

Society for Conservation Biology
Kingston Chapter
Meeting Minutes
Start Time- 2:30 PM

February 27th, 2013

General

- Website has been updated with all current information and minutes from the meetings.
- Approximately \$70 was generated from the bake sale and flower sales on February 14th and 15th.

Sustainability and Butterfly Garden

- Two to three weeks from now, visit greenhouse and plot some of the seedlings and they will hopefully bloom and place in the butterfly garden.

Social Committee

- N/A

Education & Programs Committee

- Fish and Frogs unable to run in the public school board due to the strike
 - Big Brother, Big Sister – participate in one of their community events

Issues Committee

- E-mail from a former city councilor, would appreciate if SCB would submit a comment to the city about the issue. A proposed parkland by-law has not ever changed; no uniform by-law for the entire area. Wish for comments about what SCB thinks of the changes that they are wishing to make. Looks at the size of parkland needed for the residential complex size (ie. Minimum 5% residential, 2% commercial) and if not the city is paid to purchase another natural area.
 - Issue – can apply to have yours removed with no penalty on a case to case bases. Reduces cost for developers, using green space as a bargaining tool.
- Conservation Authority supported the removal of ponds and the expansion of another in order to create the new Empire movie theatre in Kingston.

Photo Contest Committee

- Poster advertising committee was placing posters around campus.
- Not many pictures have been received, but we hope for many more to come in by Saturday, March 2nd, 2013.
- Other opportunities for photos: QUIC, 307 field courses, the biology grads, all online Facebook groups.

- Speaker for the photo contest on March 8th.
- Prizes for each category have been selected and finished.

Advertising Committee

- Continue with advertising for the photo contest.

Feature Creature

- Crow: high cognitive ability – perceptions, emotion, memory and tool use
 - Nidopallium, functionally equivalent to the neocortex in chimps and humans
 - Jungle crow – still hangers in Japan and make nests, they can only fit in individual nest. Also, use cars to crack nuts and station themselves beside pedestrian crosswalks which is safer for retrieval.
 - New Caledonian Crow – use stick to get smaller stick to retrieve food, illustrated strong memory. Only species that can makes hooks out of tools. Show cumulative cultural evolution (evolve tools through time and generations).
 - “A Murder of Crows” recommended documentary.

End of meeting- 3:13 PM