

**PBTC Annual General Meeting
June 7, 2022
Minutes**

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Brief introduction from Tamara

2. Greetings from BTC

John Whitworth

- Acknowledgment of supporters & landowners
- Announcement of 2 new peninsula acquisitions leading to 2 additional km of trail (3 acres Hope Bay, 400 acres Colpoy's Bay)
- Discussion of Colpoy's Bay East Nature reserve (ecological value, restoration projects)
- Land Securement Committee has added 1000+ acres in last 3 years

3. Agenda

- Agenda presented
- Voting procedures reviewed
- Motion to accept Agenda (moved John Grandy, 2nd Ron MacDonald)
 - Motion passed - No objections

4. Land Acknowledgement

5. Agenda Amendment

- Add honorary membership motion
- Motion to add item to agenda (moved Rich, 2nd Darcy Lombard)
 - Motion passed - No objections

6. Approval of May 16 Meeting Minutes

- Review of minutes from May 16th meeting
- Motion to approve May 16th minutes (moved Tom Hall, 2nd John G.)
 - Motion passed - No objections

7. Treasurer's Report

Report presented by Ron MacDonald

- Club in good financial shape
- Received grant from Trillium foundation for Barrow Bay staircase project
- 2 successful fundraisers

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report (moved John G., 2nd Harriet)

- Motion passed - No objections

8. Overview of Club Achievements

Volunteer Recognition Awards

- Marg Glendon Volunteer of the Year
- Darci Lombard 10-year recognition award
- Ontario Volunteer Service Award Nominees:
 - Pat Barton
 - Tony Barton
 - Barry Eveleigh
 - Brian Keaveney
 - Norma Piggot
 - Jim Wadleigh

Orchid Festival

Tripping the Bruce TVO film

Examining rescue issues with Fire Chief, Municipality & Ontario Parks

Climate Change Display @ Sources of Knowledge (moved to fall)

Collaboration with Sustainable Tourism Advisory

Bioblitz hikes with Bruce Peninsula District School (grades 3 and up)

Otter Lake Birding Platform

GRIPPS Elms @ Cape Chin

Barrow Bay Parking Lot (in-progress)

Trail Additions (Cape Chin Meadows @ Maple Cross) & Reroutes (Cape Chill Main Trail)

Hikes (Tobermory History, Tree, Geology, Fall Colours, New Member, February Healthy Heart, Owl Prowl, Migration Monitor)

9. Update on BTC Trail Ambassadors

- **Trail Ambassadors 2021** (Bioblitz - Sprit Rock & Bruce Caves, Litter pick-ups July/August, Wildlife ID, Enviro Hikes, Wayfinding & ?'s on trails)
- **BTC funding trail ambassadors for all clubs 2022** (hiring complete)
- **PBTC Ambassadors 2022 Rhiannon & Vanessa**

10. Changes to PBTC Constitution

- Discussion of changes from John Grandy
- Committee revision team (Walter, B., Leah B., Laura P., Barbara R.)
- Motion to accept constitution changes (John G., 2nd Ron M.)
 - Motion passed - No objections

11. Officers & Directors Reports

Membership & Outreach - Marg Glendon

- Membership (BTC membership up 9% total 13, 472; PBTC % membership up 16% total 1067); membership fee increase could lead to short-term drop but expected long-term growth

- Bruce Peninsula District School
 - Supported Green Industries Class - purchase “Plants of Southern Ontario Field Guide”
 - Litter audit Lion’s Head; Grade 5-6 hike & bioblitz; Junior trail Stewards & reports; Class visits Grades 3-4 & 5-6 with Beth Gillespy on geology & fossils;
 - BioBlitz May 28 2022 at Malcolm Bluffs Nature Reserve
 - Sources of Knowledge (SOK) Forum, Fall 2022.
 - Yoga and Bruce Trail: Restoration for Cape Chin Nature Reserve
 - For The Birds” Art Fundraiser: aiming for a June date for a call for submission to local artists and October launch date for the art sale.
 - Christmas bird Ornament fundraiser

Landowner Relations - Darci Lombard

- Landowner Stewardship Program
 - One-on-one landowner mentoring with BTC
 - Help landowners achieve long term stewardship goals on their property
 - Includes consultation & guidance from expert ecologists on wildlife habitat enhancement, invasive species control & other stewardship goals

