# **ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022**



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# MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FIELD NATURALISTS

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### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

It has been a year of many changes: meetings in groups of 5, 10, 25, 50 were permitted - then not, masks on, masks off, vaccines and boosters. But we made it!

One of the constants throughout the last year was the commitment of MVFN directors and committee members who continued to roll with the punches offering as much of the regular program as possible.

The Program Committee led by Denis Gallant produced seven well-orchestrated nature talks all on ZOOM; many of which were recorded for sharing with members who could not attend. The committee also proposed updating the club's audio-visual equipment for when we get back to inperson meetings. It was through their efforts that MVFN received a donation of \$2,500 from the Elizabeth Kelly Foundation which was put towards this equipment. The new equipment will also allow the committee to explore ways to offer hybrid meetings (i.e. in-person and virtual simultaneously).

Art Solomonian and his Paddling Committee organized seven trips. Managing to screen participants for COVID symptoms and re-arrange trip grouping to match size limits. In place of a canoe camp to wrap up the season, a day-trip paddle followed by a socially-distanced BBQ hosted by Suzanne Rebetez and her husband closed the program for the year.

The Birding Committee also saw its activities limited by COVID protocols. Early morning bird walks were not possible but a few volunteers walked the usual four trails and counted the species observed. The stats were recorded in eBird, and a report prepared by Michel Gauthier is posted on the MVFN website. Birders shared their expertise by participating in a number of citizenscience projects for other organizations: Christmas Bird Counts, Grasslands Project and the Breeding Bird Atlas.

Conservation and Habitat has re-stocked the inventory of Bluebird Houses and developed a roster of volunteers to assist with trail maintenance.

The club is blessed with a membership that embraces new ideas and technology. This is our second year holding meetings on ZOOM and attendance continued to match those of our inperson meetings. More members are also using iNaturalist to record their nature sightings; contributing to the record of bio-diversity in Lanark County. Ken Allison is able to use data from the project to illustrate his Nature Sighting and Denis mines the information for period reports.

ZOOM also allowed us to offer a number of workshops. Ken gave two Birding by Ear for expert birders participating in the Breeding Bird Atlas for Birds Canada. He also gave a series of five workshops last April called Introduction to Birding by Ear, followed by two refresher sessions this year. As a side note, Ken was asked by another field naturalist club to give the workshops to their members.

Technology also allowed us to auction off a collection of books donated by Linda Ready of Franktown. Normally, the club does not accept donation of materials as we have very limited

storage space. However, this collection was exceptional in its depth and breath. Those who purchased books will attested to their excellent condition. The few remaining books will be used to stock a Little Free Library at the Mill of Kintail. The Naismith Men's Shed is building the library for the conservation authority. It will be installed on the porch at the Gatehouse where everyone can "borrow" or "donate" books related to nature.

Recognizing that work experience related to the natural sciences is hard to come by, the board of directors agreed to co-fund a summer student position at the Wild Bird Care Centre for a student from Lanark County. If a qualified post-secondary student is found they will speak to the membership about their goals and experience. Assisting local organizations to provide real paid work experience like this will complete MVFN's support of youth from elementary level through to graduation.

### **Going Forward**

The board of directors hopes to be back in full swing in the coming year. Paddling has a number of day trips planned and have booked a group campsite for a weekend Paddle Camp in early September. Early morning bird walks have had a record number of participants and the three additional walks planned for this year will likely be as popular, Conservation and Habitat Committee is developing a planting plan to present to the municipality for approval.

Patty McLaughlin, the long-time coordinator for the Young Naturalists Program, has resigned to focus on her family and full-time job. She will be a hard act to follow. However, the Education Committee is confident Stephanie Cleland a Bio-Archaeologist with a Master's Degree an experience working with children will be able to continue this very successful program.

Following a review of MVFN's financial policies, two changes have been recommended for the Constitution and Bylaws related to the fiscal year and financial reviews. The Finance Committee will also be assessing a variety of membership software packages that have the potential to significantly reduce the amount to time required for administrative functions.

Last but not least, Brent Eades has re-designed the MVFN website and will launch it over the summer months.

