

Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association

Bolton Chapter Minutes, June 10, 2015

Call to order 7:45pm Present: Jerry Gorman, Rodney Hautot, Rebecca Petre, Tina Daalderop, Sreekanth George, Cat Cybulski, Eric **Excused:** Claudio Chiappetta, Emilia Gal

Invoices/Expenses -None

Additions to agenda- None

Previous Minutes: Approved with amendments - moved by Tina, seconded by Rodney

President's Report: Hike Ontario Meeting: one subject discussed was certification of hike leaders. See New Business. Bill 100 - "Economic Benefits of Pedestrian Hiking Trails" (study), Ministry of Municipal Affairs proposed Bill 100; very little benefit Hike Ontario could see for hikers or trails. Benefits are to landowners through tax or liability. "Healthy Hikes and Conservation Areas" was another topic of discussion: conservation areas will allow organized hikes in free of charge, hike leaders should check with conservation area ahead of time. Healthy Hikes on Hike Ontario website. July 17th all Provincial Parks will have free access. Hike Ontario's charitable status will cost \$3000-\$5000 to be reinstated since it lapsed. **Action – Jerry-** To request balance sheet and budget for current fiscal year from Hike Ontario.

Community Footpaths: Study by Town of Caledon has been going on (Imagine. Plan. Play!); public meetings in Caledon East and in Bolton. Jerry met with Brian Baird of the Town and Rob Mezzapelli and both are interested in connecting easements to trails and would like unique signage within the town. Jerry recommended that the Town of Caledon take on the signage since the HVHTA has no intention to change any signage to any brand different that what is already in place. Money would be applied for in the 2016 Town of Caledon budget to develop these pathways. Brian agreed that since many pathways are near to the HVH Trail it would be logical to connect them to our trail.

Our Trail is Maturing: Some spots are getting a bit overgrown with grass and trees. **Action - Everyone** Keep an eye on the trail when walking, report issues to Claudio ASAP. Jerry is concerned about Claudio having to be on site all the time during maintenance since he is very busy at work; would like to consider having a "foreman" who works under Claudio's direction to supervise crews of workers for maintenance.

Action - Jerry/Rodney to meet with Claudio to make his job easier. Trailhead sign at Caledon Works Yard needs refurbishing. **Action - Jerry** Get a quote from Allograph for the painting.

Directors' Reports:

Membership (Cat) - 2 new memberships since last meeting. **Action - Cat** Contact Mark re: current membership for hike leaders in Bolton chapter.

Treasurer (Eric) - Balance is \$10,721 inc. income from Rotary gala, donations and membership. Tangerine account needs updating to conform to current regulations. **Action - Eric** is adding Jerry to account as second authorized person.

Trail Maintenance (Claudio) - Excused. **Action - Jerry** to phone Claudio to speak about dates for Girl Guides. **Action - Claudio/Chris Svirkles** to flag new Duffy's Lane linkup trail. **Action - Claudio** to check for missing trail markers in the section immediately South of km 0.

Communications (Emilia) – N/A

Unfinished Business: Geotrail.ca - HVHT seems to be missing from the map. **Action - Eric** to follow up with website and have our trail added to the map. **Action - Dan** Petre to let us know who is organizing next year's Rotary Gala.

Caledon Day: Volunteer spots are mostly filled. **Action - Eric** to drop off clothing to Tina before Caledon Day. **Action - Claudio** Bring business cards to Caledon Day. Tina will phone him to ask him to bring the box.

Risk management review: Eric answered a Hike Ontario questionnaire in preparation for insurance documents. One question was about whether our club has a current risk management plan and whether we had key elements. Another was whether we are compliant with certain regulations and follow best practices on outings. Yes, HVHTA has policies in place. Rodney suggests that in addition to a waiver form we have a "pre hike checklist" to be completed by hike leaders before each guided hike to ensure guidelines are being followed.

Action - Discussion to be continued at a future meeting.

New Business: \$2543 received from [Caledon Councillor Community Golf Tournament Grant](#), to be put towards trailhead sign at Humber Grove, West side (BAR) along with \$395 from our account. **Motion** by Jerry to order trailhead sign from Allograph for approximately \$2938 including tax. Second Tina, Carried. **Hike Leader Certification:** \$5 to update existing application; apply to Hike Ontario attn: David Rosenblun-Bourdieu. To get new Hike Ontario certification check the website for courses. HVHTA will pay \$75 fee for a paid up member taking the Hike Leader course. Rodney recommends that HVHTA collectively maintain a register of members who are currently certified hike leaders in the province of Ontario. When the annual hike schedule is published the hike director should confirm that all hike leaders on the list are up to date with certification. **Action - Jerry** to contact Kleinberg chapter to find out whether all hike leaders are current members with dues paid.

Meeting adjourned 10:12pm – Tina moved, Cat seconded

Next meeting: September 9, 2015 @ 7:30pm in the Humberview S.S. Library (Location to be confirmed)