Land Stewardship & Conservation - Mark Shantz

- Biodiversity:
 - Invasive species pulls, planting native species
 - GRIPP Elm project with University of Guelph - ongoing
- Climate Change:
 - Promoting green corridors, tree planting
- Land Stewardship:
 - 46 Land Stewards, 79 properties, 4500 acres
 - Weekly Stew Crew Work Parties; Annual Monitor Reports
 - Otter Lake Bird Platform Completed (signage still tbc)
- Nominated new director - Laura Pisko

Communications - Barb Reuber

- 3 editions of The Rattler newsletter were issued in 2021
- Regular e-news updates
- Website & Facebook - updated & maintained by Sabir & Praveen
- Several articles printed in Bruce Peninsula Press
- Nominated new director - Jeff Thibodeau

Hiking - Barb Reuber

- PBTC hikes followed the BTC and provincial guidelines for Covid-19, including size limits for hikes (lifted on Feb 17, 2022) & did not offer any hikes that required car shuttles.
- PBTC Organized Hikes: 2 new members hikes, 3 three geology hikes, An owl prowls, A fall colours hike & more

- 8 PBTC members completed Hike Ontario Certified Hike Leader course. PBTC now has a number of hike leaders with both Certified Hike Leader and first aid qualifications
- Nominated new director - Leslie McBeth

Trail Maintenance - Tom Hall

- Major accomplishments 2021:
 - reroute of the Main Trail & the creation of the Cape Chin Meadows Side Trail
 - reopening of the Ivan Lemcke Side Trail
 - raising of a large portion of the Snake Boardwalk at Cape Croker
 - 10 Sawyers received Chainsaw certification, 4 recertified
 - Volunteers participated in donor event @Maplecross & Volunteer Appreciation

Porcupine Award

- Doug Hill presented with Porcupine Award

Trail Development - John Grandy

- Maple Cross Nature Reserve at Cape Chin
 - Main Trail now includes Cape Chin Meadows Side Trail is 7.4 KM
 - Will develop driveway after house is dealt with
- Overnight Rest Areas
 - McKay's Harbour Closed
 - Establishing Overnight Rest Areas on BTC land is being explored
 - Exploring possible booking software and discussing controls

Officers & Directors Farewell & Thanks

- Martha Clendinning - leaving Secretary position (Secretary until June 2021)
- Walter Brewer - leaving Secretary position (June 2021-May 2022) staying on as Archivist
- Grant Ehrhardt - leaving Member at Large position
- Barb Reuber - leaving Communications & Hike Director roles
- Mark Shantz - leaving Land Stewardship Directorship on board but remaining as Stew Crew Coordinator

Motion to Approve Director's Reports (John G., 2nd Ron M.)

- Motion passed - No objections

12. Recognition of Lifetime Contribution of Grant Ehrhardt

- Discussion of Grant's many contributions
- Grant gives speech and thanks wife Lane for making his contributions possible
- Motion to offer Grant E. Lifetime Honorary Membership to PBTC (John G., 2nd Tamara Wilson)
 - Motion passed - no objections

13. Q&A

- No Questions from the floor

14. Nominating Committee Report (John Grandy, Tom Hall, Leah Burns, Tamara Wilson)

- Committee chair John Grandy gave brief update - overwhelmingly positive response and expressions of interest to call for board members. New members at large interviewed and selected. Additional interested parties invited to join club and volunteer – potential for future board positions
- Board positions still vacant: Volunteer Coordinator & Vice President
- Motion to accept nominating committee report (John G., 2nd Ron M.)
 - Motion passed - No objections

15. Election of Officers & Directors

Slate of nominees for election presented:

Secretary - Leah Burns

Hike Director - Leslie McBeth

Communications - Jeff Thibodeau

Conservation & Land Stewardship - Laura Pisko

Board Members at Large - Shanna Reid, Jennifer Bremner, Zane Davies, Brenda Stewart

Call for additional nominees from the floor (no additional nominees submitted)

Motion to approve slate of nominees (John G., 2nd Ron M.)

- Motion passed - No objections

16. New Executive Welcome

17. Motion to Adjourn (Grant Ehrhardt, 2nd Ron M.)

- Motion passed - No objections