

Society for Conservation Biology  
Kingston Chapter  
Meeting Minutes  
Start Time- 11:32 AM

## **September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

### **General**

- Brief overview of the positions available on the executive committee as well as the different committees.
- Sign-up for different committees and figuring out who would like to be co-chairs.

### **Sustainability and Butterfly Garden**

- Garbage clean up in the butterfly gardens, getting them ready for the winter, removing metal signs, collecting seeds.
- When to do this clean up? – First week of November?

### **Social Committee**

- Halloween Party – tickets, costume contest, raffle, the weekend before Halloween
- Bio trivia night fundraiser – have bio themed questions

### **Education & Programs Committee**

- Nature hike planning
  - Last year did routes one and two, but should we make it larger?
  - Select specific dates and who to include?
    - Just our group and turn it into a picnic

### **Issues Committee**

- Save Ontario's Bees
  - Importance of Bees
    - 1/3 food supply relies on pollination, influence ecological relationships
  - Status of Ontario's bees
    - Colony collapse disorder, neonicotinoid pesticides
  - Neonicotinoid pesticides
    - Leach into soils, groundwater, waterways
    - Persistent
    - Europe has already banned
  - What can SCB do?
    - Circulate petitions, raise awareness with farmers, write letters to government officials, stickers on the seed packets sold

**Photo Contest Committee**

- None this week.

**Advertising Committee**

- None this week.

**Feature Creature**

- None this week.

End of meeting- 12:24 PM