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Chair's report for the 2020 AGM - Prepared by Paul Berry

I am going to leave most of the reporting on the state of the trail to our Bluff Trail Stewardship Program (BTSP) Stewardship Coordinator, Mike Lancaster. However, I want to thank him for his work and dedication to the Bluff Trail. I also want to thank my partner, Kimberly Berry, and board member Allyssa Poulin for all their work to compile the BTSP trail reports in 2019 and for writing the [BTSP 2019 year in review report](#).

The Board of Directors for this past year included: myself (Paul Berry) as chair and treasurer (I am offering for another term); Ben Armstrong as secretary (who is offering for another term); Marine Gemeda (who resigned part-way through her term this year and is not re-offering at this time); and Brice Walsh (who is also not re-offering for another term). We were fortunate to have Omar Al Nasleh step into the breach upon Marine's departure and he is offering himself as a board member for the upcoming year. This year we also have Abdul Nasser who is offering to sit on the board of directors.

I want to thank Brice Walsh who has been a board member for the past two years and has always contributed to meetings and our online discussions. Marine Gemeda has been a board member for several years and has contributed to our discussions and attended out meetings assiduously. She has taken on many administrative tasks over the years, such as booking meeting rooms and taking attendance at the AGMs.

The board met several times in 2019 and we reviewed and discussed all of the financial information that came before the board, trail maintenance that was outside of the scope of the BTSP, updated our information with the NS Registry of Joint Stocks, dealt with our online presence by continuing to purchase our domain names, dealt with snow removal in the parking lot (which was a little more expensive this year), and participated in the Halifax Regional Trails Association (HRTA) and hosted one of the HRTA general meetings in September 2019. We continue our membership the NS Trails who provide us with insurance through the province of NS.

In terms of trail maintenance we undertook side of trail maintenance on the trail - once again it was completed by Mike Lancaster with hand-tools. We also ensured dead fall



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was removed from all the trail. A major project that will need to be started this year is the replacement of 100+ foot boardwalk at the beginning of the trail - it is now 8 years old and starting to rot.

We continue to review the work of Mike Lancaster, the BTSP Stewardship Coordinator, who submits weekly reports and seeks the approval of the Board for special projects (such as hiring summer students under the federal Canada Summer Jobs Program).

We hope to secure some funding for the BTSP but need to raise more money in order to keep this program running. We will be making public appeals in the future.