

**Attended:** Joann Helmer, Anne Tener, John Mundy, Denis Falkner, Fred McFarland, Tim Allen

**1. Date and nature of next AGM**

- Fall would be the better time for AGM's - more predictable walking, fits well into planning cycle - so will aim for 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October, e.g. October 17<sup>th</sup>, in 2015 (Thanksgiving is the 12<sup>th</sup>), if no event conflicts
- Keep format of Saturday Meeting, Speaker, Walk and Lunch (order of last two TBD)
- Find speaker far ahead, and publicize well to members and general public: perhaps Geoff McVey for 2015
  - maybe some opportunities with Limerick Forest, but must be careful not to conflict or complicate; Fred M is out liaison
- For the 2014 AGM, the October opportunity has passed: so we have provisionally planned for Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Health Centre: business meeting, with perhaps more discussion of plans and lunch -perhaps with some guests, but no speaker and no formal walk. Decide, and announce to members early
- all members of exec are the planning committee for the AGMs
- would be good to hold four regular seasonal walks: what about a summer outing with a leg on the Rideau King (and perhaps with meal)?

**2. Brochure development and printing**

- We will follow up with the municipality re offer to cover reproduction costs etc. of the brochure. Jeff Bush, Treasurer.
- we approved the use of approx. \$1200 from our funds for the design of a new brochure, with a master version for reproduction and web site use, as per the estimate from Tom Graham
- Purposes of the brochure: to provide info for walking but...
  - provide link to the water trail ( canal) and the Rideau Trail ( land)
  - get people off the boats, into the village, economic impact
  - get people off the Rideau Trail, into the village , economic impact
  - bring people by cycle and road to Merrickville
  - what about passport and stamps , coupons
  - trail content OK , but add in the Montagu 5- 10k loops
  - Community engagement via CHC: Wendy Quarry would be a good contact
  - Joann, Denis and Tim to lead

**3. Presenting Wetland Trail project to Council**

- We should present our proposal to Council, but best wait for new one, after election: to get started on acquiring official status so that Council can look into the permissions etc.
- we should not wait for the Community consultation
- John and Anne to lead, all to help

**4. Funding strategy - for the future**

- Joann reviewed major available sources and usual request deadlines
- As previously noted, we need a well developed project before requesting funding
- Joann will be concentrating on website, so need other leaders for funding request activities: Fred M and Rhys may be able to do this
- Next funding deadlines
  - many are in July: Trillium (large amounts), TD Friends of Environment
  - Valley Heartland(?)
- others: Home Depot ( materials and expertise), Ontario Hydro
- Plan : be ready for next July for whatever projects will need funding next year and after

**5. Requests from other groups to send announcements to our mailing list**

- after discussion, it would seem preferable not to forward messages to our email list, other than our own messages: Approved
- we might ask if the one member who asked to be removed from list would like to come back on

**6. Proposal : MDTs to support the Village Turbine group by helping to lay gravel around the machine.**

- we had previously approved providing stone dust for this project, and Garden Club was ready to contribute cloth and labour
- now fenced in, requirements ( Parks Canada) are likely to be complex, and maintenance likely to be arduous: a grass border might be a much better idea
- revisit the question with the Friends of the Turbine, before taking any action

**7. Updates:**

- Limerick Forest (Fred M)
  - 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, various projects and activities planned - we should coordinate our activities where possible
  - interpretive signs are up on Merrickville Limerick Forest link trail : very impressive , and a useful model
  - activities this Oct 24th
- Website: Joanne has offered to be our Webmaster: accepted
  - we need to close down old site and links - small cost involved
  - Joann will resend links to new site
- Montague outreach
  - we need a Montague volunteer to accompany Fred ( not a Montague resident) to all-candidates meeting to bring up trails

- Woodland trail:
  - the stone dust pathway is almost completed thanks to hard work of a very small group of dedicated workers
  - once complete, this will probably be the end of building this season - steps/stairs can be completed next season
  - to be revisited at next meeting
- 8. **Other business:** none
- 9. **Next MDTS meeting:** October 24th
- 10. **Next MWTSC meeting:** November 8th

END

**Appendix:**

**Running account of MDTS funds available and attributed**

Grant 2014 FROM MCDHC:	\$ 3000.00
Approved spending	
Woodland trail materials	384.25
Brochures Cycling	540.14
<u>Trails brochure design and master</u>	<u>1200.00</u>
<u>Subtotal approved</u>	<u>\$ 2124.39</u>
Balance (October 2014)	\$ 875.61
Anticipated further expenses for 2014:	tolerable margin
Woodland trail TBD, but deferrable	
Wetlands trail: still in early phases or permissions and planning	