

**HALIFAX NORTH WEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MAY 4, 2015
THOMAS RADDALL ROOM, KESHEN GOODMAN LIBRARY,
330 LACEWOOD DRIVE, HALIFAX, NS**

MINUTES

1) Welcome, Call to Order, announcement

Bob called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. He welcomed all of the attendees to the AGM

2) Approval of Agenda/Additional Items.

The agenda was approved with no additional items.

3) Minutes of last AGM June 16, 2014

Judy reviewed the minutes of last year's AGM June 16, 2014.

Approval of Minutes moved by Judy; seconded by Shirley McIntyre. Minutes approved unanimously.

4) Business Arising from the minutes

No new items were brought forth

Troy Nauss asked attendees to introduce themselves.

5) Reports

a) Chair's Report (Bob McDonald)

Bob described the challenges of working with a small BoD. The members of the BoD over the past year were: Bob McDonald (President), Wendy McDonald (Past President), Maureen Manuge (Treasurer), Doug van Hemessen (Membership Secretary, Mike Basford (HRTA Representative) and Judy Hollett (Secretary)

The BoD met 8 times over the year. Members led trail hikes on the COLT, in the BMBCL, to Charlie's Lake, and several hikes led for MLAs Diana Whalen, Patricia Arab and Ben Jessome.

Bob explained the structure of the HRTA and explained why HNWTA is a member, primarily: insurance and funding. He then reviewed some of the past year's projects and then described the current project to extend the LT.

Bob reviewed the history and present status of the Trail planning in BMBCL area. The online survey and public open house provided input for trail planning. Draft plan done and is now with the Department of Environment. After they assess the plan, there will be a 2nd open house

Bob related the process of Maureen obtaining the official name for the Geizer Hill Trail and his experience with the process of naming Cabin Lake.

He told the attendees of the volunteers from Halifax West High School, who planted trees along the LT. Students from the Grammar School spent their community time with HNWTA doing trail remediation.

He announced that Wendy has been and continues to write articles with a connection to HNTWA for Parkview News.

Bob informed the gathering that he and Wendy have attended many community meetings, especially those involving new subdivisions, to ask questions and provide input regarding trail systems.

Bob took questions from the floor. He was asked about the trail counters and the status of the trail planning in BMBCL, including the value of partnering with Bike NS and the Mountain Bike community on this issue.

b) Treasurers' Report (Maureen Manuge)

Maureen's report was a 2 part report. During the first part, she reviewed the main account, managed by HNWTA and she described the setup and structure of the Blue account. The Blue account includes funds from HNWTA, CPAWS and Maskwa. The purpose of the Blue account is to provide some funding toward trail planning in the BMBCL WA.

During part 2 of her report, Maureen reviewed the Maintenance fund application to HRTA.

c) Membership Report (Doug)

There was no report as Doug was absent.

d) Nomination Committee Report (Bob)

- Mike Basford
- Frank Gibson
- Sharon Gibson
- Doug van Hemessen
- Jennifer MacLatchy
- Wendy McDonald
- Bob McDonald
- Susan Nasser
- David Richey

The 2015-16 board members will decide on the distribution of positions at the first meeting. Bob asked for further nominations three times. None were forthcoming. Shirley moved nominations cease. Motion; APPROVED.

Reports Approved: moved Frank Gibson/seconded Maureen Manuge

6) New Business

- Looking ahead. Bob outlined some of the planned undertakings for next year: Guided tours, working on trail head signage for Geizer Hill and Fleetview trails, as well as the Mainland Common. Plans for an Open House on the Capital Project and an Open House on BMBCL
- Area Walkability - addressing areas that are not safe, or commercial areas.
- Debbie Hum asked about the paving of the LT. Her concern was with maintenance and people with mobility issues. Bob told her he would look into that issue. The funding may be concealed in the expenses associated with the Lacewood terminal.

7) Adjournment

- . Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm