



Joint Meeting March 3, 2015

Kleinburg Pub

In Attendance: Geoff, Roland, David, Alex, Mark V. Michael, Barry, Doreen, George, Eric, Kat, Rodney, Iain, Ian, Elvirio, Gerry, Rebecca, Tina & Emilia

Minutes of February meeting were approved after clarification of charitable donations were to be divided between the two chapters, \$300.00 each chapter. Roland will send a note to Bolton (before their AGM on April 8th) stating the money was used for hike leader training. Correction to item #5 - delete Kat's name - moved by Roland seconded by Barry.

Treasurer's Report – Kleinburg Chapter: presented by David (attached)

Treasurer's Report - Bolton Chapter: presented by George – P & L presented to executive 71 paid up members, donations, sales etc. amounted to revenue of \$3652.00 for the year less expenses of \$2118. Left a balance for the year of \$1533.00 and \$7400.00 bank balance.

Hike Coordinator's Report: Mark distributed copies of his annual report. He reminded us that he is hike coordinator for both chapters. Joint hiking programs are scheduled for 2015, most are similar to past hikes, e.g. Humber Valley, theme hikes, Bruce Trail hikes and night hike on October 3rd. Mark encouraged us to invite friends to join us on our monthly hikes. Roland added that he will be leading mid week hikes and asked what percentage of the Bolton membership would be available for these hikes. Kat volunteered to send an email to Bolton members. Roland will put a more defined plan in place hoping to start these hikes in April.

What is the game plan of the TRCA to push through the private properties that are blocking our trail?

1. The budget of 4 million dollars has been set aside by TRCA to complete the trail system.
2. 4 km of new trail is planned for Bolton (Old King Road through the old camp area) TRCA is working with Peel region to complete the trail (Columbia creek).
3. 2015 is the goal for getting the Bolton trail upgraded for the Pan Am games.

Roland added that we are trying to use the Bruce trail signage as a model. He also suggested that we hike on parts of the trail that we don't usually hike on especially newly developed sections.

Membership – Michael reported 14 individual + 6 family members are paid up. This is a significant drop compared to 5 years ago. Bolton charge \$20.00 per household and this year they have seen more renewals. It was determined that the mailing list for the calendars should be to immediate past members up to 2 years past members. Lighter weight calendars issued by Bolton were less expensive to mail. Membership numbers are necessary to make your organization credible. Bolton has had good success with local groups/corporation. Funds are also needed to cover costs e.g. insurance.

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Kat from Bolton reported last year 71 members at the end of 2014, 47 members paid in 2015. Several factors were attributed to membership renewals and additions for the Bolton Club: calendars, Face book, email reminders and a letter Gerry sent to the paper asking for volunteers. There are over 1000 users of the trail, how do we get them to join? Discussion about membership and AGM attendance ensued, no obvious solution to either. Gerry emphasized the best communication is the web site and the social network and not to worry about the attendance and membership issues.

AGM: Roland invited everyone to attend our upcoming AGM next month. Details to follow by email.

Gerry shared details of the Bolton Chapter upcoming AGM. April 8th @ 7:30 Humber View School, speaker is Nicola Ross who will present a slide show on hiking in the Canary Islands.

Calendars: Rodney suggested that we do 2 print runs for our next calendar. He would like to have the photographs by October. Cost has not changed. Kleinburg have the option of running a separate calendar or simply some different month photos. Rodney shared his concern that there could be privacy issues if photos of people's faces are used. Bolton has chosen not to include people in their calendar photos.

Other Business: Roland encouraged the Bolton chapter to join us on our hikes.

Ian promoted his hike this Saturday on the Hal Jackman property meeting at 9:30 Saturday morning at 27 & King Vaughan Line (exact details in the hike notice). We are grateful to the generosity of Hal allowing us to hike on his property.

Roland officially adjourned the meeting and suggested we all encourage more people to get more "boots on the trail".