This report is submitted by

Linda McCormick President

On behalf of the 2021-2022 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

First Vice President: Val Wilkinson

Second Vice President: George Yaremchuk

Past President: Patricia Enright

Treasurer: John Blais

Chair of Programs: Denis Gallant

Chair of Environmental Education: Bob Smith Chair of Conservation and Habitat: Paul Frigon

Chair of Membership: Sylvia Miller

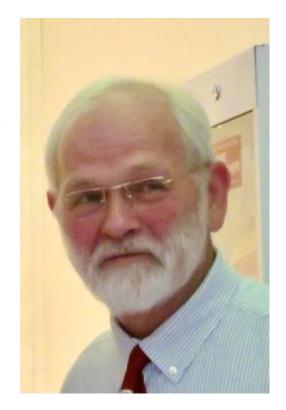
Chair of Nature Protection: Tineke Kuiper

Director at Large: Cliff Bennett

Chair of Paddling Committee: Art Solomonian

### **IN MEMORIUM**

Mike McPherson was a long time member of MVFN. He filled many roles within the club from committee chair, to president, to founding chair of the Nature Bursary Committee. He generously shared his time and experience with other members. We are richer for knowing him and MVFN benefitted greatly from his contributions.



### **PADDLING**

The Paddle Program had a successful year, with no rainouts, and 7 trips in total.

May was cancelled due to COVID concerns. In June, we had more registered than COVID would allow, so we split into two groups leaving half an hour apart. Thanks to John Willis for stepping up to lead the second group. By July, the registration room had opened up, but the trips were very popular and registration for most trips initially exceeded the maximum for the trip. In all cases, though, last minute cancellations allowed us to take everyone who was ready.

One issue that arose this year was more members looking for a canoe than there were people looking for partners. A few keen members had to accept the fact that they were not going to get out if they didn't find a partner themselves. With many trips building a waiting list, we will need to communicate that priority will be given to people who are equipped and ready to go.

We were pleased to see leaders step up who had not led before, or at least recently. Two new routes were explored this year that were not previously on our list.

In total, 47 members and guests took part in the program at least once during the summer.

Bird sightings were recorded and given to Cliff Bennett following each trip.

The Canoe Camp was cancelled again this year due to COVID concerns. Instead, we held a day-trip followed by a socially-distanced BBQ hosted by Suzanne Rebetez and her husband.

The committee organized a series of First Aid Courses that were open to all members, offered at a reduced rate by our own Stan Holloway. In all,15 members were trained in First Aid/CPR. Thanks to Brenda Boyd for all the organizing. There was an offer made that anyone who led an outing or served as the first aider on an outing would have their course fee reimbursed, but to date all leaders have generously declined the offer, donating it back to the club.

The sub-committee has already met for 2022, set the schedule and selected a number of routes to suggest to volunteer leaders. A notice to all members will be sent out following a brief announcement after this month's Nature Talk. We will be seeking leaders for the 7 day-trips, volunteers to help organize a Paddle Camp in Sept, and a volunteer to record all species, flowers etc. on iNaturalist.

Cliff and Art will have another look at the Leader's Guide (posted in the Day-trip folder in Drive) and we will review it with all leaders this season, either in a group video call or one-to-one.

Members of the Paddle Committee include Art Solomonian (Chair), Cliff Bennett, Denis Gallant, Brenda Boyd, and George Yaremchuk

### **BIRDING**

Despite the pandemic, the Birding Committee continued to be active in 2021/22. Due to COVID restrictions, the annual Wednesday morning Bird Walks in April were not open to the public for the second year in a row. A few volunteers walked the usual four trails and counted the species observed. The stats were recorded in eBird, and a report prepared by Michel Gauthier is posted on the MVFN website.

Ken Allison's five Zoom sessions on Birding by Ear, held in May and June 2021, were well attended. Due to their popularity, he is offering a follow-on series in 2022.

Four MVFN members participated in the Grassland Ontario Projects administered by the Lanark County Stewardship Council in 2021. The aim of the project is to monitor the health of grassland bird species. Two properties were involved: one in Perth and one in Carleton Place. A report, prepared by Michel Gauthier, is on the MVFN website.



