

WRWEO AGM Draft Minutes

Sep 1, 2022, 6:03 pm

Present:

- Board: Paul Berry, Ben Armstrong, Kathleen Hipwell, Matthew Porter, Omar Al Nasleh, Abdul Nasser
- Mike Lancaster (BTSP)
- 4 members attending in person & 6 via Zoom

- Paul opens with Mi'kmaw acknowledgement
- Peter Lund moves, Kathleen seconds. Agenda approved
- Kathleen moves, Matt Porter seconds. Minutes approved
- Co-Chair's report read by Paul Berry
 - Outgoing board member: Allyssa Poulin
 - 2 new board members: Raelene Fewer, Marine Gameda
 - Acknowledgements of contributions of their time by our members and Mike Lancaster
 - We've put in motion plans for the replacement of the boardwalk, to be replaced in 2023
- Financial report read by Paul Berry
 - Most of our revenue comes from the city for trail maintenance, and a grant from NSE to help with the BTSP.
 - Our biggest costs are trail maintenance, the BTSP, and our parking lot. We also have to cover insurance for the board.
 - We have about \$8,000 for the boardwalk, then have to raise the rest ourselves.
 - Matt moves, Peter Lund seconds. Financial report approved.
- BTSP report read by Mike Lancaster
 - A brief overview of what BTSP is and its history.
 - We have spent the last 6 years trying to balance out how the trail is used and impacts on it by that use.
 - We've seen an increase of use and impacts on the trail.
 - Perhaps a lot of new people who don't necessarily have a lifelong respect for nature now using the trail.
 - We had 4 people working full time for us in the summer.
 - Some additional stats read on in-kind dollar value generated in the form of volunteer work, number of stewards trained, and on-trail hours.
 - We steer people to the LNT campsites to try to reduce impact elsewhere. We monitor them regularly.
 - Having the students out there all summer long builds relationships person to person, and that's the most effective way to communicate to people using the trail.
 - There was a fire out on the shore of Frederick Lake, fortunately not caused by our trail users, but nevertheless a reminder of the risk. We surveyed the damage and about an acre was burned.
 - We've seen a big decrease this year in dogs observed impacting negatively on the environment or disturbing users. So that's a success we're celebrating, as we put a lot of work

into getting the word out on those issues.

- The backbone of the program is our volunteers. We invite you to come out and join us in an upcoming stewardship session.

- Thanks and concluding remarks.

- Questions & comments taken from the floor, and from Zoom.

- Paul: thanks to Mike for all he does.

- Election of the Board of Directors - John Roff

- Paul Berry co-chair & treasurer, Kathleen Hipwell co-chair

- Ben Armstrong secretary

- Directors: Omar Al Nasleh, Abdul Nasser, Matthew Porter, Marine Gameda, Raelene Fewer

- All nominees acclaimed.

- Peter Lund moves. Adjournment at 6:46 pm