

Minutes of the Walking Village

February 23, 2015, Barbara's home

Chair David Turner called the meeting to order at 7:13pm

Attending: David Turner, Rosanne Caruso, Gary Gingras (Barbara MacKay, admin)

Regrets: Rhonda Iadinaradi-Parker, Julie Reitzel, Stefanie Bernard, Jon Gillette

Welcome:

The committee welcomed new board member Gary Gingras is the owner of the Cedars of Lake Eugenia Cottages Resort and a long-time supporter of the WV

Correspondence:

whoot-whoot! incorporation documents have arrived with official embossed seal! B MacKay will file the final paperwork with the executive members and the bylaws

B MacKay will register the Walking Village with the **provincial Grant body** so that we will be able to apply to funds from Trillium and Recreation & Tourism

Flesherton Foundation sign money, the cheque with our WV name on it will be returned to the Flesherton Foundation by D. Turner - and he will get a replacement cheque for the Dunwood printer to get our road sign produced

D. Turner will talk to Councilor Cathy Little and possibly Dan Best about the WV being recognized by the MGH and for them to pay **our Ontario Trails Council membership** (the Chamber has done this in the past). We are listed on their website and continue to receive their notices altho we may not be paid up members any longer.

Business Arising

E & O - insurance follow up - minimum \$50./month is the minimum available from Nicol Insurance. B. MacKay will check with other insurance companies for quotes, ask the OTC and Kolapore Wilderness Trails if they can recommend anyone.

A Winter walk is planned! **Snowshoe Hike** March 21 - we'll meet at the Games Room at Cedars of Lake Eugenia Cottage Resort and G. Gingras will guide us for 60-90 minutes. The trail is level ground, and they have a few pairs of snowshoes but skis or just boots won't cut it. He has bald eagles, otters and swans regularly hanging around on this route. He will supply some cocoa too!

Member J. Gillette printed **up 125 Membership cards** (two orientations) for Exec to give/sell to friends G. Gingras suggested that local businesses could help by offering, for example 10% discount to members - e.g. 10% off a coffee at the Bicycle Cafe. The committee could add to member benefits as we go forward, currently this is a way to collect email addresses for our mailing list (and donations)

G. Gingras has asked if we had approached any **corporate "friends"** such as Hydro One or Creemore Brewery, Maclean's/Ales? Gingras will investigate

R. Caruso attended the **MGH Heritage Committee** meeting. They (Nancy Matthews) was talking about offering Historical walks. It seems to be just a notion at this time.

NEW Business

G. Gingras is a fan of Geo caching and suggests we could easily have one or more and list them on our own web site and on the geocaching website. Gingras will set it up the geocache and B. MacKay will speak with both John Burton at Flesherton Hills and Chris at Grey Sauble to use their trails for this. R. Caruso wonders if there could be another one in Eugenia also. Why not!

The Executive is encouraged to sell/give membership cards to friends and family - we will bring them to the Snowshoe Hike and make sure that "**membership drive now on**" or some such is added to the winter walk poster.

B. MacKay will ask R Iadinardi-Parker to **design a poster for the Snowshoe Hike**

Jane's Walk May 3 (always first wknd in May) We will ramp up the Membership Drive for this date also (put this on the poster too, so folks bring some money to the walk). R. Caruso suggested we do a walk in Eugenia - haven't done one there yet. Gingras says it is the 100th Anniversary of the Lake and B. Pearn is writing a book about that. R. Caruso will ask Barbara Pearn to guest host the walk. Route to be decided.

We need a new **executive directors group photo** - when we next have a better turn-out

in the meantime, MacKay snapped the three members attending and will **send it with a media release** to theFlesherton.ca and to the Dundalk newspaper, and the radio stations, etc

D. Turner says a **mushroom walk** is always requested and he knows a really good foraging expert down country who he will ask to come in the Fall. However, prior to that he would like to do a Foraging Walk in the summer – location to be decided.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm

Next Meeting - ?