Participants in the Grassland Ontario Project left to right: Iain Wilkes (MVFN), Steve Miller (Property Owner), Jane McCann (Property Owner), Anne Bendig (Lanark County Stewardship Council), Ken Allison (MVFN), Rémy Poulin (MVFN).

Photo by Michel Gauthier (MVFN).

Ken Allison and Michel Gauthier volunteered as expert birders at four Open Houses held each Wednesday afternoon in September at the Almonte Sewage Treatment Lagoon. The events were well-attended, although the numbers of birds and species observed were lower than in some years. Michel provided a summary report for 2021.

MVFN is the sponsor for three Christmas Bird Counts in December: Rideau Ferry, organized by Alison Bentley; Carleton Place, organized by Iain Wilkes; and Lanark, organized by Jeff Mills. MVFN volunteers took part in all three Christmas Bird Counts. The 2021 Carleton Place Christmas Bird Count report is on the MVFN website.

The Birding Committee also provided habitat and feed for the birds at the Almonte Lagoon property. A Purple Martin house was installed near the Mike McPhail Bird Viewing Shelter and two bird feeders were put up on the property, one on the woods trail and one at the Potvin observation tower. These feeders are filled regularly by MVFN volunteers.

The Committee met by Zoom in February 2022 to plan its activities for this year. COVID restrictions permitting, events will include the Birding by Ear workshops, the April early morning bird walks, the late spring bird walks in May and June, and the September Open Houses at the Almonte Lagoon. A press release was published and MVFN members will be informed of upcoming events on the website and by email.

Members of the Birding Committee are Val Wilkinson (chair), Ken Allison, Cliff Bennett, Michel Gauthier, Rémy Poulin, Tim Pullen, Linda Bennett and Mary Robinson (secretary).

## **CONSERVATION AND HABITAT RESTORATION**

The committee coordinated several projects this past year including:

- · maintenance of the pathway to the Al Potvin Observation Tower and the cross-connection to the Mike McPhail Bird Viewing Shelter by Paul Frigon; both structures adjacent to the Almonte Lagoons a prime waterfowl location.
- · minor maintenance of the Gunn Creek Trail undertaken by Paul Frigon, Nick de Boer and Denis Gallant in late November: clearing some minor deadfall and pathway rerouting, in several locations, to bypass high deadfall and a steep slope. A spring maintenance tour will be organized.
- · MVFN supported the MLA *Annual Loon Survey*, again this year; the continuation of a longstanding relationship with the Mississippi Lake Association (MLA). Nick de Boer (MVFN), Jim Tye (MLA) and Doreen Donald (MLA) were the coordinating committee for the survey. Financial support for the boat operators was provided by MVFN; as well, MVFN volunteers participated as observers but on a limited basis due to COVID restrictions. A report prepared by Nick de Boer is available on the MVFN website. If all goes well, next year will return to normal and interested observers will once again be able to take part in the Loon Survey on Mississippi Lake.
- The development of a web based *MVFN Trails Guide* is on hold pending further assessment of the MVFN mandate and its role in trail promotion and development. It is most likely that a Guide will not be produced.
- · Over 20 volunteers for trail maintenance and Bluebird house construction were identified in November activities being planned for the Spring of 2022.
- · Bluebird House parts fabrication completed by Naismith Men's Shed in March
- · Chorus Frog Monitoring program underway for 2022 run by Blazing Star Environmental.

Members of the committee include Paul Frigon (chair), Nick de Boer and Denis Gallant.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The MVNF membership year begins 1 April and ends 31 March. The Membership List was most recently updated 31 March 2022.

Membership Year	Memberships	Members
2022/23	<b>109</b> (14new)	<b>182</b> (+2 corporate)
2021/22	<b>211</b> (19new,6 trial)	

As of 31 March 2022, there are **109** MVFN memberships (including 14 new memberships), and representing **182** members, and two corporate memberships. <u>116 additional memberships will lapse on 1 April 2022</u>, including 5 complementary Young Naturalists family memberships and 3 Youth Summit applicants. These numbers indicate a membership of (95 +116=) **211 memberships in 21/22.** 

Membership fees remain at \$35 per family; \$25 per individual; \$20 for seniors (65+); students \$10

This unusual year brought a number of changes to some MVFN programs, including Young Naturalists. "Trial" memberships were granted to (6) families who entered children to the modified YN program.

