

Halifax North West Trails Association
Annual General Meeting
13 June 2017, 7:00– 8:00 PM Keshen Goodman Library, Halifax.
MINUTES

There were 23 people in attendance, including 7 members of the Board of Directors (Bob McDonald, Wendy McDonald, Sharon Gibson, Frank Gibson, Jessica Boyd, David Richey, Susan Nasser)

1. Welcome, call to order, announcements

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Bob McDonald.
There were no announcements.

2. Approval of the agenda/additional items

There were no additional items.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.

MOVED: Shirley McIntyre

SECONDED: Paul Berry

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Minutes of the last AGM – June 12, 2016

The minutes were briefly reviewed by Susan Nasser.

MOTION: To approve the minutes as circulated.

MOVED: Susan Nasser

SECONDED: Maureen Manuge

MOTION CARRIED.

The minutes will be available on the website.

4. Business arising from the minutes

Any business arising will be covered in following agenda items.

5. Reports

5a. Chair's report – Bob McDonald

Bob reported on the following:

- The Mainland Linear Trail – A functional plan has been prepared by consultant WSP. \$230,000 has been allocated in the HRM budget for four community connectors along the trail
- 20 volunteers turned out for a maintenance blitz on the Mainland Common Loop Trail. There were not sufficient funds for repairing the bridge, but other resurfacing work was accomplished.
- Funding from the Community Health Board was pivotal in initiation of a project regarding the purchase of Nordic walking poles to be kept at the Keshen Goodman Library
- Thanks to Sharon Gibson for heading the Events Committee which planned and organized several hikes throughout the year.
- HNWTA maintains membership in other like-minded organizations – Halifax Regional Trails Association (HRTA), Hike NS, NS Trails Association, Our HRM Alliance (promotion of Green Network Plan)
- An inventory of existing trails and a wish list for future trails was completed for HRTA
- Financial support was received from former Councillor Reg Rankin to be used for benches and/or a picnic table on the Mainland Linear Trail
- Thanks also to Treasurer Frank Gibson, Secretary Susan Nasser, newsletter and related article writer Wendy McDonald

5b. Treasurer’s report – Frank Gibson

Frank Gibson presented the Treasurer’s report.

The bank balance as of March 31, 2017, is \$16,277.85.

The fact that work on the Old Coach Road Trail was not completed had an impact on the amount of maintenance funds received from HRM, which was less than anticipated.

MOTION: To accept the financial report as corrected.

MOVED: Frank Gibson

SECONDED: Pat Leader

MOTION CARRIED.

5c. Membership report – David Richey

David did not have a formal report, but presented the numbers as 29 members and 400+ on the mailing list. David encouraged current members to renew.

5d. Events Committee – Sharon Gibson

Sharon reported that the Events Committee met three times throughout the year. Events and activities included:

- Hikes, publicized through Hike NS
- Nordic pole walking
- HNWTA display at events
- A work party on the Mainland Common Loop Trail
- Snowshoeing (with HRM Recreation)
- Earth Day clean-up at Belcher’s Marsh

5e. Nomination Committee report – Susan Nasser

Susan reported that 8 current Board members have agreed to remain on the Board. One new member has been recruited.

The following slate was presented for the Board.

- Mike Basford
- Jessica Boyd
- Frank Gibson
- Sharon Gibson
- Penny LaRoque
- Bob McDonald
- Wendy McDonald
- Chris Redmond
- David Richey

Put forward as officers are:

- Jessica Boyd – Chair
- Bob McDonald – Past Chair
- Chris Redmond – Secretary
- Frank Gibson – Treasurer

There was a call for further nominations from the floor; there were none.

MOTION: To approve the report of the Nomination Committee

MOVED: Sharon Gibson

SECONDED: Bruce Smith

MOTION CARRIED.

Jessica addressed the group, highlighting the exciting time in the development of HNWTA.

6. New Business

New Business included:

- Introduction of a booklet about the Old St. Margaret's Bay Trail booklet, prepared by Paul and Kim Berry
- The art display at the Keshen Goodman Library, including works arising from Art in the Park, a CARP initiative (Canadian Association of Retired Persons) which took artists into the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes wilderness area to create a work of art. Thanks to Bob and Wendy for accompanying artists.
- There have been two meetings with new Councillor Richard Zurawski.
- HNWTA's Facebook page and website are works-in-progress
- The location of the new health facility being planned by the Nova Scotia Health Authority in Bayers Lake was questioned. Another site near the Canada Games Centre was suggested.

7. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Sharon Gibson

Susan L. Nasser
Secretary