



2022 Annual General Meeting

Member Information Package

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Grand Valley Trail Association Territorial Acknowledgement

The GVTA acknowledges that the Land on which we hike, as settlers, is Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and Neutrals.

With this statement we respect the Indigenous Tradition of acknowledging the Territory of another nation. This Territory today is called the Haldimand Tract.

We acknowledge and are grateful to the Indigenous Peoples and their ancestors for their deep Traditional Knowledge, their Culture, and Philosophies. We are grateful for the Indigenous Way of protecting and sharing the Land with all People and Relatives, the four-legged, winged ones, the swimmers and the crawlers, the rooted and non-rooted relations.

We are committed to improve our understanding of Indigenous Neighbours and to take actions toward building relationships among our communities.

The Haldimand Tract was established in 1784 when the Haudenosaunee were displaced from their land after supporting the British in the American Revolution. The Haldimand Tract runs from Port Maitland to the Dundalk Highlands and extends 10 km on each side of the Grand River. On behalf of the Haudenosaunee, the Crown took charge of administering the Haldimand Tract, home of the Six Nations, “in trust”.

Today, the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and the Neutrals reside on 46,500 acres, 5% of the original 950,000 acres of the Haldimand Tract. The land of the Haldimand Tract was expropriated by the Crown and is unceded – meaning that the Haudenosaunee never legally signed away their lands to the Crown or Canada. More than 95% of the original Haldimand Tract was removed from the Haudenosaunee.

Caledonia is the last piece of the Haldimand Tract that has not been taken away from the Haudenosaunee.

Now is the Time of the Eighth Fire; the time for settlers to work with Indigenous Communities Respectfully, to take Responsibility, and to be Reciprocal so we can move toward Reconciliation.





GVTA Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 - 7:00 PM

AGENDA

7:00 pm

Annual General Meeting

Welcome - Annie Côté-Kennedy, President
Logistics of Virtual AGM – Mary-Ellen Currie, Director, Programs
Territorial Acknowledgment
Call to order - Annie Côté-Kennedy, President

Approval of previous year's minutes - Annie Côté-Kennedy

Financials – Lisa Stewart, Treasurer

2021-22 Financials
2022-23 Budget

Consolidated Directors' Report

New Business – Revisions to Bylaws

Election of the Board of Directors

Annie Côté-Kennedy

Volunteer Recognition

Emily Bennett, Director, Volunteering and Membership

Guest Speaker

Petra Suffling introducing Peter Russell
Former Curator, Earth Sciences Museum, University of Waterloo

Closing Remarks

Annie Côté-Kennedy



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Virtual meeting due to pandemic.

Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Annie Côté-Kennedy, Emily Bennett, Laura Anders, Mary-Ellen Currie, Heather Rennie, Jason Thompson, Erin Huston, Petra Suffling

Members Present: 44 members attended the meeting, well within quorum required in Bylaw of 5% of membership. See Appendix I.

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The chair welcomed attendees and noted the unusual circumstances requiring that the Annual General Meeting be held virtually again this year.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Heather Rennie, seconded by Jason Thompson to approve the agenda as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the September 14, 2020 Annual General Meeting
4. Financials:
 - 2020-2021 Financials
 - 2021-2022 Budget
5. Consolidated Directors Report
6. New Business: Appointment of Honorary Life Member
7. Election of the Board of Directors
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment of AGM

Carried.

3. Acceptance of the minutes of the September 14, 2020 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Charles Whitlock, seconded by Jim Senn that the minutes of the September 14, 2020AGM be accepted as presented.

Carried.

4. Approval of the GVTA Financials for 2020-2021 and Budget, 2021-22 Fiscal Year

Laura Anders presented the financials for the past year and GVTA budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year which had been reviewed and endorsed by the Board. A member noted that a line was inadvertently omitted from the slide presented and this was corrected and did not change the total budget presented. See Addendum II for the Treasurer's Report and financials presented.

