

# The Friends of Charleston Lake Park

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday, 14 May, 2016, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Discovery Centre, Charleston Lake Park**

## Minutes

In Attendance: Wayne Ashford, Doug Bickerton, Mike Cappello, Ernie Chisamore, Rosemary Chisamore, Duane Dillman, Andy Graham, Gerry Gustar, Janice Hallam, Peter O'Hare, Shirley O'Hare, Steve Page, Carol Pratt, Cliff Redman, Mary Jo Sibbald, Peter Sibbald, Jim Wallbridge, Claudette Weststrate, Joanne Wilde, Ken Wilde, Ray Wilson, Adam Worth.

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Andy moved and Doug seconded the adoption of the agenda. Approved.
2. **Minutes of the 2014 AGM:** Moved by Jim and seconded by Janice to adopt the minutes as presented. Approved.
3. **Financial Report:** Wayne presented the 2015 financial statements ( copy attached) to these minutes. Wayne moved and Doug seconded the adoption of the report. Approved. Steve then presented Wayne with a token of appreciation for his 13 years of service as Treasurer.
4. **Park Report:** Park Superintendent Mike Cappello reported that the Park had one of its most successful years, with attendance at more than 90,000. He thanked the Friends for their contributions, which led to the creation of new trailhead signs, a new Discovery Centre sign, new taxidermy, and a new tablet to create an interactive exhibit. He discussed the replacement of the Slim Bay bridge, and expressed the hope that it would be open in June. In the discussion that followed, Carol reported that there seem to be many more cigarette butts being left on the trails; education seemed to be the only possible response to this.
5. **Chair's Report:** Steve began by thanking a number of people:
  - Andy, for taking on the Chair's functions for most of 2015, and for masterminding the Friends' revised Strategic Plan;
  - Board members and the Park Gatehouse staff for their ticket-selling, which resulted in a banner year for our canoe raffle;
  - Frontenac Outfitters' Larry Showler for his assistance in our purchase of the canoe;
  - All our trail monitors, dedicated to ensuring that the Park's trails provide campers and hikers with a safe and enjoyable experience.
6. Steve also pointed to a number of other Friends' contributions alongside those mentioned by Mike :
  - 3 special events;

- contribution to OP student bursary program (one of which was one in 2015 by a Charleston student employee Sarah Connelly);
  - sponsorship of an area high school student (in 2015 Robyn Canning from Rideau District High School) to Ontario Nature's annual Youth Summit for Biodiversity and Environmental Leadership;
  - finally, he stressed the essential role that the Friends had played, directly and indirectly, in financing the replacement of the Slim Bay bridge, an essential link in our West Side Trail. Over 50% of the money came from the Friends' reserves, from donations from individual Friends or solicited by the Friends, from a donation by the Charleston Lake Association suggested by Board members, and from a National Trails Council grant applied for.
7. Steve then thanked Director Janice Hallam for her 18 years of organizing and supervising the Friends' Nature store, and presented her with a token of our appreciation.
  8. Election of 2016 Board of Directors: The following Directors agreed to let their names stand for election: Wayne Ashford, Doug Bickerton, Andy Graham, Gerry Gustar, Janice Hallam, Steve Page, Cliff Redman, Mary Jo Sibbald, Jim Wallbridge, and Claudette Weststrate. There were no nominations from the floor. All the nominees were approved by vote.
  9. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.