

**Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club**  
**55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday June 14, 2018**  
**Kimberley Hall, Grey Road 13, Kimberley**

Directors Present: Jill Smith-Brodie, Ros Rossetti, Mike Arkless, Glenda Collings, Margaret Yaraskavitch, Joan Nuffield, Bruce King, Alison Carey, Kelly Killoran, Alan McPherson, Bob Hann, Monica Tirion

Regrets: Bill McMurray, Stew Hilts, Mike Osborn

**1.0** Welcome and introduction of Board Members and Guests by Jill Smith-Brodie. Quorum was confirmed.

**2.0** Approval of proposed agenda.

**Motion by Peter Ryan: To approve the proposed agenda.**

**Secunder: Araby Lockhart**

**All in favour.**

**3.0** Approval of minutes from June 4, 2017 AGM.

**Motion by Norine Baron: To approve the minutes of the June 4, 2017 AGM.**

**Secunder: Peter Ryan**

**All in favour.**

**4.0** Motion to approve changes to Club By-Laws.

Three amendments to the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club By-Laws were proposed to:

- Bring the BVBTC mission, vision, values and strategic priorities into conformity with the new BTC Strategic Plan for 2018 – 2025.
- Add a new BVBTC Board position of “Information Services Director” to the slate of Directors to oversee the continuity, accuracy, inter-connectivity and accessibility of all digital data collected by the BVBTC
- Change the BVBTC AGM quorum from 5% of all active BVBTC members to 20 members.

The details of the above amendments were posted on the Club website since April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 with a corresponding announcement in the April Beaver Bytes.

**Motion by Ros Rossetti: To accept the proposed By-Law amendments.**

**Secunder: Bruce Clark**

**All in favour.**

**5.0** President’s Report (summary of Directors’ Reports)

- Another very successful year of operations and activities in the Beaver Valley.

- Membership increased to 604 members, a 12% increase over the year and includes a pool of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers, 175 people covering 353 roles.

- A full complement of Trail Captains who maintain 36 sections of Main Trail and 21 Side Trail Sections assisted by the Riding Mower Crew whose efforts have been recognized by appreciative messages from hikers. A very active and productive Chainsaw Crew who cleared 233 large trees during 2017 and attended to 80 dangerous trees reported just in May. Special Projects completed included a trail reroute through the Daphne and Gordon Nichols Nature Reserve, the Kimberley bypass route including new trail up to Old Baldy and a new trail on the Allen property.

- All 45 BTC owned and managed properties in the Beaver Valley have Land Stewards assigned and 4 additional people who volunteered to be Land Stewards were paired up with existing Land Stewards while

waiting for more properties to come into BVBTC care. One new property, the purchase of which closed on May 30, 2018, secured 0.5 km of Main Trail and 43 conservation acres. With BTC's focus on Accelerating Land Acquisition, the Land Stewardship team are well-prepared and able to assume responsibility for any new properties acquired in the Beaver Valley.

- The newest group of volunteers is the Landowner Ambassador team. In the Beaver Valley, approximately 127 Landowners have agreed to Main Trail or Side Trail on their lands. This is too many people for one person to effectively communicate with, so the 117 km of Main Trail and 29.5 km of Side Trails were divided into 12 Ambassador Land Groups. Each Ambassador Land Group is associated with one or more Landowner Ambassadors to foster good relationships with Landowners whose generosity is greatly appreciated.

- 3 new hike leaders joined the Trail Activities team. The Trail Activities Committee expanded the selection of scheduled hikes, created criteria for the new Beaver Bites badge and organized Trail Angels volunteers who provided a very popular service to hikers last year and are in even greater demand for the 2018 hiking season.

- Successful initiatives to communicate and collaborate with others whether it be with members through the monthly Beaver Bytes communiques and the Beaver Tales newsletter, or the public at large through a revamped website and the BVBTC Facebook page which saw a 114% increase in "likers" over the past 2 years. Presentations to local community groups included the Municipality of Grey Highlands, and collaborations with sporting events like the North Face Challenge and community trade shows, served not only to promote the BTC profile but also that of our Club. Inter-Club activities were strengthened through representation at the BTC's Club Communications Committee, the Working Together Conference last November, End-to-End hiking events and the Costa Rica Friendship Trail volunteer work trips where 23 people from 7 different BTC Clubs participated in March 2018.

