club Committee Reports for 2002

#### Alfred Bog Fund Raising Ad Hoc Committee

The Committee was formed after the Nature Conservancy of Canada announced that it had taken an option to purchase 3000 acres in Alfred Bog. The purchase price was \$2,500,000 the cost to be shared equally by the Federal Government, Ontario government and private donations. Most of the funds raised by the Committee came from an appeal to the members in a letter from President Eleanor Zurbrigg. The option was taken up by the Nature Conservancy in October but a loan was required to reach the full amount. The Committee then disbanded. I am pleased to report that in the first week of October the OFNC contributed \$55,000 toward the purchase.

FRANK POPE

#### **Awards Committee**

The Awards Committee met in January to consider nominations made for the various OFNC Awards. During the following weeks and months, numerous communications were held by e-mail and Canada Post as well as by phone. As a result of our deliberations, the following awards for the year 2001 were presented at the OFNC's Annual Soirée, which took place 26 April 2002.

## HONORARY MEMBER

**Dr. John B. Theberge**: for his ecological studies of wolves, his work in establishing parks, and outsanding books on Canadian natural history.

### MEMBER OF THE YEAR

**Eve D. Ticknor**: for her work on Falcon Watch as well as other birding activities of special importance.

## GEORGE McGEE SERVICE AWARD

**Fenja Brodo**: for her ten years of serving as an outstanding editor of *Trail & Landscape*.

#### ANNE HANES NATURAL HISTORY AWARD

**Robert Bracken and Christina Lewis:** for their remarkable studies and publications on the dragonflies and damselflies of the Ottawa Region.

#### CONSERVATION AWARD - MEMBER

**David White:** for his important studies of the vascular plants of the Ottawa Region leading to the preservation of ecologically sensitive lands.

## CONSERVATION AWARD - NON-MEMBER

The Land Preservation Society of the Ottawa Valley (and presented to their President, Marc Stabb): for the Society's unrelenting and ultimately successful struggle to save Gillies Grove, a magnificent old growth forest in Arnprior.

The Committee also dealt with a few other community awards on behalf of the OFNC, including the Golden Jubilee Medal nominations in July, 2002. Our nomination resulted in a medal being given to E. Franklin Pope for his many and varied services to the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club over many years.

## **Birds Committee**

The Birds Committee participated jointly with the Club des Ornithologues de l'Outaouais to run successful Christmas Bird Counts at the end of 2001. Plans are in place for 2002 counts. We also had a well-attended fall bird count in October 2002. We ran the Peregrine Falcon Watch at the downtown Ottawa nest site, which attracted many volunteers and club members. We anticipate running a watch in 2003. The Bird Records Sub-committee met during the year to review records of rare birds for the area. Results of their work will appear in an upcoming Trail & Landscape. Representing a culmination of hard work for the sub-committee, we are about to publish a revised version of the former, popular "blue checklist" for recording bird species seen in the field in the Ottawa 50 km circle. The second year of surveying for the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas 2nd edition was a great success with all our region's squares being covered by an eager team of volunteers. Our seed-a-thon raised around \$850.00 for the club's bird feeders, which continue to be popular for both birds and humans. Our bird study group held several sessions during the year which were well-attended. In 2002 for the first time we combined an indoor session with an outdoor field trip, to practice identifying waterfowl from a distance. We continue to operate the rare bird alert telephone tree and the Ottawa Bird Status Line, which is a recorded telephone message providing current bird sightings. In 2002 we upgraded the status line to a more technologically appropriate telephone system.

B. McBride

## **Computer Management Committee**

No report.

### **Conservation Committee**

## Appearances at hearings:

The committee represented the OFNC at meetings of the City of Ottawa Planning and Development Committee on (1) Leitrim Wetland zoning revisions for development, (2) Preliminary Draft Official Plan.

Frank Pope will speak in support on 18 November 2002 at a special tribunal on Alfred Bog, regarding requirement for Water Taking Permits.

## Brittania Greening Project (at Brittania Water Filtration Plant):

A site plan is being prepared by the City. Cooperation between City staff, consultant Dan Brunton, OFNC (Diane Holmes, Christine Hanrahan) and the Regina Street School will put emphasis on native species for compatibility with adjoining significant wetlands and woodlands.

#### Appointments to study/ focus groups:

Kathy Conlan is representing the OFNC at the Lower Rideau Watershed Study Community Focus Group 16-month study

Bill Royds is representing the OFNC at the Sawmill Creek Watershed Study (about 1 km north of Leitrim wetlands).

