LUCAN AREA TRAILS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday June 2 at 7:30 pm

Location: Lucan Legion (downstairs)

Present: Bruce Lamb, Brad Cox, Jessica Davies, Jane Donaghey, Andraena Tilgner, Val

McLeod, Vic McLeod, Wayne Hall, Jennifer Lamb.

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	Meeting of June 2, 2010	
1	Moved by Val, seconded by Jennifer to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 19.	
	BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	
2	Incorporation: Waiting for government to send back paperwork. Should be any day now. June 2: Lack of incorporation holds up access to funds.	
3	Insurance: Current quote from Hike Ontario is \$1,312.50 plus PST for a year, (which includes coverage for cyclists and horseback riders). Jake to contact Hike Ontario to ask how property damage matters are typically handled. Bruce to contact Jake to get the latest status update on insurance. June 2: This will be dealt with after incorporation.	Jake / Bruce
4	TRAILS:	
7	Master Plan: The master plan map of potential long-term trails presented at the May 5 meeting have been forwarded to township staff and Bruce has followed up with another email. There had been no additional feedback by the time of this meeting, so Bruce will follow up June 2: Bruce presented a draft Master Plan for consideration. Moved by Jane Donaghey and 2 nd by Vic McLeod that the Master Plan be submitted to Lucan Town Council once suggested modifications are made Passed.	Bruce
	Queen Street of Community Drive Trail. There is an unopened road allowance that goes between Queen Street and Community Drive (near the community centre) which is owned by the township. The land on either side of that unopened road allowance (currently a field) is owned by Murphy Bus Lines, so if we wanted to link into Elizabeth Street as welll, we would need to get permission from Murphy's.	
	Hodgins Trail: Signage Report: List of signs, an approximate budget and a crew to get them installed. Bruce to contact Jake. It was suggested that we have clear	Val / Bruce

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indicators of where to park, and a sign indicating the start of the Hodgins Trail. Markers every kilometre (or half kilometer) can be made with painted stones. Once we get an inventory and budget, we can purchase the materials and get the signs installed, possibly as soon as Wed. May 26.

Bruce

June 2: Paul Hodgins has been working on the soft spots on his trail. A work party is scheduled for June 9 to set signage.

ATV's: Paul is concerned that linking up to McGillivray Drive could encourage ATVs to use the trail. This has been a concern heard before and will have to be addressed on every trail we build. We will need to make sure that barricades of some sort are put up to prevent ATV users from going on the Van Rentals trail.

Extension to McGillivray Drive: It was agreed that this extension be considered as a project. Val to contact Dean Van Rentels. Bruce to contact Paul Hodgins to confirm he's okay with an extension. Assuming we get approvals, we could get started on this extension as soon as Wed. May 26. May 19: Val Contacted Dean Van Rentals and it is his mother, Donna, who owns the land. She appeared receptive to allowing us to build a ttrail out on the side of the field to link up with the Hodgins trail. If we can get that trail built, Paul Hodgins will build out his trail over the summer to link up with it. Val will chat with Dean again to walk the area where we'sd like to put the trail so we don't encroach on the area he is farming.

June 2: Val will meet with Dean to review the trail location. A letter should be sent thanking them with an outline of the work anticipated. It was agreed that the trail need to be about 6' wide. Jeff Horn owns land adjacent to Van Rentals. Paul Hodgins will extend his trail to link up to the Van Rentals trail.

Terry Jacques Trail: Vic and Val walked the trail behind Terry Jacques home towards Denfield road on May 12. They could get ¾ of the way to Denfield road before having to go up the bank to the back lawns of the last 3 houses before Denfield Road. Its unclear whether these landowners actually own the land that has been turned into back lawn but, in an event, a trail over these lawns may not be well received (although MacNaughton Morrison trail has trails through several back lawns, so this situation is possible). Bruce to check with township staff on property line situation there. Terry appears receptive to a trail although finding a public access is a question. Going from Terry's place towards town may only involve a few landowners, so that option should be investigated as well. Bruce to check with township staff on ownership of landowners – ideally to find out the landowners between Terry's place and Jackie Marrtens, who has already indicated that she is receptive to trails on her land.

May 19: It is challanging getting to the trail without going down Terry's driveway. It would be easier to get there if we had access from trails through adjoining landwoners land. This is likely a longer term trail-once we get access to build trails on other land. 3 landowners at the end of the trail (neqar Denfield Road) have build lawns right out to the riverbank, so we would have to cross the river there.

June 2: Gail Lamb suggested that the other side of the river be investigated.

Bruce

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	Trail #4 North of Car Wash: Not a priority at this time.	
	South of South Branch of Benn Drain: In chatting with Lions President Ken Curtis, he indicated that he knows landowner Ed Butler and could approach him about build a trail on land he owns that is currently zoned open space. Also, we could approach Langford Lumber about continuing the trail along the trail past their store. Ken indicated that he would assist in approaching these landowners. Bruce to contact Ken about getting these meetings on track.	Bruce/Ken
	South of Benn Drain along Walnut Grove. May 19: It was discussed that establishing a simple trail along the Benn Drain on the south side would be best done sooner rather than later so that people who buy the property don't assume it is their land. In meeting with township staff, it was suggested that we meet with the ABCA to ensure they are OK with us putting a trail along the drain. Bruce is trying to arrange a meeting with Tom Prout (General Manager of ABCA) and Jeff Code, who deals with the Township on most ABCA issues. June 2: Bruce will be meeting with them next week.	
5	Volunteers: Once we have a plan and budget for the Hodgins trail, there will be some work getting the signs installed that may be appropriate for third-party volunteers. Jessica reported that there have been no contacts from high-school students as a result of the posters put up at the schools. Suzy will put posters up at South Huron High School as well. However, it was felt that if we can actually get a project that involves putting shovels into the ground, we won't have much trouble getting volunteers from Lucan Trails members, running clubs, etc.	
6	Signage: Bruce to email Jake regarding signage for Hodgins trail. June 2: Bruce suggested that signage include two PARKING signs, a WELCOME Board and directional signage. Also a map of the Hodgins Trail with maps of trail with alternative distances. There should be an APPRECIATION notice on the board. It was suggested that Langford Lumber be approached for donations of materials for signage.	Bruce/Jake
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7	Trillium Grants: Waiting for incorporation to be complete and for a specific project. June 2: Bruce reported that TD Grants (Friends of the Environment) are easier to obtain than Trillium grants. Tom Friesen of HikeOntario has a contact. (TomFriesen@hotmail.com)	Andreana
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8	Needs List: A needs list has been posted on the web site to encourage donations for items such as granular, railway ties, etc. A press release to the Banner would be helpful (pending – once we have a firm trail in progress). Pending. June 2: Jennifer will update the NEEDS LIST. Photo's and NEEDS should be sent to the Banner when we do work on the Van Rentals Trail.	Jennifer Lamb

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