Moved by Steve MacIntyre, seconded by Heather Rennie that the financials for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and the budget for the 2021-2022 budget be approved. **Carried.**

5. Consolidated Directors' Reports for the 2020-2021 Year

A consolidated directors' report was presented by Annie Côté-Kennedy and highlighted the board's activities for the past year. See attached Addendum III.

6. New Business: Appointment of Honorary Life Member

Annie Cote-Kennedy brought forward a motion that Nick Kuret be appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Grand Valley Trails Association. Nick has been a trail maintenance volunteer for more than 30 years in a number of volunteer positions: Trail Captain for the Glen Morris to Sudden Tract section of Black Walnut, construction crew leader for 17 years, trail director for Black Walnut and Board Member from 2009 to 2015, consultant on various trail projects.

Jan and Jamie Hember and Ryan Wicks spoke in favour of the motion.

Moved by Jan Hember and seconded by Ryan Wicks. **Carried**

7. Election of the Board of Directors

The Chair drew the attention of members to the following slate of candidates:

President: Annie Côté-Kennedy

Treasurer: Laura Anders

Secretary: Erin Huston

Director, Volunteering and Membership: Emily Bennett

Vice-President, Trail Maintenance: Jason Thompson

Director, Hikes: Petra Suffling

Director, Marketing: Heather Rennie

Director, Programs: Mary-Ellen Currie

Hike Ontario Representative: Charles Whitlock

Moved by Jim Senn and seconded by Steve MacIntyre. **Carried.**

8. Other Business

No new business.

9. Closing comments/Adjournment

In closing, the chair thanked all members for attending and their continued support of the club and invited members to submit their feedback on the club's direction and future AGMs.

Moved by Emily Bennett and seconded by Mary-Ellen Currie that the meeting adjourn at 8:00 p.m. **Carried.**

Appendix 1 - Attendance

Present:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Nick Kuret | 23. Jess |
| 2. Anita Kuret | 24. Jlm Senn |
| 3. Jennifer Lennon | 25. Laura Anders |
| 4. Al Bennett | 26. Lillian Ler |
| 5. Alison Crerar | 27. Linda Schmidt |
| 6. Andrew Mercer | 28. Marguerite Cardinal |
| 7. Angele Barker | 29. Mary-Ellen Currie |
| 8. Annie Côté-Kennedy | 30. Mariette Bardoel |
| 9. Bob S | 31. Michael Bender |
| 10. Brenda Wiegand | 32. Norbert Benik |
| 11. Brena Yallop | 33. Pablo Machetzki |
| 12. Charles Whitlock | 34. Pat Aplevich |
| 13. Didier Thevenard | 35. Pauline Copleston |
| 14. Emily Bennett | 36. Petra Suffling |
| 15. Erin Huston | 37. Ronald Cherry |
| 16. Fred Standeven | 38. Ryan Wicks |
| 17. Georgia Mulholland | 39. Sandra Willis |
| 18. Greg & Jeanette Vincent | 40. Sharon Wadley |
| 19. Heather Rennie | 41. Steve F. MacIntyre |
| 20. Jan Hember | 42. Susie Bell |
| 21. Jamie Hember | 43. Tony Kelly |
| 22. Jason Thompson | |

Appendix II - Treasurer's Report (for the year ending March 31, 2021)

Summary

The Grand Valley Trails Association (GVTA) prepares financial statements on a cash basis. For the year ending March 31, 2021, GVTA recognized Receipts totaling \$16,925 and Expenditures of \$8,091, resulting in a net gain of \$8,834. At year end, investments of \$39,909 were on hand.