#### Richmond Conservation Area Management Team:

Our re-nomination of Robert Marler was rejected because we declined to submit the names of two nominees. The new rules were applied to all nominations, but were quite obviously set up to allow the City to reject a certain individual (not the OFNC nominee).

## Donations from OFNC (other than Alfred Bog Fund expenses):

\$1,000 was contributed in late 2001 or early 2002 to Lac Leamy Coalition (a Quebec group named CREDDO) in support of stopping a golf course on NCC land adjacent to these significant wetlands. (Golf course was stopped);

\$1,000 was contributed to the Nature Conservancy of Canada in support of acquiring Carden Alvar.

A few of the other meetings attended by CC members included: City of Ottawa Environment Committee Workshop, NCC Workshop on Mer Bleue, Ottawa Forests Advisory Committee Workshop, Natural Sports Turf (Larry Pegg) two meetings.

## Alfred Bog Fund

Contributions made via OFNC for this fund reached \$52,500 by early October, from 257 donations. Overall contributions (including from OFNC donors) to Nature Conservancy of Canada reached about \$620,000, leaving a shortfall of about \$200,000 still to be raised.

S. ROSENBAUM

#### **Education and Publicity Committee**

- Following one of the suggestions in the Carleton University Students' Communications Plan, a new design for the membership brochure was developed with the help of Theo van Ulft of Van Ulft Designs. One thousand new brochures were printed by Photoset Group, Canotek Road, in June 2002. These brochures are being more widely distributed in museums and nature stores.
- With the help of 16 volunteer OFNC members, the Committee staffed the OFNC booth at the Carlingwood Wildlife Festival, April 12-14.
- 3. The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club presents 3 Natural History Awards annually at the Ottawa Regional Science Fair. The awards consist of a cash prize of \$50.00 and a one-year membership in the Club. The Committee finds judges for this event, who this year were Dr. Kathy Conlan and Stan Rosenbaum.
- 4. The Committee staffed a booth at the annual meeting of the Canadian Nature Federation at Carleton University in June. Although the booth was downstairs from the registration area, there was good interest shown by the delegates.
- 5. OFNC booths were staffed at a variety of events such as Earth Day, Sparks Street Mall, and the Richmond Fair.
- From the proceeds of the Sale Table, \$300.00 was given to the Club, and \$58.00 was given to the Alfred Bog Fund.

P. PETERKIN

#### **Excursions and Lectures Committee**

The Excursions & Lectures committee (E&L) organized 9 evening sessions, the annual general meeting and 24 field trips, including one bus trip. In addition, the club held its annual soiree and awards presentation night. The OFNC joined the Canadian Nature Federation in preparing for the CNF AGM held in Ottawa. The E&L committee formed a

special group headed by John Bennet and Irwin Brodo to organize the field trips for this conference. As we were tumbled into this project very late in the year the club owes these two people and those that supported them a strong vote of thanks. Not only did they work rapidly and diligently, they produced an excellent program. I have expressed my concern to the CNF Director about the lack of time for preparation and the split responsibilities that resulted.

Through the Education and Publicity Committee E&L received a Carleton University Student report on our activities. This report reviewed our program and made comments and suggestions. The E&L Committee has evaluated the report and we are taking action on the ideas presented and number of suggestions spawned by the report.

During the year Carleton Bus Lines, an organization we have dealt with for many years, went out of business. We have now made similar arrangements with Thom Bus Lines to provide a similar service and this is working well.

During the year some E&L members resigned and we have recruited three new people as replacements. One of these people, Phil Jeffries, has taken on the soiree as a special project and is making excellent progress. The club has now re-established its link with the tour operator in Leamington and will be running its traditional spring trip to Point Pelee in the spring.

R. John

#### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee has not met in the past year.

E. Zurbrigg

#### **Finance Committee**

The Committee reviewed the 2001-2 financial statement before it was presented to Council and the Annual Business Meeting. In March it considered dues for 2003 and advised the Council to make no changes. In September, the Chair tabled a draft budget for 2002-3 which was approved for the October meeting of the Council. During the year, the Committee advised the Council on the financial implications associated with OFNC support for the Taverner Cup competition and fund raising to support the acquisition of 3000 acres in Alfred Bog.

LOUISE SCHWARTZ

## Fletcher Wildlife Garden Committee

The Fletcher Wildlife Garden has completed another successful year despite a shortage of leaders for some activities. Volunteers contributed well over 2000 hours of their time. The Management Committee met monthly except in December.

