



**HALIFAX NORTH WEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 16, 2014
THOMAS RADDALL ROOM, KESHAN GOODMAN LIBRARY,**

MINUTES

1) Welcome, Call to Order, announcement

Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:45pm

2) Approval of Agenda/Additional Items.

Moved by Lucia Dutton; seconded by Truman Layton
Bob asked the floor for approval of the agenda.

3) Minutes of last AGM March 26, 2013

Bob read the Minutes of last year's AGM March 26, 2013.

Approval of Minutes moved by Anne Marie Knight-Gorman; seconded by Shirley McIntyre. Minutes approved unanimously.

4) Business Arising from the minutes

No new items were brought forth

5) Reports

a) Chair's Report (Bob McDonald)

- Bob described 2013-2014 as a busy and productive year for HNWTA. He commented on the Capital and Maintenance funding of the LT from Parkland Drive to Ramsbrook and the future plans to connect it to the Chain of Lakes Trail. The next stage will be to cross the Bicentennial Highway by pedway at an estimated cost of \$1.5 – 2million.
- Trail counters were installed on the LT in May 2013.They showed that from May – October 2013, 10,000 used the trail.
- Bob encouraged attendees to check out our website.
- Bob named the guided hikes led by HNWTA during the past year.
- An interpretive panel was installed at the head of the Cabin Lake Trail in August. The official celebration followed, ending a 4 year saga to have the name Cabin Lake official recognized. Maureen is working on the recognition of Geizer Hill as an official name.
- Bob related the need for new BoD members.
- He discussed the need for trail planning in the BMBCL wilderness area. Rogue trail construction is harming the area.

- Bob described the process of the application for the HST rebate. Maureen applied for HST rebate and was informed that we needed to send in all of the tax returns going back to 2004. Because no one on the board had an accounting background a volunteer was sought. Alan Bardsley agreed to complete the income tax returns. The returns are complete and will be submitted to CRA.
 - HWNTA has been involved with the Active Transportation Committee.
 - He took questions from the floor.
- b) *Treasurers' Report (Maureen Manuge)*
- Maureen explained that because of the change in the year end she had to do a 3 month report. The first report covered [January 1 to March 31, 2013](#). The second report covered [April 1 2013 to March 31, 2014](#). She then took questions from the floor.
- c) *Membership Report (Shirley)*
- Shirley offered no official report numbers, however membership numbers remain static. There are approximately 52 members and 120 people on our mailing list.
- d) *Nomination Committee Report (Bob)*
- Bob reported that several people had been asked to join the board; however none were available to offer their time.
 - The following 5 people were put forward as the Board of Directors:
Bob McDonald - Chair
Maureen Manuge - Treasurer
Judy Hollett - Secretary
Wendy McDonald - Past Chair
Mike Basford - Director
 - Bob asked if there were any people present who were willing to serve on the BoD. No one came forward.
 - Maureen moved that all of the reports be accepted; seconded by Davina Davis
 - Reports were accepted unanimously

6) **New Business**

- Bob noted that Diana Whalen was not able to attend but was represented by her Executive Assistant Jason Kontak.
- Bob asked the floor if there were any new business items to discuss. The lack of civic addresses for the trails was brought forth. This has been a problem when contacting police to cope with a crisis. HNWTA is still working on establishing some of these addresses.

7) Adjournment

Davena moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:3

