

**Eastern Chapter – Society of Ontario Nut Growers (ECSONG)**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday Nov. 22/08, RVCC (Manotick)**

Round Table Introductions:

- Please refer to sign-in sheet – attached document.
- Attendance: 17 + Guests from MNR, EOMF and RVCA

Discussion on the status of ECSONG member activities (projects):

- Dolman Ridge Nut Grove Activities (J. Cote – report distributed and J. Sankey)
- Various Private Groves
- Volunteers of Oak Valley Pioneer Park (SNC – M. Inch, lead)
- Fillmore R. Park – Baxter (P. Goddard)
- Lavant Shagbark Hickory Grove (Crown Land)
- OMAF funded plantations (ECSONG planted) – need for reconnaissance (Ted Cormier, lead at the time)

ACTION ITEM: J. Sankey to contact M. Inch regarding status of project files.

SONG Motions:

1. Moved by Ernest Grimo and seconded by John Flys and unanimously approved by those in attendance that: SONG includes ECSONG in a closer relationship according to the Organizational Bylaws that were discussed and adopted at the Brighton meeting on August 25, 2008. **Unanimously Adopted by ECSONG.**
2. Moved by Ernest Grimo and seconded by Bruce Thurston that: SONG enters into a Non-Profit Corporation status, the cost not to exceed \$2600. **Unanimously Adopted by ECSONG.**

Elections:

- Chair: Jeff Blackadar
- Vice-Chair: Neil Thomas
- Secretary: Dan Mayo
- Treasurer: currently vacant (ACTION: Jeff to email membership for interest)
- Councilors: Peter Goddard  
John Sankey  
John Adams  
Richard Viger

Presentations:

- Brief presentation summary on the local Butternut Recovery Program, Rose Fleguel, RVCA
- Species At Risk presentation on newly updated Ontario Endangered Species Act and its implication to property owners, Marie-France Noel, EOMF

ACTION ITEM: Joffre to circulate presentation to ECSONG members present via email.

ACTION ITEM: Sign in sheet / Distribution List will be circulated to ECSONG members present via email – Joffre.

Adjourned at 12:30pm.

Next Meeting to be scheduled at the Chair's discretion.