

## Minutes of meeting on Tuesday, 28th June 2017.

Present: Allan, Camilla, Frank, Graeme, Margie, Ralph,  
Regrets: Anne, Gina, Harry, Howard, Ian, Michael, Ryan, Tim.  
Guest:

Points of discussion:

The May 2017 minutes were approved as e-mailed.

### **Reports:**

Cross Island Trail Maintenance Report for June 2017

June 3: Trail was very clean. Good to see someone has cut the grass on the edge of the trail. There was a great deal of weeding to do especially in the area of Co-op Housing through to Old School. Also the area across from Scruton farm through to woods before the trail ends. I focused mainly on thistles, grasses, and assorted weeds in the centre of the trail. Its time consuming work but I think it's worth it. I will try to do the same on the next walk.

June 12: Another good day mainly focusing on weeding. I feel I have done quite a bit but it is hard to see the improvement overall. The main problem areas remain the same therefore most attention given to them. Did some raking in areas that are susceptible to needles and cones falling.

June 19: Interesting day today. With the unusual wind storm late last week there were many small branches and bits blown down. A large tree came down near the Co-op Housing drive which required a fair bit of cutting and raking to clean up. Continued with weeding today but also spent time raking areas where there was a significant amount of downed cones and needles. It took time but looked good by the end of it.

June 29: A good day today. The trail is in good shape and in places a feel I can see the difference all the weeding of the past weeks has made. Not sure others would notice it and I might be imagining things, maybe. I did more weeding today but also interestingly enough there were two trees to clean up. Both were very dead and quite small so not a huge problem at all. Cleared bits that were partially on the trail. Also had to deal with a load left by someone's horse, not very thoughtful rider me thinks! Good to see many people on the trail and all happy with it.

**Anne, July: Michael, August:**

At our recent work party on the 7<sup>th</sup> June a good sized group of us worked on the Shady Lane Trail in Denman Island Park. We split into 2-groups and while one group started clearing one end of the trail the other group with chainsaws started the other end and cut away many fallen trees, all casualties of last winter's storms. We met up on the trail to report a good effort on clearing the trail, however while we were unable to clear away all the overhanging branches on the quite long trail it is now opened up and most pleasant to walk.

Parks Committee report:

Graeme and Tim worked on a trail in the Beadnell Creek area.

We purchased 4-new pruning saws from Lee Valley Tools and issued them to some of our members to carry with them when they hike in the woods allowing them to cut away smaller fallen trees and branches obstructing the trail. It is intended we purchase more saws so that each Committee member has one.

**Old Business:**

Up-to-date.

**New Business:**

It was agreed that our next work party would be on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, meet at the main entrance to Boyle Point Park at 9.30-am.** We will work on the top section of our new Bluff Trail to further define it.

A motion was unanimously passed to allow Allan to purchase 5-gallons of gas for the power tools.

Allan asked the Committee if they would approve funding for 2- new front tires for his 6x6 ATV, those present were in approval pending Allan acquiring a quotation for the tires. As all members are aware, the 6x6 has been the Trails Committee "MULE" in much of our trail work over the past 3-years.

A date has been set for a group hike to Paradise Meadows, Mt. Washington **on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July** to walk the Helen Makenzie Lake loop. Meet at the **Denman West ferry terminal for the 8.40-am sailing.** WE will try and car-pool and remember to bring a lunch.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**