The Bill Holland Trail was improved by doing our own mowing along it. Individual volunteers are looking after specific beds of the backyard garden after the manager stepped down. Invasive plant control is still a problem. The City of Ottawa provided a grant to buy tools to remove buckthorn and plants to replace it. The swallow-wort research project has not provided any magic solutions so the worst areas were mowed in August. Hand pulling of swallow-wort and garlic mustard continued in the Old (Ash) Wood lot. In order to maintain the old field area in an early state of regeneration it was mowed in the Fall. Several young black walnut trees have nuts on them for the first time.

A grant enabled us to have a summer student employee from mid-June to late August. He was able to keep the Interpretation Centre open much of the time and meet visitors as well as doing outside work and observations. Our web site now contains a series of "fun facts" which he created for junior visitors.

Volunteers also opened the Interpretation Centre on Sunday afternoons from May to October. We had displays at the Wildlife Festival and at the Museum of Nature at the start of the Green Legacy Exhibition. We provided tours for two Museum of Nature activities and an Open House for the Canadian Nature Federation Annual Meeting in June.

Summer 2002 saw some welcome media attention, ranging from an article in local community newspapers to a CBC radio feature and filming for two television programs to be shown on the PBS network and Discovery Channel.

The Taverner Cup was held at the end of May with 14 teams and 58 people participating and OFNC acting as a sponsor. About \$3000 was distributed to a variety of ecological causes.

D. HOBDEN

#### **Macoun Field Club Committee**

The Committee met only once during the year, rather than every two months as formerly. All planning for the children's weekly meetings was carried out by individuals, rather than the group. As usual, however, Committee members supervised all 48 indoor meetings, and led the 17 field trips and 2 camping trips.

Indoor meetings introduced the children and high-school students to basic matters, like note-keeping, and to issues such as deforestation, developed identification skills through workshops, and explored a variety of natural history topics from around the world.

The field trips enabled members to develop a general familiarity with the region's natural history, and with the natural environment itself as a place to be at home regardless of season and weather. There was a continued focus on two primary destinations: the Macoun Club's nature study area in Stony Swamp, and Mary Stuart's lands in the Pakenham Hills. The one place is for study, the other for exploration.

Macoun members themselves produced a monthly newsletter and published the annual 100-page Little Bear magazine, with minimal supervision. Both Club and Committee members contributed substantially to the Club's web site, which now features accounts of the expert presentations heard at indoor meetings, summaries of study-area research, and updates on former members and leaders.

R. LEE

#### **Membership Committee**

The distribution of memberships for 2002 is shown in the table (below), with the comparable numbers for 2001 in brackets. These statistics do not include five complimentary memberships awarded to winners of the 2002 Science Fair competition nor the 23 affiliate organizations which receive copies of the Club's publications.

This year, the Club lost one of its most distinguished members with the death of W. Earl Godfrey, former ornithologist at the Canadian Museum of Nature, and a member and active participant in Club activities since 1947.

D. SMYTHE

## Disbribution of Memberships in The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club

	Canadian				Foreign					
Type	Local		Other		USA		Other		Total	
Family	340	(345)	29	(31)	1	(3)	2	(2)	372	(381)
Individual	345	(366)	120	(121)	26	(22)	5	(4)	496	(513)
Honorary	15	(17)	9	(8)	0	(0)	0	(0)	24	(25)
Life	21	(21)	21	(22)	5	(5)	1	(1)	48	(49)
Sustaining	8	(8)	3	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	11	(10)
Total	729	(757)	182	(184)	32	(30)	8	(7)	951	(978)

## **Publications Committee**

The Publications Committee met twice in 2002.

Three issues of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* were published in 2002: Volume 115, #3, 4 and Volume 116, #1. These three issues contained 558 pages; 31 articles; 19 notes; 18 COSEWIC articles; 57 book reviews; 268 new titles; 1 commemorative tribute; 19 pages of News and Comment; and a 33 page index. Long-time Associate Editor for ornithology, Earl Godfrey, died in June. Two new Associate Editors were appointed: Mr. David Nagorsen (B.C.) (mammals), and Dr. Donald McAlpine (New Brunswick Museum) (several fields). One article qualified for financial support from the Manning

Memorial Fund, for a total of nine to date. The publication schedule slipped badly in 2002, falling almost one year behind, causing dissatisfaction for some contributors and adversely affecting the journal's reputation. Steps taken to remedy this situation include getting editorial and proof-reading assistance for the Editor.

