

Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association

Bolton Chapter Minutes, October 12, 2016

Call to order 7:40 pm Present: Jerry Gorman, Dan Petre, Rebecca Petre, Claudio Chiappetta, Rodney Hautot, Emilia Gal, Sreekanth George, Tina Daalderop, Cat Cybulski **Excused:** None

Invoices/Expenses: Claudio and Rodney submitted some invoices for trail maintenance.

Additions to agenda: Pedestrian only signs and update Hike Ontario website have been added to agenda by Jerry.

Previous Minutes: June minutes amended to clarify wording in President's Report. No meetings were held in July, August or September.

President's Report (Jerry):

- *Thank you* to the team that went out to install new signs last weekend. - There is an issue at Sackville Street-River's Edge where a new house has been built and the sod has been installed right up to the trail, which encroaches onto public land that buffers the trail. Jerry and Heather Broadbent are keeping an eye on it to ensure that the Town's bylaw enforcement is on the case. - *TRCA reroute progress:* Jerry is waiting for an update from Brian Bertrand about the Humber Grove southerly reroute. - Jerry looked into *the trash issue* at the new Duffy's Lane parking lot. TRCA cleaned it up in June and have been contacted to let them know that there is a buildup of trash there again. - Jerry was checking out the *Hike Ontario* website and has spotted several inaccuracies, including trail length. - Emilia put together a handful of photographs to go to the Hike Ontario AGM along with Jerry's report, which Roland Gatti presented at the meeting. - Jerry attended Sept. 29th *Regional Council BRES meeting* where 3 developers mentioned our trail in their plans for regional development. - Dan and Jerry worked on documentation required to register to apply for a Trillium Grant. If we are approved, Jerry is proposing we use the funds to build an information kiosk at the Humber Grove Trail Head.

Directors' Reports:

Membership (Cat) - Current membership is 67 and we received a donation from a member who accidentally made a double membership payment.

Treasurer (Dan) - Dan will be speaking with RBC next week about access to the account. Unfortunately we cannot do online transactions out of the account because we need two signatures. He is still waiting on information from Tangerine on getting access to that account.

Trail Maintenance (Claudio) - Claudio went out with a team of volunteers a few weekends ago to install three new signs. **Action-**There are two more signs to be installed and that will be happening this coming weekend. Claudio noted that there has been some vandalism (i.e.: graffiti and smashed trail markers) in a few spots. He has covered some of the graffiti that was found on the Glasgow bridge. Three old signs have been removed to plant the new signs and will be reused in other portions of the trail at a later date. **Action-**He has plans to repair and maintain some of the wooden bridges before the winter. Claudio also shared that he is thinking of stepping down from Trail Maintenance coordinator because of his busy work schedule. **Action -** Get a list to Jerry of the jobs he does so that we can develop a good job description.

Communications (Emilia) - We had a few inquiries over the summer about various things such as the length of the trail, trail maps, asking about the new portions of the trail, etc. **Action - Jerry:** When he receives the information about the trail reroute from TRCA, he will forward it to Emilia so she can update the website and send a notice to members about the reroute being complete.

Unfinished Business:

- Trail audit checklist (Claudio) - Claudio is still working on it.
- Hike Leader training (Rebecca) - Rebecca and Dan are signed up for Hike Leader Training at the end of October. **Action** -The plan is for Rebecca to go on to become an instructor for Hike Leader Training courses with Hike Ontario so that she can lead training in the future for HVHTA.
- Calendar sales (Rodney) - A member has brought up the idea of being able to pre-order calendars that she could send to her friends. Rodney says that this is definitely an option, however feels that we should have people pre-pay in order to ensure we are not left owing money if people change their minds. He also feels that we should charge slightly more than cost to raise funds for the trail. **Action - Rodney and Emilia:** Come up with wording to send an email to membership to inform them of the option to pre-order calendars. Orders must be in by the November meeting.
- PDSB school use permit renewal (Rodney) - Permit has been renewed. We have all our usual meeting dates **except for June, when our meeting will be the 7th.**
- Internet domain renewal (Dan) - We should stay with our current provider as they are quite affordable.
- Preliminary 2016-2017 budget (Dan) - Dan has put together a preliminary budget and has some questions for the board. **Action** - He will email board members to ask those questions to help make the budget more precise.
- Rotary Gala and Auction (Dan) - Dan is in charge of the volunteers for the gala this year and it will take place on Nov. 26th. **Action - ???**
- TRCA Charitable Donation Fund (Jerry) - Jerry followed up on June 9th on the idea of taking money out of the account but keeping the account active. He received word from TRCA that this would be fine. Since we hadn't received any money as of Oct. 7th, Jerry contacted TRCA again and hasn't heard back. **Action - Jerry** will follow up again this week.

New Business:

- Measuring the trail - Jerry has borrowed a measuring wheel from a friend to measure the trail . **Action -Jerry** to measure an updated "end-to-end" distance as well as to update kilometre markers.
- Pedestrian Only signs (Jerry) - Jerry showed an example of a "For Pedestrian Use Only" sign that we could add to some of our trailheads that are that are close to the TRCA multi-use trails. **Action - Rodney:** Get a quote for some peel and stick laminate sheets suitable to be stuck to aluminum.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm – Rodney moved, Dan seconded

Next meeting: November 9, 2016 @ 7:30 pm at Humberview Secondary School Library