The auto-fill Membership Form with integrated PayPal function for collecting membership dues and donations (launched May 2018 on https://mvfn.ca/membership), is now the most popular choice for Membership application and renewal and for donations to the Club. Automated membership confirmations, and printable Membership cards and donation receipts remain under consideration for implementation.

The MVFN Membership spread sheet is used to mine member information to assist Committee Chairs in planning and in soliciting assistance.

Membership cards facilitate easy identification of current members and indicate Membership expiration date; cards are issued as soon as possible upon receipt of Membership application, and letters of welcome and copies of Club brochures are also sent to new members.

Name tags of members are normally kept current and will be available at future MVFN functions.

Membership Committee included Sylvia Miller (Chair), with assistance from Linda McCormick and George Yaremchuk.

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The committee continued to organize monthly virtual Nature Talks due to COVID restrictions. In total, we had seven very successful Nature Talk events using the Zoom platform. Most of the Talks were recorded and made available to members afterwards.

Toby Thorne - Acoustic Research on Bats: Can you hear what I hear?

Here's the year in review.

Apr 2021

May 2021

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<b>New Theme:</b>	<b>Human Interactions with the Natural World</b>
Sep 2021	Grant Linney - The Climate Emergency
Oct 2021	Dr. Cindy Chu - Fish Biodiversity and the Impact of Human Activities on
	Freshwater Fishes and Their Habitats
Nov 2021	Dr. Alexander Dececchi - How Birds Gained Flight and Took Over the
	World
Jan 2022	Dr. Peter Soroye - Key Biodiversity Areas: Mapping out Canada's Most
	Important Areas for Wildlife
Feb 2022	Dr. Steve Colombo - What is Climate Change Doing to Ontario's Forests?
Mar 2022	Dr. Heather Kharouba - Climate Change and the Timing of Species
	Interactions

Members' Night and AGM (see below for details)

The Members' Night in May 2021 was well attended. Ken Allison (Nature Sightings) Gord Harrison (Nature Solutions), Trish Larkin (Nature Bursary) and Kit Muma & Bruce Smith – iNaturalist Experiences (Otty Lake focus) shared their valuable experiences with fellow members.

Over the last year, the committee has been busy acquiring a new set of audio/visual equipment for when we get back to in-person meetings in the Almonte United Church hall. We are grateful to the Elizabeth Kelly Foundation for donating \$2500 to MVFN to put towards this equipment. The new equipment will also allow the committee to explore ways to offer hybrid meetings (i.e. in-person and virtual simultaneously).

Planning is underway for the 2022-23 Nature Talk series, and we look forward to sharing a new theme and an exciting line-up of presenters.

The PC would like acknowledge and thank all the MVFN members who have volunteered their time to assist the PC in delivering a great Nature Talk program in 2021-22.

Ken Allison - Monthly Nature Sighting segment.

**Leslie Williamson & Bill Pratt** - Preparing & sending Thank You gift packages. **Ruth Dubois, Rob Longair, and Leslie Williamson** - Introducing our Speakers.

The Program Committee consists of Denis Gallant (chair), Cliff Bennett, Victoria Miller, Ron Williamson, Chris Baburek, and Bill Pratt.

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

COVID protocols halted the Young Naturalist program this year. Also the coordinator/leader has decided to withdraw for personal reasons, but she has offered to assist in finding a replacement. This process, of publicizing the position, reviewing applications, interviewing, and making the final decision, will no doubt involve all committee members and some from the board of directors as well, and will possibly mean that the program will not start back until the Fall.

Monarch Release Program...Participating teachers reported continued enthusiasm for this program in spite of the restrictions on us entering the schools. This left much of the onus on the teachers to promote the environmental concerns regarding the threat to Monarch habitat. The program will continue this Spring with the hope that easing COVID restrictions will allow increased personal interaction with students.

