

# LUCAN AREA TRAILS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Wednesday May 5 at 7:30 pm

## MINUTES

**Location:** Lucan Legion (downstairs)

**Present:** Jake Coulter, Paul Hodgins, Jessica Davies, Brad Cox, Jane Donaghey, Andraena Tilgner, Jennifer Lamb

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	<b>Meeting of May 5, 2010</b>	
1	Moved by Brad Cox, seconded by Jennifer Lamb to accept the minutes of the meeting of April 21. CARRIED.	
	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b>	
2	<b>Incorporation:</b> Waiting for government to send back paperwork. Will likely be another 2 weeks.	
3	<b>Insurance:</b> Jake Coulter presented a rate quote from Hike Ontario's provider for Commercial General Liability insurance for multi-use trails (which includes cyclists and horseback riders): \$1,312.50 plus PST for a year. Jake will contact Hike Ontario to ask how property damage matters are typically handled.	<b>Jake</b>
4	<p><b>TRAILS:</b></p> <p><b>Master Plan:</b> While meeting with township staff, it was suggested that it would really help if they and Council had a long term plan of trails the Association hopes to build over the long term.</p> <p>Discussion followed about the plan that Bruce posted on LucanTrails.ca. It was agreed that the plan should be presented to Council in this form, supplemented with some information about the philosophy of LATA – i.e. that our objective is to develop lots of options for trails of varying lengths over varying terrain in every possible direction from town, and not necessarily to create a single loop. Paul advised that Council would appreciate having an understanding of possible future trail routes for reference when considering future development proposals.</p> <p><b>Hodgins Trail:</b> Approximately 9 members walked the Hodgins trail on April 28. While there are some deep/damp areas, it wasn't bad while we were walking it. Paul said he'd handle improvements to surface over the damp areas. He is fine if the association wants to use this trail as a model for signage, though. And Paul knows he has bodies on whom he can count for assistance in trail improvements and maintenance. He owns the field to the north, so it wouldn't take much to build the trail out to McGillivray Drive (one other landowner – Martin Van Rentels).</p>	<b>Bruce</b>

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	<p>Jake will investigate getting signs made as per the Bruce Trail Guide. We need a list of signs, an approximate budget and a crew to get them installed.</p> <p><b>Terry Jacques Trail:</b> It was tentatively agreed that we'll meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> to walk this trail, pending confirmation that the landowner has authorized it.</p> <p><b>South Side of Benn Drain:</b> A connection to Walnut Street is possible but should be looked at after the construction of the condominiums.</p> <p><b>Trail #4 North of Car Wash:</b> Bruce and Val met with the Shipleys about building a trail on their land and unfortunately it won't work in the short term as the land is being used for grazing by horses. And while we can probably get to the back field towards the forest at the back of Cec and Sheila Hodgins' land, we need to convince the current renter (Hugh Deitrich) that we could discourage motorized traffic from getting back there (which should be easy to do with some well-placed baracades). Or we convince the Hodgins to rent the Association a narrow strip of land to get us to the forest.</p> <p>It was agreed that this trail will not be a priority at this time.</p> <p><b>Connection of Ends of Queen Street:</b> A trail behind the Community Centre connecting the dead end street there to the street by the water tower has potential. It could also connect Elizabeth Street, and would be close to the soccer fields. This may not be a bad alternative to be a visible "model trail" to show what we can do.</p> <p>Agreed that this trail should be a top priority. Paul will talk to property owner Alan Scott.</p> <p><b>South of South Branch of Benn Drain:</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Jake</b></p> <p><b>Val</b></p> <p><b>Paul</b></p>
5	<p><b>Volunteers:</b> Jessica has posted flyers to attract students to help build trails. Jennifer and Jane will get extra copies sent to Medway High School (to the weight room, the guidance office and the main bulletin board).</p>	<p><b>Jennifer, Jane</b></p>
6	<p><b>Signage:</b> Val McLeod has spoken with Courtesy Signs who said to contact them when we have a concept. Jennifer Lamb has posted photos of the signs from the Capilano Trail on the web site.</p>	
7	<p><b>Trillium Grants:</b> Andraena reported that the group must be incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation to qualify. Applications need to be for specific</p>	

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	items carefully budgeted and described. Waiting for incorporation to be complete and for a specific project.	
8	<b>Need List:</b> 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).	
9	<b>Other Old Business:</b>	
	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
11	<b>Other New Business:</b> Geocaching. Jennifer presented some information about the sport/hobby of seeking hidden “caches”. It was agreed that LATA trails should include geocaches where appropriate, and that a member or members should be appointed at a future date to oversee this activity.	
12	<b>Next Meeting: May 19, <u>downstairs</u> at the Lucan Legion, 7:30 pm</b>	
13	Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.	