Volume 36 of *Trail & Landscape* was published in four issues containing 160 pages with the usual mix of articles. Council was advised of budgeting problems with T&L for the past two or three years.

R. Bedford

## **Auditor's Report**

To The Members of The Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club

I have audited the balance sheet of THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB as at September 30, 2002, the statement of changes in net assets, and the statements of operations. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these statements based on my audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many non-profit organizations, the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club derives some of its revenue from memberships, donations, and fund raising activities. These revenues are not readily susceptible to complete audit verification, and accordingly, my verification was limited to accounting for the amounts reflected in the records of the organization.

In my opinion, except for the effect of the adjustments, if any, which I might have determined to be necessary had I been able to satisfy myself concerning the completeness of the revenues referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the OFNC as at September 30, 2002, and the results of its operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

JANET M. GEHR Chartered Accountant

North Gower, Ontario January 11, 2003 The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club Balance Sheet September 30, 2002

Assets	2002	2001
ASSETS		
Current Cash (Note 1)	\$ 71,087 84,790 235,758 7,238 1,000 399,873	\$ 50,760 110,219 194,234 5,386 1,000 361,599
Capital Assets (Note 3)	_	-
Land – Alfred Bog	3,348	3,348
:	\$ 403,221	\$ 364,947
LIABILITIES AND FUND B	ALANCES	
CURRENT Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred revenue	, ,	\$ 2,000 <u>13,788</u> 15,788
Life memberships		11,721
NET ASSETS  Unrestricted Club reserve Manning principal Manning interest - OFNC - CFN Seedathon Anne Hanes memorial de Kiriline-Lawrence Macoun Baillie Birdathon Alfred Bog	80,325 100,000 100,000 1,963 13,179 2,087 870 23,975 1,327 52,274 376,000 \$403,221	99,427 100,000 100,000 2,186 8,225 1,569 870 24,553 (7) 615 337,438 \$ 364,947

## The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club Statement of Operations For the Year Ended September 30, 2002

## The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club Canadian Field-Naturalists — Statement Of Operations For the Year Ended September 30, 2002

	2002	2001	2002	2001
REVENUE			REVENUE	
Memberships	\$ 15,488	\$ 15,675	Memberships	\$ 10,447
Trail and Landscape	196	266	Subscriptions	28,869
Interest	1,457	2,203	Reprints 5,608	10,654
GST rebate	4,532	2,203	Publication charges	30,212
Other	760	984	Interest and exchange 10,404	17,386
	22,433	19.128	GST rebate	_
		19,126	Other	330
OPERATING EXPENSES			75,419	97,898
Affiliation fees	680	455		
Computer	216	534	EXPENSES	
Membership	1,437	1,365	Publishing 61,570	35,108
Office assistant	1,000	1,000	Reprints 4,127	9,430
Telephone	1,848	1,593	Circulation	7,942
Insurance	655	688	Editing 2,652	3,628
Audit	1,000	1,000	Office Assistant 5,000	5,000
GST	1,316	1,505	Honoraria 9,000	6,000
Other	2,847	782	GST 5,146	3,867
	10,999	8,922	Other	1,028
			_95,569	72,003
CLUB ACTIVITY EXPENSES			EXCESS EXPENSES OVER	
Awards	471	280	REVENUE	\$ 25,895
Birds	223	466		
Education and Publicity	1,322	182		
Excursions and lectures	164	(311)		
Macoun Field Club	1,027	955		
Soiree	466	65		
Trail and Landscape Fletcher Wildlife Garden	9,088	8,794		
(Note 4)	1,294	(2,281)		
Other		265		
	14.055			
	14,055	8,415		
	25,054	17,337		
EXCESS EXPENSES OVER				
REVENUE	\$ (2,621)	\$ 1,791		

