



Minutes
2018 Annual General Meeting
March 5, 2018
Halifax Central Library

Attendance:

Presenters

- Jeff White
- Mark Gentile - Interim President - Chair
- Jeff Vienneau - Interim Secretary - Minutes
- Marc Pike
- Scott Morgan - Interim Director of Operations

Of note

- HRM Councillor Mancini
- HRM Councillor Hendsbee
- Lawrence Plug - MRWA
- Kaarin Tae - MRWA
- Chuck Sutton
- Sarah Warford

General Attendance: estimated at 40+ not including presenters.

Call to Order and Panel Introductions

Mark Gentile outlined how the meeting would proceed and introduced the panel. Each member of the panel gave a quick self introduction.

Update on Progress

Marc Pike outlined the activity to date.

23 Nov 2017 - Meeting with HRM

Attendance: Mark G., Jeff W., Chuck, Marc P.,

Lawrence Plug - MRWA Representative

Tony Mancini - Councillor District 6

Philip Hammond - Recreation Planning Specialist, Parks and Rec

Richard Harvey - Manager of Policy and Planning, Parks and Rec

Ray Walsh - Parks Manager - Parks and Rec

Jeff Spares - Construction Project Manager, Parks and Rec

There were two other individuals present from HRM Transportation

Key points

We are an infrastructure and land use organization, not a sport group.

We are filling a need not addressed by other cycling and trail groups.

What we are suggesting is not new, it is in many jurisdictions across North America, the Atlantic Provinces and even in NS.

Results

HRM provided us with a contact person.

HRM to check on funding options.

HRM asked for quantifiable data.

They suggested the value of a business plan.

They agreed to continued dialogue.

5 Feb 2018 - Meeting with HRM

Key Points

- Governance – where does MBH fit into the bigger picture of cycling – the need for membership
- Scope – Evidence & Data
- Collaboration – Role of the Province
- What Role Does HRM Play - land agreement, trail development, recreational access for all ages and abilities, partnering with Sport NS etc
- HRM funding quandary
- Other funding possibilities
- MBH to work with city staff to develop a MTB bike strategy for HRM

Currently, MBH is working with HRM to develop Regional Mountain Bike Strategy.

Vision Air sponsorship of in-kind services to transport building materials to two sites within McIntosh Run trail system.

Chuck Sutton - Thank you to MEC for sponsoring the meeting room.

MBH is working on a grant application for MEC.

The association has not put out a general call for sponsors yet. Waiting on more formal board and treasurer to be established.

Lawrence Plug - MRWA Update

Lawrence, gave a presentation on MRWA and the trails project.

Question from Tim Brown - Concern that Fight Trail is losing its advanced, technical features to new development.

Response - Yes, some advanced features in front loop are re-worked to beginner / intermediate as part of stacked loop plan and accessibility needs. There are plans to add more advanced trail sections further in.

Councillor Tony Mancini - HRM Cycling History and Perspective

Councillor Mancini discussed HRM perspective, challenges and way forward.

MBH meeting with HRM was well received. They found the group was organized.

Please reach out to your councillor about the HRM mountain biking strategy.

Trailforks Campaign

Chuck Sutton urged everyone to track their rides using trailforks.com. The data is needed.

Membership

Chuck Sutton - Please sign up for a membership. Membership is a show of support and much appreciated.

A membership form and payment methods will be available soon through web site and Facebook group.

Board Nominations and Election of Board

President: Chuck Sutton

Vice President: Mark Gentile

Treasurer: Marc Pike

Secretary: Jeff Vienneau

Director At Large: Sarah Warford

Director Of Operations: vacant

Director of operations seat was not filled. Board will pursue suitable candidate to appoint.

Councillor David Hendsbee - Porters Lake Parcel

Councillor Hendsbee offered a land parcel in Porters Lake for consideration. Parcel #41230541.

Formal Meeting Adjourned