Receipts

Membership fees of \$11,240 were deposited as of March 31, 2021, up from the previous year's \$7,130 total. A large portion of this difference (\$3,000) relates to the new members that joined our organization as a result of the Waterloo Regional Crossing (WRX) event in early 2020. While this event happened prior to March 31st, 2020, we did not receive the membership fees for the associated new members by the end of the fiscal year. As such, these fees were reflected in our 2020-21 financials. The remaining difference in these totals relates to the mixed dates contained in the end of the year deposits. In other words, in 2021 more members renewed their memberships prior to the end of the fiscal year versus in 2020.

Guidebook sales as of March 31, 2021 totalled \$1,120 up from the March 2020 total of \$936. This decrease could possibly be attributed to more people hiking on our trail as a result of COVID, a trend that has been seen on hiking trails across the province (and beyond).

Donations were stronger in the year, generating income of \$2,748. This was up from the previous year total of \$1,312.

Expenditures

Trail Maintenance spending this year was up; \$2,799 this year versus \$779 in the previous year. This category of spending can be volatile from year to year depending on maintenance initiatives planned in each section of the trail. This is an area that we have strategically decided to focus on so the higher spending is not unexpected.

Office supplies and admin totalled \$2,008 in the year ending March 31, 2021 compared to last year's total of \$2,251. This category of spending includes one of our storage lockers, our PO box rental, shipping costs for guidebooks and other merchandise sold, etc.

There were no expenses for the Newsletter in the year ending March 2021, while an expense of \$1,858 was recorded in 2019-20. This represented the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. These costs are no longer incurred as we discontinued the print newsletter.

In the year ending March 31, 2021 a total of \$669 was spent on Publicity as compared to \$3,121 in the previous year. The 2019-20 spending included some costs associated with the website redesign project, as project that did not drive any costs in the most recent fiscal year.

A Budget for the period of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 has been drafted and will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Laura Anders, Treasurer
Grand Valley Trails Association

2020/21 Financials

					Budget \$ 12 months 2020-2021		Actual \$ 12 months 2020-2021		Actual \$ 12 months 2019-2020
Receipts									
	Membership fees				9,720.00		11,240.00		7,130.00
	Sale of guidebooks				1,125.00		1,120.00		936.00
	Shipping				250.00		370.00		260.00
	Sale of badges, shirts, hats				500.00		684.50		697.00
	Receipted Donations				1,000.00		2,575.00		1,160.00
	Unreceipted donations				150.00		173.60		151.66
	Christmas party				1,800.00		-		1,890.00
	Advertising income				-		-		774.06
	Transfer of Funds						-		1,310.04
	HST Rebate				1,100.00		1,095.13		1,502.48
	PayPal charges				(330.00)		(332.92)		(328.88)
					15,315.00		16,925.31		15,482.36
Expenditures									
	Office				3,000.00		2,008.81		2,251.29
	Trail maintenance				2,100.00		2,799.69		779.70
	Events				3,900.00		-		3,826.43
	Insurance				1,400.00		1,297.00		1,443.00
	Newsletter				-		-		1,858.78
	Publicity + Marketing				1,598.56		669.15		3,120.67
	Hike Leaders				1,800.00				
	Programs - cost recovery events						-		144.00
	App				497.20		681.39		959.37
	Landowner relations				200.00		-		-
	Bank charges						-		147.14
	Membership Fees				635.00		635.00		635.00
					15,130.76		8,091.04		15,165.38
Net Gain (Loss) for the period					184.24		8,834.27		316.98
Bank Balance - beginning of year					10,194.20		10,194.20		9,877.22
Bank Balance - end of period					10,378.44		19,028.47		10,194.20
TD Canada Trust GIC # 8065725					20,892.91		20,892.91		20,556.63
Total Balance - end of period					31,271.35		39,921.38		30,750.83