Almonte Youth Club and MVFN...This partnership, which began with the youth club requesting assistance in planning their summer day camp nature days, has grown to include year long nature programming. The club in turn has offered to take part in such activities as trail maintenance, bird house assembly, and other activities to be determined. The partnership is evolving.

Children's Water Festival...Having been postponed for three years running, this event is proposed for the Fall at the Mill of Kintail, depending of course, on weather, venue availability, and COVID 19 protocols. The Festival is a partnership between the Water Institute, the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and local high schools. Held on the grounds of the Mill of Kintail, the event is for grade 4 students. The students are bused to the site where they explore the importance and properties of water at a number of "hands-on" stations. The stations are staffed by high school students and MVFN members. This event is too important, in terms of its environmental impact on the young participants, to give up on easily. We believe that "Good things come to those who wait"...don't we?

### **FINANCE**

Following the sudden resignation of the Finance chair in April 2021, the committee recommended that a review of all the clubs financial policies and accounts be carried out. John Moore agreed to conduct the review of the policies and did so in November.

In general the review was very positive. He approved of the process currently used by MVFN. He felt it was very important that the club have a "second set of eyes" looking at the accounts on a monthly basis to monitor expenses and income. He did note that the use of the terms "auditor, audit and auditing" was not appropriate for an organization of our size. These terms have a specific meaning in the accounting world and are very costly. He suggested instead that we use the terms "reviewer and financial review" to describe an annual review club finances by someone not on the board of directors.

The committee brought recommendation for a number of changes to MVFN's constitution and bylaws related to the term "audit". The committee also recommended that the fiscal year be changed from April 1st - March 31st to the calendar year. These were passed and presented to

the membership for approval in May 2022. The membership year will remain April 1st - March 31st.

Several other changes were recommended. One, provide an account for the Bursary separate from the club account. Two, investigate membership management software with a view to simplifying the accounting process and automating membership renewals. Three, transfer club funds in excess of operating budgets to the Ottawa Community Fund to maximize investment income on a regular basis.

A proposed budget for 2022/2023 was presented to the Board for finalization and approval in March. Chairs submitted their budget requests in February. Finance Committee reviewed the requests and compared them to the financial records to ensure that sufficient funds were available and that the request were for on-going programs ore special projects already approved by the board of directors. If the membership approves the suggested change to the fiscal year, budgets will have to be recast in June.

The Finance Committee consists of John Blais (Treasurer), Val Wilkinson and Linda McCormick.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

# BANK RECONCILIATION & STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, MARCH 31, 2022

1-Apr-21	Opening Balance (Actual Bank Balance)		38,031.96
	2021-22 Income		25,398.30
	2021-22 Spending		(16,398.90)
		2021-22 Net	8,999.40
		Income/Loss	
	Adjustments		
19-Apr-21	Cheque 277 -from 2020-21		(100.00)
1-Apr-22	Paypal - transaction from 2021-22		(717.37)
31-Mar-22	Uncashed cheques at year end		2,022.21
		Total Adjustments	1,204.84
31-Mar-22	Calculated Closing Balance		48,236.20
	Opening Balance + 2021-22 Net Income/Loss + Ac	ljustments	
31-Mar-22	Actual Bank Closing Balance		48,236.20
31-Mar-22	Petty Cash Fund		145.00
30-Nov-21	Amount Held in Ottawa Community		16,498.65
	Foundation for Bursary Fund		
31-Mar-22	Total Cash Assets		64,879.85

