THE AVON TRAIL

Avon Trail (AT) - Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, 18 November 2025

Location: Arden Park Hotel, 552 Ontario St, Stratford, ON, N5A 3J3

Attendance: 46 members. Attendance is recorded in a separate document.

1. Opening Remarks:
Bruce Graham welcomed everyone to the AGM.

2. Agenda:
Renee Lehnen outlined the agenda.
Motion to approve the agenda – Alana Respondek/Mario Antonio, carried.

3. Guest Speaker:
Linda Weitzel introduced the speaker, Diane Weiler, who shared her photos of Ontario birds and spoke on her "Feathered Friends." Bruce thanked Diane with a gift and donation to the "Make a Wish" Foundation.

4. Remembrance, Recognition of Volunteers:
Bruce Graham honoured the memories of Ross McTaggert, Maxine Taylor, Bill Gerber, and Dick Pullin, members who died in the past year.
Christine Lee thanked the many Avon Trail volunteers with special gratitude and certificates extended to Gerry Heyen and Bill Mayberry, trail monitors of the year.
Bernard Goward presented honorary, lifetime membership to Jane Foster for her wide-ranging work on the Avon Trail.
Renee Lehnen thanked departing board members and presented each with a small gift.

5. Refreshment Break:
Members enjoyed snacks and beverages.

6. Business:

A) Minutes of 2024 AGM:
Motion to approve the minutes of the 2024 AGM: Linda Weitzel/Bruce Graham, carried.

B) Presentation of Annual Reports, Financial Statements, and Budget:
All reports are included in the Annual Report and were presented at the AGM.

- **President's Report:** Presented by Bruce Graham.
- **Vice President's Report:** Presented by Tracy Halliwell.
- **Financial/Treasurer's Reports:** Presented by Justin Innes.
- **Membership Report:** Presented by Alana Respondek.
- **Trail Map Coordinator's Report:** Presented by David Parratt.
- **Trail Monitor Liaison's Report:** Presented by Christine Lee.
- **Maintenance Coordinator's Report:** Presented by Roland Plum.
- **Hike Schedule Coordinator's Report:** Presented by Tracy Halliwell.
- **Store Report:** Presented by Cindy Kimber.
- **Newsletter Report:** Presented by Tom Kimber.
- **Website Report:** Presented by Tom Kimber.
- **Landowner Relations Report:** Presented by Linda Weitzel.
- **Budget:** Presented by Justin Innes.
- **Strategic Plan and Risk Management Plan and Insurance Plan:** Presented by Renee Lehnen.

C) Board:

Proposed Board for 2025-26:
President: Christine Lee (1st year of a 2-year term)
Vice President: Vacant
Treasurer: Justin Innes (1st year of 2-year term)
Secretary: Renee Lehnen (2nd year of 2-year term)
Past President: Bruce Graham (1st year of 2-year term)
Director, Marketing and Public Relations: Jane Baynes (1st year of 2-year term)
Director, Landowner Relations: Linda Weitzel (1st year of 2-year term)
Director, Membership Secretary: Alana Respondek (2nd year of 2-year term)
Director, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor: Tom Kimber (2nd year of 2-year term)
Director, Maintenance Coordinator: Roland Plum (2nd year of 2-year term)

Monitor Liaison: Vacant

Motion to accept the proposed Board for 2025-26 – Donna Weitzel/Tracy Halliwell, carried.

D) Motion to close the meeting – Bruce Graham/Justin Innes, carried.

Minutes recorded by Renee Lehnen, Secretary to the Board.