2021/22 Proposed Budget

				Budget \$ 12 months 2021-2022	Budget \$ 12 months 2020-2021	Actual \$ 12 months 2020-2021
Receipts						
	Membership fees			8,240.00	9,720.00	11,240.00
	Sale of guidebooks			870.00	1,125.00	1,120.00
	Shipping			250.00	250.00	370.00
	Sale of badges, shirts, hats			650.00	500.00	684.50
	Receipted Donations			2,000.00	1,000.00	2,575.00
	Unreceipted donations			150.00	150.00	173.60
	Christmas party			1,800.00	1,800.00	-
	Advertising income			-	-	-
	Transfer of Funds					-
	HST Rebate			600.00	1,100.00	1,095.13
	PayPal charges			(300.00)	(330.00)	(332.92)
				14,260.00	15,315.00	16,925.31
Expenditures						
	Office			2,000.00	3,000.00	2,008.81
	Trail maintenance			8,000.00	2,100.00	2,799.69
	Events			4,500.00	3,900.00	-
	Insurance			1,300.00	1,400.00	1,297.00
	Newsletter			-	-	-
	Publicity + Marketing			4,717.62	1,598.56	669.15
	Hike Leaders			2,000.00	1,800.00	
	Programs - cost recovery events					-
	App			1,400.00	497.20	681.39
	Landowner relations			200.00	200.00	-
	Bank charges					-
	Membership Fees			635.00	635.00	635.00
				32,388.62	15,130.76	8,091.04
Net Gain (Loss) for the period				(18,128.62)	184.24	8,834.27
Bank Balance - beginning of year				19,028.47	10,194.20	10,194.20
Bank Balance - end of period				899.85	10,378.44	19,028.47
TD Canada Trust GIC # 8065725				20,829.66	20,892.91	20,892.91
Total Balance - end of period				21,729.51	31,271.35	39,921.38

Appendix III

Consolidated GVTA board report for the year 2020-2021

Hike Program

Regrettably, organized hikes had to be cancelled for the year because of the COVID-19 restrictions. However, the trail remained open and available for public use, with encouragement on Facebook to use the trail while observing the Public Health guidelines. Hiking in general remained very popular during the year of lock-down. The number of hikers completing the trail end-to-end has increased by about 35 per cent this year.

Details of 22 self-directed hikes were posted on the GVTA website to provide hikers with an opportunity to continue hiking locally independently. GVTA's Facebook and our members e-newsletter promoted these hikes and provided a link to the website.

We maintained our goal of increasing our roster of hike leaders with the objective of offering more hikes and a broader range of hikes in the long term. Five GVTA members successfully completed Hike Ontario's first virtual Certified Hike Leader program last fall. Once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, they will be able to complete the practical component of the program and begin offering hikes. We continue to encourage members to consider becoming certified hike leaders.

We are fortunate that Petra Suffling has taken on the role of Hike Director in the fall and we look forward to resume offering organized hikes, including family hikes, in the near future.

Trail Maintenance

A thorough end-to-end trail audit was completed last fall under the direction of Jan Hember and Jane Kenyon and with the support of many volunteers who meticulously walked the trail, noting all issues and fixes that were required. The audit results were documented to be addressed in the spring as part of the regular maintenance and as special work parties as required.

We know that in addition to the people involved in the audit, there were many volunteers who continued throughout the year to do their part to maintain the trail in a safe condition for all of us to enjoy. Last November, we wanted to recognize these 49 volunteers in a distinct way. To thank them for their work on behalf of the association, the board delivered GVTA-branded tuques to the volunteers who had participated in work parties, in the audit and in the general maintenance of the trail.

The board also approved a special Honorary Lifetime Member award to someone whose name is now synonymous with trail maintenance, not just with the Grand Valley Trail but with trails across Ontario. The award will be presented under New business as noted on the agenda.

The board updated its policy relating to the use and certification of chain saw operators to ensure that every section of the trail has at least one designated chain saw operator. The individuals for each trail segment were appointed by the Trail Director and a training program was selected and aligned to provide the course. However the training had to be deferred because of the latest provincial shut-down.

