



October 1, 2010

Memo To : Club Members of the Rideau Valley Field Naturalists

From : Members of the Executive, Rideau Valley Field Naturalists

The following is a summary of the actions taken by the Executive as per the amendment to the motion put forward at the general meeting held on September 12, 2010. The amendment stated that the Club should pause (with no further monthly general meetings) rather than terminate and that amalgamation with another club be explored:

- An Executive meeting was held Monday, September 20th to discuss a course of action in response to the amendment
- The General Meeting reservations for 2010 – 2011 at the Perth Pool Multi-Use Room have been cancelled
- All expenses of the Annual Banquet held Thursday, September 23rd and other outstanding items will be paid
- The remaining quantities of maple syrup purchased as guest speaker gifts have been sold
- Books donated for fundraising for the club were displayed and distributed at the banquet. Remaining books will be donated to another charitable/non-profit group
- Our annual membership in Ontario Nature will not be renewed
- The Club's liability insurance will not be renewed
- The P O Box will not be renewed. When it expires in January 2011, Judy Buehler will receive future mailings at her personal address
- Membership dollars already received for the current membership year (5 fees) will be returned
- Murray Hunt will retain signing authority for the Club's financial affairs until an appropriate resolution has been reached
- Jim Atack has agreed to audit the Club's finances
- Judy Buehler has contacted the president of the MVFN and will enter into discussion with her (Joyce Clinton) regarding a potential amalgamation of clubs at a date mutually convenient in the near future
- The group presently caring for the Butterfly Garden under the direction of Eric Wilson will continue as they have been, organizing fall cleanup and winter preparations at the garden site
- Jean Griffin will continue to alert the membership via email of activities being lead by our members or by other clubs which may be of interest to you. She will also receive your sightings and will continue to update the list **Birds Reported in Rideau Valley Field Naturalists Area** copies of which may be obtained by contacting her at 264-8411 or birder13@bell.net

The executive will send out memos to inform the membership as further actions are taken or developments occur. Meanwhile, your contacts are: Judy Buehler – goodlife@ripnet.com or 264-8856, Frank Roy – froy@ripnet.com or 264-8856, Murray & Karen Hunt – mkhunt@ripnet.com or 264-9273, and Jean Griffin as above