

LUCAN AREA TRAILS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Wednesday May 19 at 7:30 pm

AGENDA

Location: Lucan Legion (downstairs)

Present: Bruce Lamb, Suzy McComb, Abby McComb, Patty, Jessica Davies, Jane Donaghey, Andraena Tilgner, Val McLeod, Vic McLeod

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	The association welcomed Suzy McComb, her daughter Abby, and Abby's one-on-one worker Patty to the meeting. Suzy lives in Exeter, found the LucanTrails.ca website, loves to be outdoors, and wanted to get involved. She is an avid photographer having taken thousands of photos on the MacNaughton Morrison Trail. She doesn't drive, though, so getting to meetings can be a challenge.	
	Meeting of May 19, 2010	
1	Moved by Val, seconded by Jessica to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 5.	
	BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	
2	Incorporation: Waiting for government to send back paperwork. Should be any day now.	
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.	Jake / Bruce
4	<p>TRAILS:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Queen St. 'Model' Trail: Waiting for township staff comments. Bruce emailed staff on May 10 and followed up by email on May 17. There was no feedback by the time of this meeting.</p> <p>Hodgins Trail: <u>Signage Report:</u> List of signs, an approximate budget and a crew to get them installed. Bruce to contact Jake. It was suggested that we have clear indicators of where to park, and a sign indicating the start of the Hodgins</p>	<p>Bruce</p> <p>Bruce</p> <p>Jake / Bruce</p>

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	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Extension to McGillivray Drive:</u> 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.</p> <p>Terry Jacques Trail: Vic and Val walked the trail behind Terry Jacques home towards Denfield road on May 12. They could get $\frac{3}{4}$ 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.</p> <p>Walnut Grove Trail: The situation at the end of Terry Jacques trail near Denfield Road brought up the issue of establishing a trail quickly once development over those areas begins. It is better to have a trail in place – even in a rough form – before landowners extend their lawns and other features. As such, it was agreed that we approach the township staff about establishing a trail – even in rough form – behind Walnut Grove.</p> <p>South Side of Benn Drain: Not a priority at this time, although it could be</p> <p>Trail #4 North of Car Wash: Not a priority at this time.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Val / Bruce</p> <p>Bruce</p> <p>Bruce, Ken</p>
5	<p>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.</p>	

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6	Signage: Bruce to email Jake regarding signage for Hodgins trail.	Bruce/Jake
7	Trillium Grants: Waiting for incorporation to be complete and for a specific project.	
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.	
9	Geocaching: We need a member or members to oversee geocaching on LATA trails. Pending.	
10	Other Old Business: (none)	
11	NEW BUSINESS	
12	<p>Other New Business:</p> <p>Bruce quickly showed a presentation on the MacNaughton Morrison Trail which, incidently, included several photos that Suzy had taken. The presentation brought up another couple of items that should be considered in the longer term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Photos taken along the trails should be included in the LucanTrails.ca website, especially photos of wildlife. b) Once we have trails established that don't involve steep hills, we should look at purchasing a 6-seater electric vehicle like what exists in Exeter in order to allow elderly residents to view the trail. The vehicle in Exeter is apparently quite popular. <p>There have been trails established around the Wildwood Lake near St. Marys. The day is going to run from 10:00 until 3:00 with the official ribbon cutting coming at 1:00. Bruce is to send out the info the Lucan Trails emailing list.</p>	
13	Next Meeting: June 2, <u>downstairs</u> at the Lucan Legion, 7:30 pm. We may also meet on Wednesday May 26 at 6:00 pm if there is trail building work that can be done – location will likely be the Hodgins Trail.	
14	Adjournment	