Finally, we are happy to report that the role of Vice-President, Trail Maintenance, which was created a few years ago, has now been filled. Jason Thompson started in the spring as project manager to oversee the implementation of the audit findings. While this will remain his priority initially, Jason will assume the full role of Trail Maintenance, VP as the audit work naturally evolves into overall trail

maintenance. If you have not met Jason yet, you will probably encounter him on the trail as he is often seen on the trail hiking or assisting with trail maintenance.

Membership

Our membership has increased incrementally over the past few years: 35 new members joined this year compared to 12 in 2020, and 8 in 2019. Our membership now stands at 240 members. This number includes an expected drop from last year when we had a large number of members join as part of their participation in the Waterloo Region Crossing event. Given that the event did not occur this year, we did anticipate a decrease in membership as a result of this cancellation.

Volunteer Update

This past year, we have also been successful at recruiting for some key roles. The board welcomes the following new volunteers:

- Jason Thompson, Vice-President, Trail Maintenance
- Erin Huston, Board Secretary
- Alison Crerar, Trail Captain, Pinnacle section
- Tony Kelly, Trail Captain, Carolinian Crest
- Rosemary Zehr, Trail Captain, Pinnacle

Special shout-out to our trail directors:

- Ben Scharz, Trail Director, Pinnacle
- Fred Standeven, Trail Director, Carolinian Crest
- Ryan Wicks, Trail Director, Black Walnut

We are continuing to look for a Trail Director and trail captains for the Towpath section. Emily Bennett, Director of Volunteering and Membership, also continues to work with Trail Directors to recruit maintenance volunteers on a short-term basis to assist with one-off maintenance projects.

Member events

FOOD DRIVE

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual festive holiday dinner because of COVID-19 restrictions relating to in-person gathering. In keeping with the spirit of the season, the club organized a food drive to benefit the local Food Banks. The board members set up drop-off locations in Brantford, Kitchener and Waterloo to collect food and monetary donations. A total of \$611 was raised along with 680 pounds of food or the equivalent of 2,365 meals to local homes facing food insecurity. Thank you to all who donated to the food drive. We have received many comments of support from our members who appreciated this campaign. Mary-Ellen Currie, Programs Director, was the coordinator of the food drive, liaising with the Food Bank to determine need and coordinate delivery of collected items.

HIKING TALES AND TALKS

Given the very limited opportunities to socialize, the club launched in the spring *Hiking tales and talks*, a three-part virtual series featuring guest speakers and presentations on various topics and issues. Online sessions were held in each of March, April and May featuring Nicola Ross, the author of *Loops and Lattes*, a series of guidebooks on local hiking loops; Maddalena Molino and Robert Eschenasi, co-owners of Comfortable Hiking Holidays on international hiking travel and Brian Dernes, owner of KW Telescope, on nature and landscape photography. The sessions were very well attended by members as well as non-members.

Marketing activities

TRAIL MARKINGS

The association has continued to publish its member e-newsletter throughout the year. Trail Markings is published quarterly to give updates on board activities, highlight a volunteer or member profile and feature a hike or section of the trail. Thank you to Anita Smith, our volunteer editor of the newsletter.

FACEBOOK

The GVTA Facebook page continues to be an effective way to connect and stay in touch with our members and community. This year, the number of followers increased from 1,000 to nearly 1,400. Followers are primarily from KW, Toronto, Cambridge, London, Brantford, Guelph and Hamilton. 85% of followers are aged 35 to 64 and 65 per cent are female. The objectives of our Facebook page are:

- To support and promote the association e.g. encourage local hikes, promote GVTA activities, call for volunteers
- To encourage safe and responsible hiking and use of trails, e.g., update on COVID-19 safety regulations, provide information on trail closures and restrictions
- To promote hiking in general e.g. offers updates from GVTA and other Ontario trails, provides info on new hiking and navigation apps.

Thank you to Petra Suffling for managing our Facebook page.