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME		Previous Fiscal Year	Last Fiscal Year
Main Category	Sub-Category	4/1/2020- 3/31/2021	4/1/2021- 3/31/2022
11R - Membership Committee Sales		6,740.00	5,725.00
12R - Program Committee			
	12R - Program Committee:Grants	0.00	2,500.00
	12R - Program Committee:Sales, Books	0.00	12.00
	TOTAL 12R - Program Committee	0.00	2,512.00
12RA - Birding Committee		136.00	146.00
13R - Canoeing & Kayaking Outings		0.00	75.00
15R - Nature Protection: Donations		20.00	0.00
16R - Environmental Education: Donations		100.00	0.00
18R - Conservation & Habitat			
	18R - Conservation & Habitat:Donations, Conservation & Habitat	625.00	140.83
	18R - Conservation & Habitat:Sales, Bird Houses - Cons. & Hab.	140.00	590.10
	TOTAL 18R - Conservation & Habitat	765.00	730.93
22R - Miscellaneous			
	12RA - Birding Committee:Bird Book Auction	0.00	992.00
	22R - Miscellaneous:HST Rebate	276.86	0.00
	22R - Miscellaneous:Miscellaneous	45.65	0.00
	TOTAL 22R - Miscellaneous	322.51	992.00
23R - General Donations		3,299.00	4,534.54
	TOTAL INCOME	11,382.51	14,715.47

COMPARATIVE STATEMEN	NT OF EXPENSES	Previous Fiscal Year	Last Fiscal Year	
Category	Category Sub-Category			
11E - Membership Expenses		353.70	401.95	
12E - Program Committee				
	12E - Program Committee:Cards & Gifts	152.42	270.96	
	12E - Program Committee:Hall Rent	0.00	180.00	
	12E - Program Committee:Honorarium	550.00	650.00	
	12E - Program Committee:Major Equipment	0.00	2,722.13	
	12E - Program Committee:Online Conference	20.00	0.00	
	12E - Program Committee:Supplies	62.15	0.00	
	TOTAL 12E - Program Committee	784.57	3,823.09	
12EA - Birding Committee				
	12EA - Birding Committee:Auction Fee	0.00	39.10	
	12EA - Birding Committee:Bird Seed	0.00	180.76	
	TOTAL 12EA - Birding Committee	0.00	219.86	
13E - Canoeing & Kayaking Outin	13E - Canoeing & Kayaking Outings		300.00	
15E - Nature Protection		0.00	23.24	
16E - Environmental Education				
	16E - Environmental Education:Monarchs	1,454.31	2,698.97	
	16E - Environmental Education:Other	215.00	130.00	
	TOTAL 16E - Environmental Education	1,669.31	2,828.97	
18E - Conservation and Habitat				
	18E - Conservation and Habitat:Bluebirds	0.00	150.00	
	18E - Conservation and Habitat:Donations	0.00	500.00	
	18E - Conservation and Habitat:Loon Survey	240.00	255.00	
	TOTAL 18E - Conservation and Habitat	240.00	905.00	
19E - Other Programs: First Aid C	Course	0.00	43.80	
20E - Spring Gathering				
	20E - Spring Gathering:Guest Speaker	226.00	0.00	
	20E - Spring Gathering:Meals	0.00	(200.00)	
	TOTAL 20E - Spring Gathering	226.00	(200.00)	
21E - Administration		2,286.70	2,453.92	
33E - Publicity Committee				
	33E - Publicity Committee:Brochures	429.40	0.00	
	33E - Publicity Committee:Newspaper Ads	0.00	190.97	
	TOTAL 33E - Publicity Committee	429.40	190.97	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	5,989.68	10,990.80	
	OVERALL TOTAL	5,392.83	3,724.67	

INCOME STATEMENT, BURSARY FUND		Previous Fiscal Year	Last Fiscal Year
Category	Sub-Category	4/1/2020- 3/31/2021	4/1/2021- 3/31/2022
24R- Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund			
	24R- Bursary Fund:Bird House Auction - Bird House Sales	0.00	6,719.00
	24R-Bursary Fund:Bird House Auction - Donations	0.00	190.00
	24R- Bursary Fund:Booksales	0.00	1,142.00
	24R- Bursary Fund:Donations, Bursary Fund	1,180.00	407.50
	24R- Bursary Fund:In Memorium	0.00	400.00
	24R- Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund:Special Recognition	0.00	1,000.00
	24R- Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund:Miscellaneous	60.00	40.00
	24R- Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund:OCCU Interest	617.00	616.00
	TOTAL INCOME, BURSARY FUND	1,857.00	10,514.50

