

Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association

Bolton Chapter Minutes, May 12, 2016

Call to order 7:40 pm Present: Jerry Gorman, Rodney Hautot, Rebecca Petre, Claudio Chiapetta, Cat Cybulski, Emilia Gal, Sreekanth George, Dan Petre, Tina Daalderop, Diana Kreuzwiesner (guest), Mandy Semple (guest) **Excused:**

Invoices/Expenses: Jerry and Claudio submitted invoices to Dan.

Additions to agenda: None.

Previous Minutes: Approved. Moved by Tina, seconded by Emilia.

President's Report (Jerry): Reported that the joint chapter meeting and the AGM went well. Insurance renewal: copies of documents have been forwarded to Rebecca to keep on file. Payment has been made already. **Action - Dan:** *Check that payment has indeed been made.* Banking: Issues have been cleared up and Jerry is now a signing officer on Tangerine account. Next step will be to have Dan added as a signing officer to both Tangerine and RBC accounts, and have Eric removed from account now that he has left his treasurer position. Donation: We received a \$250 donation but weren't sure where it was from, and it has been clarified that it was donated by the Toronto Hiking and Conservation Club. They have been thanked for their donation. Contact list: If there are any errors in the contact list, please let Jerry know.

Directors' Reports:

Membership (Cat) - As of tonight we have 61 memberships paid to date. Cat spoke with a member who had sent a cheque that was lost in the mail and their membership has now been paid by cash.

Treasurer (Dan) - Deposit was made for last month, didn't have a problem depositing without being a signing officer yet. **Action - Jerry:** *Make sure Dan is added to receive online bank statements from Tangerine.*

Trail Maintenance (Claudio) - This past month an email was sent out to people interested in trail maintenance. A few people responded that they are ready to work this summer and a few have moved away and aren't available this year. We need someone to monitor section 1 of the trail. There are a lot of people accessing that part of the trail so we'd like to make sure it is well maintained. Walk behind trimmer has been maintained. We have discussed a wish list in previous minutes, however we are going to wait on the wish list as Claudio is running out of room to store equipment and tools. Jerry and Claudio have gone walking to see where new signs should be placed. Claudio is going to determine how far things need to be transported and figure out the logistics of getting equipment/signs to the locations. Claudio will be arranging this over email in the coming weeks. **Action - Rebecca:** *Forward the Kleinburg chapter's trail audit checklist to Claudio.* Rodney clarified how the work with the Girl Guides will work in terms of insurance and supervision. Claudio will simply be leading, while the Girl Guide leaders supervise children and the Girl Guides' insurance covers them. **Action - Claudio:** *Coordinate with Rodney to scout out the work location with the Girl Guide leader.* Cat mentioned a loose board that she is going to screw in properly to keep it safe until Claudio gets to it. Cat has phoned the town about a dead Ash tree that needs to be removed and will follow up again.

Communications (Emilia) - Domain name needs to be renewed, which Eric used to do. **Action - Dan:** *Check with Eric about that.* Emilia brought up the idea of using Paypal for memberships. **Action - Dan:** *Check into cost of using Paypal.* At the moment we pay \$179 per year for our post office box, which is currently only used for memberships and bank statements.

Unfinished Business:

Hike Leader Training - Rebecca has a few people who expressed interest and will email to confirm and set up a date for the training.

Caledon Day Update – Tina and Rebecca are in the process of planning. We will need to send an email out to members to ask for volunteers.

Renovations to trail - **Action - Jerry:** *Call TRCA regarding trail reconnection as there is currently no evidence of construction activity.*

New Business:

During Claudio's maintenance report, Mandy, one of our guests, reported that one of the bridges near Dick's Dam seems to have gaps in between the boards that are way too large and her dog's feet go through the gaps. It is possible that it is a TRCA bridge. **Action - Claudio:** *Check whether this is an HVHTA or a TRCA bridge.*

PDSB School Use Permit Renewal - **Action - Rodney:** *Renew and pay for permit to use Humberview Secondary School Library for meetings.*

TRCA Charitable Donation Fund - Received an email from Chandra Sharma, director of watershed strategies, from TRCA. Based on the information in the email, it seems our best course of action would be to take the money out of the fund and stop using it. **Action - Jerry:** *Find out whether the 5% would be charged retroactively, or if it would only be charged on the amount deposited into the account.*

Jerry moved that we remove all funds from TRCA Charitable Donation Fund and keep the account open as long as there is no fee for zero balance or minimum balance required to keep account open. Cat seconded. Motion passed.

Mandy and Diana shared their concerns about the part of the trail that has been changed to multi-use by TRCA. They also spoke about the trail at Huntington being extended, and were referred to the Kleinburg chapter to speak about it as that part of the trail is under the Kleinburg chapter. Jerry also explained some of the new Nashville Conservation Reserve plan that is being implemented by the TRCA.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm – Rodney moved, Rebecca seconded

Next meeting: June 8, 2016 @ 7:00pm at Humberview Secondary School Library