PARTNERSHIP WITH CONESTOGA COLLEGE PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM

We have partnered with Conestoga College students in the Bachelor of Public Relations program in the winter term. Under this program, a team of four students formed a consulting team to develop a series of marketing and public relations material for the GVTA. The GVTA was fortunate to be selected as one of four non-profit organizations to take part in the program. The program was a win-win for both parties: the students applied their skills and training to a real-life situation and the organization received free and quality public relations and marketing material and advice. Heather Rennie, our marketing director, will be working on the students' proposals to incorporate the relevant components and we will be sharing some this creative work over the coming year.

Relationship with public and private landowners

As the association does not own land, it frequently enters into agreements with public land owners to ensure that the landowner is aware of GVTA activities.

Agreements typically clarify liability coverage and define shared responsibility for trail maintenance. In the 2020-21 year, we have completed a maintenance agreement with Woolwich Township and finalized a draft agreement with Ruthven National Historic site. As well, we have negotiated to enter into an agreement with the Grand River Conservation Authority to retain the trail in the Elora Gorge Conservation area.

We hope to have an agreement in place with GRCA in the 2021-22 year. Having agreements in place is beneficial to the GVTA as it gives us a contact point should larger issues with the trail safety occur; as well, it establishes a partnership for shared responsibility in trail maintenance and trail promotion.

The club also has formal and informal agreements with generous individual landowners who generously allow the trail to run through their property. We remind all hikers to be thankful to these landowners and to demonstrate and role model the respect they are due by adhering to the trail users' code when trekking on private land. This is particularly important as more and more people are using the trail.

GVTA Standing Rules

To have up-to-date and relevant standing rules is important because it offers board members a consistent and established road map to carry out the work of the club. The review and revision of the standing rules relating to the Hike Program was completed last year and finalized early in the current year with the Board approving the new rules in October. A complete review of all other standing rules is ongoing and the focus will be on the trail maintenance section in 2020-21. Once the rules are finalized, a dedicated section will be created on the web with relevant forms made available online for all maintenance trail workers to be able to access.

Shortening the trail at Belwood

The decision was made in 2020-21 to end the Grand Valley Trail at the village of Belwood, at km 30.4. The rationale for this change is the following:

- The section of trail from Belwood to Alton has been problematic for many years.
- The trail at Belwood connects to the Elora Cataract Trailway which is practical if anyone wants to continue further with their hike.
- Most of that section is on road.
- We have difficulty recruiting trail captains for the Pinnacle trail.
- It is not along the Grand River watershed.

The decision was made by the board in November and was announced to the membership in the winter edition of the newsletter. We will be installing a sign in Belwood to indicate the new terminus and our plans are to install a cairn in Belwood as part of our anniversary celebration.

Relationship with ONDAGO for online maps

This is now the third year in our relationship with ONDAGO. We have revised our processes to ensure that updates and reroutes are updated on the app at the same time as they are published on the GVTA website.

The number of users downloading or opening the online maps has increased significantly over the past year. The number of times the end-to-end map has been downloaded has increased by 57 per cent.

Map	Downloaded		Opened	
	2019-20	2020-21	2019-20	2020-21
End-to-end	250	433	545	1678
Towpath	164	302	572	1066
Carolinian Crest	229	452	773	2788
Black Walnut	389	827	1965	6384
Pinnacle	375	801	1488	4421

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Côté-Kennedy, President, Grand Valley Trails Association

Board members:

<i>Laura Anders, Treasurer</i> <i>Emily Bennett, Dir. Volunteer and Membership</i> <i>Mary-Ellen Currie, Dir. Programs</i> <i>Heather Rennie, Director, Marketing</i>	<i>Petra Suffling, Dir. Hikes</i> <i>Jason Thompson, Vice-President, Trail Maintenance</i> <i>Charles Whitlock, Hike Ontario Rep</i>
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Treasurer's Report for the year ending March 31, 2022

Summary

The Grand Valley Trails Association (GVTA) prepares financial statements on a cash basis. For the year ending March 31, 2022, GVTA recognized Receipts totaling \$11,263 and Expenditures of \$13,901 resulting in a net loss of (\$2,638). At year end, investments of \$37,312 were on hand.

