

DHBTC AGM Minutes August 21, 2024

Chair – John Dickason

Minutes – Lorraine Campbell

John Dickason called the meeting to order at 5pm.

Conflict of interest: None

1. Approval of minutes of the DHBTC Board meeting on July 17, 2024.

Moved - John Dickason

Second – Lynda Bloom

Passed unanimously

2. Approval of the agenda.

Moved: John Dickason

Second: Lynda Bloom

Passed unanimously

3. John proposed that the DHBTC by-laws be amended as follows:

- Section 4(b) The Board shall normally number between 18 to 21 Directors. Of these, two Directors, the Past President and the Dufferin representative to the BTC Board shall be members ex-officio. All other Directors shall be elected.

- Section 4(c) Concurrent with the formation of a Nominating Committee, the Board may for the forthcoming term only, temporarily increase or decrease the number of elected Directors by one or two outside the normal limits.
 - **Discussion** – John stated that the mandate of the BTC has changed to focus on biodiversity and conservation as well as hiking. In order to do this, the BTC has increased land acquisitions which entails additional maintenance work. In addition, the BTC is seeking to broaden its’ outreach to a more diverse audience, which will require an enhanced focus on cultural diversity. This increase in both the breadth of responsibilities and volume of work will require a large Board of Directors. Concern was expressed that it may be challenging to work with such a large board and it was suggested that additional DHBTC members should be identified to support areas of specialization.

- Section 5(b) Immediately after the AGM the Board shall meet to appoint a Director as Chair. The new Board shall then appoint Directors to fill Board positions.

Motion – John Dickason

Second – Liz Jansen

Passed unanimously

4. Treasurer’s report. John Dickason presented the treasurer’s report prepared by Alison Campbell. There has been an increase in donations, badge sales and hike events which has left the club with a financial surplus.
 - **Discussion** – Tony Hopkins queried whether the surplus could be used to reduce the cost of event hikes and badges. Carol Foley is a member of the Special Events Hike Committee and stated that the cost of event hikes was recently reviewed and is consistent with other BTC chapters. John stated that there has been extensive discussion about the cost of badges and that

current prices are consistent with other BTC chapters. John stated that the Board will be meeting in September to plan the upcoming year and suggested that funds should be reserved to support the increased focus on membership, cultural diversity and improvements to the Land Stewardship program.

Motion – John Dickason

Second – Liz Jansen

Passed unanimously

5. John expressed thanks to all members of the Board and subcommittees.
6. Jill Johnson presented the nominating committee report and the slate of nominees for 2024 was elected by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm