

Minutes - Walking Village Committee ~ Monday Aug 24, 2015, 7pm – Rosanne’s home

1. Welcome / Additions to the Agenda

Meeting called to order on Rosanne’s patio at 7:20pm

Attending: David Turner (chairs the meeting), Jon Gillette, Rosanne Caruso [Barbara MacKay – takes minutes]

Regrets: Cara Sullivan, Julie Reitzel, Gary Gingras

2. Correspondence/ Email

Meeting minutes of the July meeting were approved by Jon G., seconded by Rosanne C. Trillium Foundation – see below under Grant Registration

MGH – see below under Municipal update

BVBT & Kolapore Wilderness Trails - see below under reciprocal logo links

GreyBruceSustainabilityNetwork – see below under newsletter

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Board member replacement

Barbara raises the issue that with such a small board, we have trouble reaching quorum. Do we need more board members? David suggests we wait til after the November Strategy session, as we will be clearer in explaining what we do to potential new board members after that date

The Roadside Sign was picked up at Dunwood in Dundalk and is in Barbara’s garage. David Turner will ensure he has the necessary tools and he will install it on the east side of town on Cty Rd 4.

Municipal Update – After some back and forth a link to the Walking Village website, as requested, has appeared on the MGH website – it is text only, not a logo, and is on the *Recreation* page.

As requested we now have **reciprocal logo links** between the websites of BVBT and WV. We hope to do the same with Kolapore Wilderness Trails.

Grants

Barbara tells us that we are now registered with **Trillium Foundation** to be able to apply for grants. Barry Randall has been of assistance with Barbara in looking for grant opportunities and supplying info re Trillium. It is likely we will apply for SEED money. This might be better after November strategy session. We will be clearer about our aims and desired outcomes.

Barbara has downloaded the **grant application from the MGH** – all 13 pages – and board members complete addresses, among many other bits of info, are required. Barbara will apply in Sept. for \$ to reprint the brochure – we will ask for \$750.

Walks Upcoming

Nancy Matthews (Heritage Grey Highlands) agreed to lead three heritage walks on **September 25, 26, 27, 2015** in Markdale, Priceville, Flesherton in conjunction with Culture Days. However, Rosanne tells us that it appears that MGH will not be participating this year in Culture Days, so there is no crowd to draw from or promo to piggyback on. Rosanne will get in touch with Nancy and see if she will lead a Markdale Historical walk on Sept 26 or 27.

Barbara says we will need to move quickly on this after Labour Day so that we can get a poster designed and printed by Sept 12 (giving us 2 weeks of promo)

In June, Rosanne offered to lead a “**Fall Colours Walking Tour.**” David has offered to do this with her. David says there will be lots of fungi around in addition to the colour. He suggested that we walk on the Lower Valley Road, starting at the Hogg’s Falls parking lot. We could actually use the Falling Water BT side trail. (ED: *this needs to be confirmed for promo purposes – as to whether it is a walk or a hike*). After some discussion it was decided that Oct 3 or 4 would be best.

Bank Account – update:

Barbara researched bank accounts. We have approx \$75 in the jingle jar.

CIBC – no – too expensive

PC Financial – no, doesn’t want Non-Profits;

Dundalk CU – yes, membership fee of \$25 and then all in – no charges for chequing or cheques, etc. David and Barbara (acting treasurer) need to go there in person during business hours – they will be the co-signers. They will arrange this.

4. New Business

Newsletter – Barbara would like to do a co-production with Grey Bruce Sustainability Network – focused on all the walking, trails and related sustainability issues such as active transp. etc in GB. This would require grant money to pay for the time and design required – it could be an email newsletter – much like the one we get from Ontario Trails via email.

Maybe an idea for our first Trillium grant app.

5. Next Meeting time/date

Not set – Sept?

PLEASE REMEMBER – the very important Strategy Session – WHAT IS THE WALKING VILLAGE? - is scheduled for November 7, 2015. This will be a day-long “retreat” to set our direction for the future. Attendance is very important