Receipts

Membership fees of \$4,980 were deposited as of March 31, 2022, down from the previous year's \$11,240 total. The decrease of (\$6,260) vs the prior year is driven by:

1. (\$3,000) of one time memberships in 2020-21 for the Waterloo Crossing Event
2. (\$1,300) mixed dates in year-end deposits with less members renewing their memberships prior to the end of the fiscal year vs 2020-21.
3. (\$1,960) less annual and lifetime memberships vs 2020-21.

Donations have become an increasingly important source of income for the GVTA generating \$4,328, this was up from the previous year total of \$2,748. This is expected to be due to the increased use of our trails during the pandemic as several donors included letters with their donations to express this.

Guidebook and merchandise sales as of March 31, 2022 totalled \$1,687 down from \$2,175 in the prior year. This could be attributed to customers awaiting the new guidebooks and merchandise that will be released in 2022.

Expenditures

Trail Maintenance spending this year was up; \$5,219 this year versus \$2,800 in the previous year. This increase was expected as trail maintenance was a strategic area of focus for 2020-21, with some maintenance activities carrying forward to 2022-23.

Office supplies and admin totalled \$1,608 in the year ending March 31, 2022 compared to last year's total of \$2,009. This category of spending includes our PO Box rental, shipping costs for guidebooks and other merchandise sold, first aid reimbursement for hike leaders, etc.

New merchandise for the online store totaled \$2,636 in the year ending March 31, 2022 vs \$681 in the prior year as new hats were ordered.

Insurance expenses totaled \$1,295 for the year ending March 31, 2022 and were unchanged from the prior year.

In the year ending March 31, 2022 a total of \$1,856 was spent on Publicity (including website and Ondago app maintenance) as compared to \$669 in the previous year. In 2020-21 there were several improvements made to the website and Ondago App while these costs were minimal in the prior year.

A Budget for the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 has been drafted and will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Lisa Stewart
Treasurer, GVTA



2021/22 Financials

	Budget \$ 12 months 2021-2022	Actual \$ 12 months 2021-2022	Actual \$ 12 months 2020-2021
Receipts			
Membership fees	8,240.00	4,980.00	11,240.00
Sale of guidebooks	870.00	1,069.00	1,120.00
Shipping	250.00	346.00	370.00
Sale of Merchandise	650.00	272.00	684.50
Receipted Donations	2,000.00	3,646.00	2,575.00
Unreceipted donations	150.00	682.30	173.60
Christmas party	1,800.00	-	-
Advertising income	-	-	-
Programs - cost recovery events	-	-	-
Transfer of Funds	-	-	-
HST Rebate	600.00	537.46	1,095.13
Interest	-	-	-
PayPal charges	(300.00)	(269.87)	(332.92)
	14,260.00	11,262.89	16,925.31
Expenditures			
Office	2,000.00	1,608.27	2,008.81
Trail maintenance	8,000.00	5,218.84	2,799.69
Events	4,500.00	100.00	-
Insurance	1,300.00	1,295.00	1,297.00
Newsletter	-	15.46	-
Merchandise	2,636.00	2,635.72	681.39
GB Printing	5,000.00	-	-
Advertising	-	281.40	-
Web Hosting Fees/Maintenance	4,717.62	1,574.61	669.15
App	1,400.00	971.80	-
Hike Leaders	2,000.00	-	-
Programs - cost recovery events	-	-	-
Landowner relations	200.00	-	-
Bank charges	-	-	-
Membership Fees	635.00	200.00	635.00
	32,388.62	13,901.10	8,091.04
Net Gain (Loss) for the period	(18,128.62)	(2,638.21)	8,834.27
Bank Balance - beginning of year	19,028.47	19,028.47	10,194.20
Bank Balance - end of period	899.85	16,390.26	19,028.47