# The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club Notes to the Financial Statements September $30,\,2002$

September 50, 2002				
1. CASH			2002	2001
Chequing Savings Nesbitt Burns Fletcher Wildlife Garden			\$ 5,589 58,336 919 5,868	\$ 3,358 36,984 4,265 6,153
			\$ 70,712	\$ 50,760
Investment Certificates:	Maturity Value	Maturity Date	Yield	Book Value
	\$ 20,180 21,644 43,303	11/29/02 12/30/02 04/30/03	1.00% 1.00% 1.00%	\$ 20,148 21,590 43,052 \$ 84,790
				\$ 64,770
2. MARKETABLE SECURITIES	Maturity Value	Maturity Date	Yield	Book Value
Ontario Savings Bonds Province of Manitoba Coupon Ontario Savings Bonds CMHC Global Debs Province of Ontario Bond Province of Newfoundland Bond Government of Canada Coupon Province of New Brunswick Bond	20,000 29,847 40,000 \$ 52,000 30,000 20,000 30,167 20,000	06/21/03 11/15/04 06/21/05 12/01/06 09/12/07 10/07/08 12/01/09 06/15/10	6.5% 5.119% 6.45% 5.250% 6.125% 6.263% 5.605% 6.231%	\$ 20,712 26,754 41,370 53,539 31,187 20,538 20,590 21,068
3. CAPITAL ASSETS Equipment at a cost of \$16,748 is fully amounts.	ortized			\$235,758
4. FLETCHER WILDLIFE GARDEN				
REVENUE			2002	2001
Federal government			\$ 3,059	\$ 3,055
City of Ottawa			1,450	-
Taverner Cup Sales			1,354 872	1,307
GST			398	_
Donations			292	_
Other				3,955
			7,425	8,317
EXPENSES			2 174	2 220
Program Backyard			3,174 1,123	3,220 311
Habitats			1,864	51
Interpretation centre			783	226
Administration			1,048	1,119
Publications GST			337 303	_
Library			87	22
Other				1,087
			8,719	6,036
			\$ 1,294	\$ 2,281 <b>5.</b>

The Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club Stat	ement Of Changes In Net Assets
For the Year Ended September 30, 2002	(Note 5)

Net Assets	Beginning Balance	Excess Expenses CFN	Excess Expenses OFNC	Other Revenue	Expenses	Ending Balance
Unrestricted	\$ 99,427	\$ (20,150)	\$ (2,621)	\$ 3,669	\$ -	\$ 80,325
Club Reserve	100,000	_	_	_	_	100,000
Manning Principal	100,000	_	_	_	_	100,000
Manning – OFNC (a)	2,186	_	_	1,268	1,491	1,963
Manning – CFN (b)	8,225	_	_	5,074	120	13,179
Seedathon	1,569	_	_	1,086	568	2,087
Anne Hanes Memorial	870	_	_	_	_	870
de Kirilin-Lawrence (c)	24,553	_	_	478	1,056	23,975
Macoun Baillie Birdathor	n (d) (7)	_	_	1,334	_	1,327
Alfred Bog (e)	615	_	_	51,659	_	52,274
·	\$ 337,438	\$ (20,150)	\$ (2,621)	\$ 64,568	\$ 3,235	\$ 376,000

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

- a) Taverner Competition, \$1,250; Peregrine Watch, \$241;
- b) CFN Vol. 115, No. 3, pp. 515-6, "Observation of a Golden Eagle attack on a Harlequin Duck", Heath, et al.;
- c) Contribution toward purchase of Cameron Ranch on the Carden Plain alvar, \$1,000;
- d) Canadian Nature Federation, \$1,035, Baillie Birdathon, \$299;
- e) As a result of the fund raising campaign begun in April 2002, in October 2002, \$55,000 was sent to the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

## The Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

September 30, 2002

#### Nature of Business

The organization is non-profit and incorporated under the laws of Ontario (1884). The organization promotes the appreciation, preservation, and conservation of Canada's natural heritage. It encourages investigation and publishes the results of the research in all fields of natural history and diffuses information on these fields as widely as possible. It also supports and cooperates with other organizations engaging in preserving, maintaining or restoring environments of high quality for living things.

## 2. Financial Instruments

The organization's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, marketable securities, and accounts payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is the management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency, or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these instruments approximate their carrying values.

#### 3. Capital Assets

Capital assets acquired after 1989 are expensed. Capital assets acquired prior to 1990 were recorded as assets at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis. These assets have been fully amortized.

#### 4. Statement of Changes in Financial Position

A statement of changes in financial position has not been provided as it would not provide additional meaningful information.

#### 5. Foreign Currency

Transactions during the year in U.S. dollars have been converted in the accounts to Canadian dollars at the exchange rate effective at the date of the transaction. All monetary assets in U.S. dollars at year end have been converted to Canadian dollars at the rate effective on Sept. 30, 2002.

Gains or losses resulting therefrom are included in revenue or expenses.