

**GEORGIAN TRIANGLE ANGLERS ASSOCIATION**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Jan. 20, 2010</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>7:17 PM</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>C. Rod &amp; Gun Club</b>
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A total of 18 members and 2 guests were present at the meeting as per the attached list.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Secretary read the minutes of the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Moved by Jay and seconded by Steve “that the minutes be accepted as read” Carried:

**Business arising from the minutes**

There was a question about the transported wheel. It was broken when it was used in the parade. Aubrey will get it repaired before spring.

**Special presentation**

Wayne Forgraves, Chair of Zone H and Jason Forgraves, Awards Chair of Zone H visited the GTAA to present the Os MacArthur Conservation Award. The Os MacArthur Memorial Conservation Award which was donated by the Sydenham Sportsmens Association is awarded to the individual deemed the top conservationist in Zone H.

In 2009, Dave Field was selected as the top conservationist in Zone H. Jason and Wayne presented the award to Dave. Dave worked with youth in local schools and the NVCA in a number of stream rehab programs.

**Financial Report:**

The treasurer presented his monthly report.

Operating Account:	2,102.25
Conservation Account:	17,555.17
Stream Rehab Account:	8,927.36
Investments	<u>18,445.88</u>
Total	52,912.99

Moved by: Steve and seconded by: Dave F. that the minutes be accepted as read.  
Carried

### Correspondence

The Lake Huron Fish Club newsletter was received and circulated  
Clearview Township sent a notice about the Health and Leisure Showcase to be held at the Stayner Community Centre on Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>. Dave F and Gary will attend. Jay will prepare a pamphlet using Frank's and Dave F's information.  
Fred Wilson sent a thank you letter for his life membership.  
OFAH sent a letter advising that clubs require 100% of the club members belong to OFAH.  
Insurance coverage could be void if 100 % are not members.  
The MNR sent a notice about the Engelmann's Quillwort endangered species.



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**Features:** Engelmann's Quillwort (*Isoetes engelmannii*) is an aquatic fern which grows submerged in shallow water in lakes and rivers. The long, filamentous, spore-bearing leaves can grow to nearly one metre in length.

**Status:** Endangered Provincially and Nationally

**Range:** Engelmann's Quillwort is a relatively common species throughout much of its main range in the eastern United States. This range extends from New York state, south to northern Florida and west to Tennessee. In Canada it occurs at only two locations, both in Ontario. It was first located here in the 1970's, and Ontario populations are not genetically distinct from those

occurring in the northern United States. HYPERLINK "[http://www.rom.on.ca/ontario/risk.php?doc\\_type=map&id=3](http://www.rom.on.ca/ontario/risk.php?doc_type=map&id=3)" [Range Maps](#)

**Threats:** Although there is no evidence for declines in Ontario, current threats to the survival of populations include water pollution and habitat degradation.

**Protection:** Protection provided by Ontario's *Endangered Species Act*, 2007, prohibits actions such as killing, harming, possessing, selling or trading of this species. Both Ontario populations occur within provincially designated Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI). Additionally, the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) protects Engelmann's Quillwort on the federal lands on which it occurs.

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### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Hatchery: - Frank Degraff**

Snow and ice was removed from the hatchery on January 9<sup>th</sup>. New keys are available to those who need them. They cannot be copied and must be signed for.

9000 large speckles are to be stocked in the spring. Some are 2 1/2" to 5" while others are 7-9" in size. 1900 were previously stocked in NVCA property. We have 18-19,000 new speckles. There are 300 browns about 5" in size. Our new browns arrived from Sault Ste Marie on January 8<sup>th</sup>. They look excellent and there has been minimal loss.

Spring gathering of rainbow eggs will occur.

We have still not heard from MNR about our request to stock alternatives to browns or about our permits.

Fred Dobbs, NVCA, Manager of Stewardship Services wants to come to an executive meeting to discuss stocking. The mink damage has stopped since a pipe was covered..

#### **Building and Grounds: Doug Parton**

Byron Wesson, NVCA, Director, Land Operations and Stewardship Services visited the clubhouse January 14 with Doug to look at the new propane furnace, take photos of it and try to get some help with funding and got a tour of the hatchery with frank. Snow needs to be removed from the clubhouse. The garage is ok because it is shored up. Doug is to install new signs at the front gate identifying the property and who can use it.

#### **Stream Rehab: Dave Hodgetts**

N/R

**Membership - Jay Kivell**

Membership totals 92 to date. Four members renewed after receiving the letter that was enclosed in the December Tri-Angler News. The March Tri-Angler News will be in the mail by January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Ways and Means - Gary Lawrence/ Aubrey Sawyers**

There is a meeting January 24 at Rick's house in Wasaga Beach to discuss the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual 2010 Spring Rainbow Trout Derby that will run from Saturday April 17, 2010 from 12:01 am to 12:00 noon Saturday May 1, 2010.

**GTAA Volunteer Awards Program; Rick Baldry**

N/R

**Entertainment Committee**

N/R

**Youth Activities: Dave Field**

There are stream rehab and tree planting programs planned for the spring.

**Old Business**

The ice fishing derby and BBQ during the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual family fishing winter weekend February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 was discussed. It is too late to plan for this year. Instead, we will have a club derby on Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup> in the Collingwood Harbour. It will be contingent upon ice availability in the Collingwood Harbour.

**New Business:**

Constitution and by-law changes are due February 17<sup>th</sup>. Jay submitted one to have the membership year June 1 to May 31.

The nominating committee of Brent Lawrence, Aubrey Sawyers and Dave Field was appointed and they will report on report February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Steve completed and submitted the CFIP application.

Thank you to the guests. Gary asked if they had any comments. Wayne commented on the changes to the MNR. Linda Jeffrey was named minister. Fisheries are now under the ministry of the environment.

The next Zone H meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Orillia Fish and Game Club located at Bass Lake Road and the 14<sup>th</sup> line NW of Orillia.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9.00 PM**

**Attendance**

Jay Kivell  
Karel Leban  
Rick Perrier  
Brent Lawrence  
Randy Andersen  
Cliff Drake  
Jack Durant  
Ed Mathews  
Dave Field  
Doug Parton  
Howard MacDonald  
Frank DeGraaf  
Gary Lawrence  
Steve Amis  
Dave Hodgetts  
Bruce Green  
Aubrey Sawyers  
Ted Fisher