



CATARAQUI TRAIL MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTES

From the meeting held at L&A Ridge Runners Clubhouse, Yarker, 7:00 pm on Thurs May 26th, 2016.

Members present: Doug Good (Chair), Jim Hase (Vice Chair), Graeme McDonald (Secretary), Doug Davison, Linda Carr, Ross Sutherland, Jeff Holtz, Rich Ludlow, Pat McNamee, Jeremy Statham, Don Coulter

CRCA Staff present: Steve Knechtel

Trail Maintenance Section Head: Dieter Eberhardt

Regrets: Tina-Marie Gourley, Claire Gunnewiek, Bob Cavanagh (Treasurer), Kent Mainse, Paul Rappel, Dawn Quinn, Allen Brown, Doug Weese, Robert Charest

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by the Chair, Doug Good.

2. Introduction of CTMB members, CRCA staff .

3. Approval of agenda.

Following additions were made to the agenda:

-Commemorative bench under MMP (Linda C)

-Canada 150th under new business (Steve K)

-Newsletter under MMP (Jim H)

-Trail edge trimming machine under M&D (Jim H)

-Clarification regarding e-bike on trail under new business (Jim H)

Motion to approve agenda as amended by Ross Sutherland, seconded by Doug Davison – Motion carried.

4. There was no declaration of conflict of interest.

5. Motion to approve minutes from April 28th by Ross Sutherland, seconded by Pat McNamee – Motion carried.

6. Business Arising From Previous Meetings

Trailhead Symposium

Steve K gave info on the upcoming Trailhead Symposium (June 20-21) at Calabogie Peaks Resort.

Doug G stated that we're going to have interesting competition with the new trail planned from Smith's Falls to Pembroke. Lanark County has purchased the old CP Rail line from Smith's Falls to Pembroke for the purposes of creating a shared use trail to connect the two towns and locales between them. This new focus on trails for that region and the proposed new line being an extension of the Cataraqui Trail is all very good news. For this and other reasons, it might be good to have a presence at the Trailhead conference.

Motion by Linda C, seconded by Ross S to have a Cat Trail literature table and to sponsor a coffee break (total \$150) at the conference – Motion defeated

Motion by Don C, seconded by Jeremy S to have a literature display table at the conference (total \$50) – Motion carried.

Cyclefest

Township of South Frontenac event on June 12th from 11-3 in Verona. Doug G said the CTMB will support this event and members to attend if possible. We will have our display booth and banner with tickets also available for The Opinicon fundraiser dinner.

7. Report of Committees

-Executive Committee had not met.

-Finance Committee.

SER for month of April was presented by Steve K. **Motion to accept the Financial Report by Ross S and seconded by Pat M – Motion carried.**

-MMP Committee

Linda C asked for the minutes to reflect that the CTMB had committed to providing a commemorative bench for a long time supporter of the trail and asked when this was going to happen. Steve K stated that the CRCA has 2 extra benches at the moment that the CTMB could access. Don C suggested that commemorative benches should be advertised as a fundraising stream in the newsletters and Graeme M suggested that this also be included on the website and social media pages. **Rich L said he would take that to the website committee.**

Opinicon Fundraiser (Sept 30)

Linda C stated that no further work had been done regarding that fundraiser since the previous meeting. It was stated that we needed a flyer for the event to take to the Trailhead Symposium (June 20-21).

Bike or Hike (Aug 20 at The L&A Ridge Runners Clubhouse, Yarker)

The Chair stated that it was deadline time for the Bike or Hike fundraiser and if we didn't have a volunteer to spearhead it then we would cancel it for this year. **Graeme M (under duress) stated he would take that on under the conditions that it was only a BBQ & Membership fundraiser with no silent auction or bake sale** attached to it this year as having those extra items runs contrary to the nature of a biking and hiking event and it also competes with the silent auction that we need to focus on for the Opinion dinner just a month later. These conditions were agreed to by the board and **the following individuals said they would help with the event: Doug D, Jeremy S (if he is not travelling), Dieter E, Jeff Holtz.**

Google Streetview

Steve K reported that google had been contacted and will make the camera gear available to us to run the course of the trail. We need to confirm timing.

Sydenham Triathlon

Jim H asked if we have had any contact from this event scheduled for July as they use the trail each year and charge entrance fees, but never make a contribution for the use of the trail. Ross S stated that they have a contract with the Township for this year which includes the use of the trail and there will be a donation forthcoming.

Summer Newsletter

Jim H stated that we (Krista F) sent out the spring newsletter in April which corresponded with a favourable tide of donations in excess of 2K and that we should do a Summer Newsletter. Graeme M had written the spring newsletter and volunteered to do the summer one.

-Trail Development and Maintenance Committee (CTDC).

Steve K stated this committee needs to meet to discuss regular maintenance and projects in Harrowsmith, Chaffey's Lock and with the trail bridges. We also need to come up with new projects as part of new grant funding by early July. Dieter E said that the Chaffey's Lock bridge would be a good project to include in their OFSA funding request this year.

Steve K reported that a second round has been opened for the Canada 150th funding which closes on June 24th.

Doug G stated that this is a great time to approach L&G County who are currently looking to adopt a Trails Strategy as part of their official plan, so now would be an opportune time to discuss funding assistance.

Steve K reminded the Board that Chaffey's Lock and Portland were included in grants that were approved in the past, but that there wasn't enough money for them so they would be obvious areas to include in upcoming grants.

Doug G said that we should try and mow the trail twice this summer in an effort to get on top of the wild parsnip in the fringes of the trail. It was pointed out that Dieter does mow the western section twice each summer.

8. New Business

Chaffey's Lock Signage Proposal

Comments were favourable and the committee supported the idea in principle but it was agreed we needed more information and pricing. Doug G stated he would be in contact with Anne Marie Forcier to provide us with more info and pricing for the proposed signage.

Don C stated he was very encouraged to have the new trail joining us at Smiths Falls and what that will mean for traffic on our trail with users being able to connect through to both trails.

E-Bikes

Jim H asked where we stand on the use of E-Bikes on the trail? Not electric scooters, but rather pedal powered bicycles that have a secondary, small electric powered motor that can propel the bicycle. There was a fair bit of conversation on this with concerns over the slippery slope, but it was in the end agreed that "If it looks like a duck and walks like a duck, then it's a duck" and that **if a bike has pedals and is primarily pedal powered which an E-Bike is, then it is permitted on the trail.**

9. Round Table

Dieter E reconfirmed the interest from the Town of Greater Napanee to have the Cataraqui Trail connect into town. Land ownership to make this happen would be relatively straightforward as there are only 3 owners; Strathcona Paper, The Solar Farm & The Township.

Steve K said that Napanee is going into a new Official Plan this year and we should look to having this

incorporated into that plan to pave the road for this to happen. Steve suggested that the CTMB passing a motion supporting the extension would be a good idea. **Linda C, seconded by Don C moved that the CTMB support the extension of the Cataraqui Trail from Strathcona into the Town of Greater Napanee and take whatever steps necessary to communicate this to- and facilitate this with- the Town of Greater Napanee. – Motion Carried.**

Linda C suggested we look at selling Cat Trail bumper stickers as a possible fundraiser.

- 10. Next meeting: June 23rd at the Community Hall in Forfar at 7PM.
Meet in Chaffey's Lock to ride the trail to Forfar at 5:30
Dinner at the hall at 6:30.**

**Motion to Adjourn by Ross Sutherland at 8:35.
Minutes prepared by Graeme McDonald, CTMB Secretary.**