- An area of achievement that warranted special mention was that of the BVBTC Information Services systems, long been recognized as the leader among BTC Clubs for the ability to collect, analyze, communicate and effectively use Land Stewardship data. A new database called BUILT - Beaver Valley Updated Information on Lands and Trails - was developed and successfully launched this year. It contains detailed information on Land Stewardship, Trail Development & Maintenance and Landowners. All information about volunteers and their multiple roles, is cross-correlated to BTC Properties, Property Plans, Audits, Landowner Properties, Trail Sections etc. The system is flexible enough to easily produce summary and detailed reports to enable and enhance the operational efficiency of the BVBTC. All Board Directors, Land Stewards, Land Ambassadors, Trail Captains, Sawyers, etc are now able to access the information through individual folders on the Club's google drive. And, thanks to a new data base on Access, volunteer details will be easier to update and keep current.

- To be President of such an active and successful BTC Club is a privilege. All dedicated volunteers, including the volunteer Board of Directors, were sincerely thanked for their support without which the role of President would not be possible to perform.

## **6.0 Treasurer's Report**

Mike Arkless presented the summary financials as below. The BVBTC was declared to be in a healthy financial position and able to make donations totaling \$5,000.00 to the BTC.

<b>Summary Financial Statements – 12 months to 31 May 2018 / Plan 2018-19</b>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget for Year</u>
Operating Surplus	5723.69	4,250.00
Donation to BTC	5,000.00	5,000.00
Net Profit/(Loss)	723.69	(750.00)
Net Assets @ 1 June 2017	11,166.46	11,166.46
Net Assets @ 31 May 2018	11,890.15	10,416.46
Planned Operating Surplus 2018/19	n/a	1,650.00

**Motion by Mike Arkless: To accept the reports presented by the President and the Treasurer.  
 Seconded: Ros Rossetti  
 All in favour.**

#### **7.0 Report from Nominating Committee & Election of Directors**

For the 2017-18 operational year, 13 Board Directors were acclaimed at the June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 AGM.

11 of the current Board Directors agreed to serve for the upcoming year.

According to the newly amended Club By-laws, the Board shall consist of 14 Directors with specific portfolios and as many Directors-at-Large as are deemed necessary for the effective operation of the Board. There were 5 in total, 3 of whom agree to remain as Directors-at-Large.

Board positions to be filled:

Vice-President, Land Stewardship Director, TD&M Director, Information Services Director, Land Owner Relations Director, Special Events Director, Secretary.

Bob Hann was nominated by the Board for the position of TD&M Director. Nominations were sought from the floor for the remaining vacancies. None were forthcoming.

Proposed BVBTC Board of Directors for 2018-19 (11 people):

Jill Smith-Brodie - President, LSS Representative, Interim Land Owner Relations Director

Vice President - Vacant

Ros Rossetti - Past President, Interim Secretary

Glenda Collings - Trail Activities Director

Mike Arkless - Treasurer

Bob Hann - Trail Development & Maintenance Director, LS Invasive Species Coordinator

Land Stewardship Director - Vacant

Margaret Yaraskavitch - Communication & Publicity Director

Kelly Killoran - Membership & Volunteer Director

Bruce King - BTC Club Director

Joan Nuffield - Director at Large, Newsletter Editor, LS Invasive Species Coordinator

Alison Carey - Director at Large

Alan McPherson - Director at Large

Special Event Director – Vacant

Information Services Director - Vacant

Support Volunteers for 2018-19:

Jack Morgan - Land Securement Secretariat    Alternate Rep

Mike Osborn - Land Steward Information Systems Coordinator

Steve Griffiths - Advertising Revenues Coordinator

**Motion by Ros Rossetti: To accept the Slate of Board Directors as presented.**

**Secunder: David Brodie**

**All in favour.**

- 8.0** Thank you to retiring Directors and Support Volunteers  
Stew Hilts, Will Overton, Bill McMurray, Monica Tirion, Jack Morgan, Fred Young, were thanked for their contribution to the BVBTC. Several had served for many years, performing countless hours of work on behalf of the BVBTC and BTC.
- 9.0** Keith Solomon Award  
Mike Osborn was the recipient of the Keith Solomon Award.
- 10.0** Motion to adjourn the 55<sup>th</sup> AGM.  
**Jill Smith-Brodie motioned to adjourn the 55<sup>th</sup> AGM.**  
**All in favour.**