



## HALIFAX NORTH WEST TRAILS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Keshen-Goodman Public Library, 330 Lacewood Drive,  
Halifax NS. 26 March 2013.

### MINUTES

1. **Welcome.** Bob McDonald, Chair, welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Moved by Wendy McDonald, seconded by Debbie Hum. The agenda was approved.
3. **The minutes of last year's annual general meeting** held on 12 April 2012 were approved as distributed. Moved by Bruce Smith and seconded by Pat Leader.
4. **Business arising.** See the reports presented next.
5. **Reports:**
  - (a) Chair's report – Bob read his report, a copy of which is filed with the permanent copy of these Minutes, and is on the website. Bruce E. Smith moved acceptance of Bob's report; Mike Basford seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - (b) Treasurer's report – Maureen Manuge used the projector to present her report (a copy of which is filed with the permanent copy of the Minutes.) She noted highlights of the income and expenditure figures.  
Maureen moved acceptance of her report; Bruce seconded. Motion carried.
  - (c) Membership report – prepared by Shirley McIntyre. We have 62 paid members and 132 contacts.
  - (d) Nomination Report – Wendy McDonald presented the following slate of directors for the Board for 2013-14:

Bob McDonald	Chair
Maureen Manuge	Treasurer
Wendy McDonald	Past Chair
Mike Basford	Director:
Bruce E. Smith	Director:

New:

Fabian Boone
Judith Hollett
Gerald MacAlpine
Mille MacCormack

The positions of Secretary and Vice-Chair are vacant.

Judith offered to serve as Secretary and Bruce expressed his willingness to fill the Vice-Chair position.

Wendy asked three times for further nominations from the floor, and with none forthcoming, moved that nominations close, seconded by Maureen. Motion carried.

6. **New business.** Covered in part in the Chair's report (filed with the minutes).

- a) Special Resolution – proposed change from current use of calendar year. Maureen moved, seconded by Gerald to institute a fiscal year beginning April 1 and ending March 31. The question was asked as to membership in relation to a 15-month transition period. In effect members get 3 months extra. Cards were distributed and members indicated approval by a show of cards; motion carried.
- b) Signage – Bruce reported on new trailhead signage and the opening of the Mainland Common location map panel to replace the old one near the top of Westridge Dr. The kiosk on the Canada Games Centre grounds was refitted and opened in early June. He also noted the hikes our members had led during the year.
- c) Other initiatives – Bruce gave an illustrated review of the improved website [www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca](http://www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca).
- d) Bruce next outlined the planned extension of the Linear Trail. We anticipate there will be a contract shortly for an engineering study. Following that report we are optimistic we can accomplish a 300-metre extension past Washmill Lake Drive to intersect a trail at a water line. He made the point that the Board invites suggestions for initiatives.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Gerald moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 PM.

### **Presentation.**

Following the business meeting and a 10 minute break, our invited speakers Cathy Cavanaugh and Kathy Kepkay made a presentation on their experience of El Camino de Santiago de Compostela, the pilgrims' way across northern Spain.

Bob thanked Cathy and Kathy for their interesting and enjoyable slides and commentary.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Basford, Secretary