EXPENSE STATEM	EXPENSE STATEMENT, BURSARY FUND		Last Fiscal Year
Category	Sub-Category	4/1/2020- 3/31/2021	4/1/2021- 3/31/2022
24E - Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund			
	24E - Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund:Advertising	0.00	236.17
	24E - Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund:Bird House Auction - Advertising & Web	0.00	651.71
	24E - Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund:Bird House Auction - Auctioneer's Fees	0.00	216.37
	24E - Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund:Bird House Auction - Paypal Fees	0.00	162.20
	24E - Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund:Bursaries	2,400.00	4,000.00
	24E - Cliff Bennett Nature Bursary Fund:Supplies & Postage	187.40	141.65
	TOTAL EXPENSES, BURSARY FUND	2,587.40	5,408.10

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INCOME STATEMENT, YOUNG NATURALISTS		Previous Fiscal Year	Last Fiscal Year
Category	Sub-Category	4/1/2020- 3/31/2021	4/1/2021- 3/31/2022
17R - Young Naturalists			
	17R - Young Naturalists: Donations, Young Naturalists	340.00	168.33
	17R - Young Naturalists: Fees, Young Naturalists	(25.00)	0.00
	17R - Young Naturalists:Refund of fees - Covid-19	(855.00)	0.00
	TOTAL INCOME, YOUNG NATURALISTS	(540.00)	168.33

EXPENSE STATEM	IENT, YOUNG NATURALISTS		
17E - Young			
Naturalists			
	17E - Young Naturalists:Stipend	1,325.00	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES, YOUNG NATURALISTS	1,325.00	0.00

OVERALL TOTAL, YOUNG NATURALISTS	(1,865.00)	168.33
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TOTAL MVFN INCOME	13,239.51	25,398.30
TOTAL MVFN EXPENSES	8,577.08	16,398.90
OVERALL TOTAL, MVFN	4,662.43	8,999.40

### **CALENDAR 2022-2023**

### **April**

- · 6 Bird Walk Al Potvin's property
- · 12 iNaturalist Zoom workshop
- · 13 Bird Walk 12th Concession to Taylor Lake
- · 20 Bird Walk Ken Allison's property
- · 21 Nature Talk
- · 26 iNaturalist zoom workshop
- · 27 Bird Walk Mississippi Riverwalk Trail
- · 28 Board of Directors Meeting

### May

- 1 Deadline for bursary applications
- · 7 Perth Wildlife Reserve Bird Walk
- · 12 Board of Directors meeting
- · 12 Warbler Walk, 561 Wolf Grove Road
- · 19 AGM, Members Night
- · 29 Spring Paddle Trip Canonto Lake

### June

- 9 Board of Directors meeting
- 16 Nature Sightings
- · 18 Paddle Route #4 Mississippi River at County Rd 15 (Fall River)
- · 25 Purdon Conservation Area possible

### July

- · 10 Paddle Route #14 Taylor Lake
- · 21 Nature Sightings
- · 23 Paddle Route #22 Smiths Falls Bascule Bridge to Poonamalie Lock

### August

- 7 Paddle Mississippi Lake National Wildlife Area
- 11 Board of Directors meeting and volunteer appreciation Mill of Kintail (?)
- 18 Nature Sightings
- · 20 Paddle Route #17 Mississippi River upriver from Pakenham

### September

- 7 Fall Migration Almonte Lagoons
- · 8 Board of Directors meeting
- · 9-11 Paddle Camp
- · 14 Fall Migration Almonte Lagoons
- 15 Nature Talk
- · 21 Fall Migration Almonte Lagoons
- 25 Fall Colours
- · Paddle Route #9 Park Lake
- · 28 Fall Migration Almonte Lagoons

### **October**

- · 1 Young Naturalists
- · 2 Fall Colours Paddle
- 10 Board of Directors meeting
- 17 Nature Talk

### November

- 5 Young Naturalists
- · 10 Board of Directors meeting
- 17 Nature Talk

### **December**

· 15 Xmas party

### January

- 7 Young Naturalists
- · 12 Board of Directors meeting
- 19 Nature Talk

### **February**

- 4 Young Naturalists
- · 9 Board of Directors meeting
- 16 Nature Talk

### March

- 4 Yong Naturalists
- · 9 Board of Directors meeting
- 16 Nature Talk