



# Halifax Regional Trails Association

Minutes of an  
HRTA Executive Meeting  
Held at Sobeys Community Room  
2651 Windsor Street  
Minutes  
7 June 2018

## Attendees – Officers and Voting Directors

name	Position/Group	name	Position/Group
Paul Adlakha	Co-chair / SWEPS	Paul Berry	Officer / WRWEO
Michael McFadden	Secretary / CHPTA	Zane Fraser	Treasurer/ PLATA

## Regrets

Barry Dalrymple	Co-chair / WAAA	Ian Watt	Officer / COLTA
Anne Patrick	Past Chair SMBARTA	Holly Woodill	Vice Chair / CHPTA

## Invitees

Doug MacLeod	AVT	Stanley Van Dyke	MTA
Paul Euloth	SATA	Emma Martin	HRM AT

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<b>Intro</b>	Call to order at 5:00pm	
<b>agenda</b>	Approval of the Agenda. Circulated by email. Secretary requested to add administrative note to the item "Discussion on voting,..."	<b>Accepted by consensus</b>
<b>minutes</b>	Minutes of the executive tele-conference 24 May were tabled	
	<b>Decision</b> <b>Approve minutes as presented</b> <b>Moved by Michael</b>	
	<b>Seconded by Zane</b>	<b>Carried</b>
	Doug, Stan and Paul made a representation to the executive on the issue of motorized use of trails in general and specifically the membership application of the Marine Riders ATV Club. Their concerns covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The status of "user Groups" in HRTA. It was felt that user groups do not adequately take in the interests of other trail users. The Marine Riders social media sites and other documentation show an understandable but worrisome sole focus on ATV issues;</li> <li>The lack of clear policy statements on motorized trail use particularly on HRM designated Greenways</li> <li>various aspects of the Marine Riders application that do not meet HRTA membership criteria;</li> <li>the considerable evidence that ATV trail use significantly compromises trail use by other trail users.</li> <li>Worries about the ability to have an "unpressured" debate if the discussion and vote on the membership application was held in public.</li> </ul>	

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	This was based on theirs (and others) experiences during public consultations and AGMs where ATV related issues were being discussed.	
	There was an extensive, animated but directed discussion on these points and the decisions taken at the executive tele-conference 24 May. Several points were clarified and debated. All present were seeking a position that could be shown to be fair and transparent while taking in the concerns of the presenters and executive into account. In the case of the membership application process, the executive is relying on recent precedent as the By-Laws do not cover anything beyond eligibility criteria. The following series of actions were worked out and agreed to by the executive.	
Item*	Old business	Action
18 – 005	<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p><i>(Secretarial note – item was 18 – 006 but has been renumbered to indicate desired order of resolution)</i></p> <p><b>Request for staff report on aspects of motorized use of trails in HRM.</b> At the next Board meeting (16 July) Doug will table the motion for this study. Based on information provided by Emma, the request needs to be channeled by our representative through the HRM AT committee to staff. The current wording of the motion is:</p> <p>“HRTA requests a staff report that examines the economic, trail user, community group, and environmental implications of including motorized use in HRM’s support for trails. This report would include but not be limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the addition of an existing motorized trail</li> <li>• the addition of a motorized trail network in HRM</li> <li>• the addition of recreational motorized trails in HRM</li> <li>• the addition of motorized AT trails in HRM</li> </ul> <p>We further request that staff seek council’s direction on these matters”</p>	<b>Accepted by consensus</b>
18 – 006	<p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <p><i>(Secretarial note – item was 18 – 005 but has been renumbered to indicate desired order of resolution)</i></p> <p><b>Marine Rider ATV Club membership Application:</b> The application, as it stands, is incomplete and several clarifications are needed to ensure the application meets membership criteria. Based on previous membership applications the following actions will be taken:</p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The secretary will prepare a letter for the Co-Chair’s to the Marine Riders ATV Club that will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. outline the current criteria;</li> <li>b. ask for specific clarifications and/or documentation that are needed</li> <li>c. re-submit the application</li> <li>d. invite the club to make a presentation to the entire Board of Directors once the new documentation is received. This presentation (followed by a question period from the Directors) would support the Marine Riders ATV Club membership application</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

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	<p>e. encourage them to find a current member to make a motion on their application.</p> <p>2. The Board of Directors will then discuss the presentation and make its decision. This part of the process may be held “in camera” to allow free and frank discussion amongst the members.</p>	
Item*	Minutes 24 May 2018	Action
18 – 007	<p><b>Capital and Maintenance Funding Templates.</b> Old business items required more discussion time than anticipated.</p>	Deferred
18 – 008 (A18-04)	<p><b>Recreational Trails – potential agreements</b> Old business items required more discussion time than anticipated.</p>	Deferred
n/a	<p><b>Discussion on voting members, E-Vote administration, email distribution, Secretary administration notice</b> Due to the time constraint on the meeting space only the admin notice was tabled.</p> <p><b>Secretary administration Notice.</b> Due to high work load as Chair of CHPTA and some personal issues, the secretary, Michael McFadden, is resigning as HRTA secretary effective end of July 2018. He will remain the CHPTA director to HRTA. He will be available for a turnover to a new secretary at any time but will cease any active executive/secretary involvement after 23 July. He further emphasised that the resignation was strictly work-load related and lauds the excellent work of the HRTA executive and Board of Directors.</p>	Chair
Item	Adjournment 7 June 2018	Action
n/a	<b>Next meeting: 15 October 2018, place to be determined</b>	
n/a	<b>Meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:10pm</b>	
<b>Post meeting</b>	The executive and chairs of groups present signed all the individual Capital and Maintenance Funding agreements. All required HRTA executive signatures have been completed. Groups needing to sign their contracts will be contacted by Emma in the near future.	

Prepared by HRTA Secretary Michael McFadden