2022-23 Proposed Budget

	Budget \$ 12 months 2022-2023	Budget \$ 12 months 2021-2022	Actual \$ 12 months 2021-2022
Receipts			
Membership fees	6,280.00	8,240.00	4,980.00
Grants	5,000.00		
Sale of guidebooks	1,389.70	870.00	1,069.00
Shipping	449.80	250.00	346.00
Sale of Merchandise	353.60	650.00	272.00
Receipted Donations	4,328.30	2,000.00	3,646.00
Unreceipted donations		150.00	682.30
Christmas party	1,800.00	1,800.00	-
Advertising income		-	-
Programs - cost recovery events		-	-
Transfer of Funds			-
HST Rebate	450.00	600.00	537.46
Interest			-
PayPal charges	(350.00)	(300.00)	(269.87)
	19,701.40	14,260.00	11,262.89
Expenditures			
Office	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,608.27
Trail maintenance	5,200.00	8,000.00	5,218.84
Events	4,500.00	4,500.00	100.00
Insurance	1,425.00	1,300.00	1,295.00
Newsletter		-	15.46
Merchandise	2,022.70	2,636.00	2,635.72
GB Printing	4,000.00	5,000.00	-
Advertising	350.00		281.40
Web Hosting Fees/Maintenance	3,000.00	4,717.62	1,574.61
App	1,000.00	1,400.00	971.80
Hike Leaders	500.00	2,000.00	
Programs - cost recovery events			-
Landowner relations	200.00	200.00	-
Bank charges			-
Membership Fees	635.00	635.00	200.00
	24,832.70	32,388.62	13,901.10
Net Gain (Loss) for the period	(5,131.30)	(18,128.62)	(2,638.21)
Bank Balance - beginning of year	16,390.26	19,028.47	19,028.47
Bank Balance - end of period	11,258.96	899.85	16,390.26



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Hike Program

Our hike program was on hold during the initial stages of the COVID pandemic. We resumed offering organized hikes in July 2021 after consultation with the hike leaders. From July to the end of March, 21 hikes were offered. We are very thankful to all the active hike leaders, namely: Didier Thevenard, Michele Martin, Theresa Markus, Janice Bock, Brenda Wiegand, Charles Whitlock, Joanna Mazur and Petra Suffling.

A particular shout-out to Didier Thevenard - Didier's name appeared frequently in the hike calendar! Throughout the year, he has offered countless and very diverse hikes catering to a wide range of interests and hiking abilities. We also recognize Michele Wiegand. Michele initiated a special school hiking program last year and has been providing guided interpretive hikes to students of various ages and backgrounds.

There are two components to making our hiking program a success. Having a good roster of active hike leaders and having member participation in organized hikes. To that end, we will continue to work to increase the number of certified hike leaders. As well, in the upcoming year, we will be looking at better and more promotion of organized hikes.

If you would like to see more hikes, please consider becoming a certified hike leader! If you are a certified hike leader, but have not updated your First Aid certification, please email hikes@gvta.on.ca to see how we can help you get recertified.

Trail Maintenance

As outlined in our financial update, this year, we spent close to 90 percent more than the previous year on trail maintenance. After we completed the trail audit in the fall of 2020, trail maintenance volunteers focused their efforts on addressing the audit findings, doing the day-to-day maintenance and overall improving the trail.

BLACK WALNUT

The Black Walnut section, at 76.9 km, is the longest section of the Grand Valley Trail. The trail director is Ryan Wicks and there are 19 trail captains and a number of volunteers, including many new volunteers. The section is also looking for one additional trail captain.

In the past year, there was one trail maintenance party organized and several small grass cutting sessions organized to provide a concentrated maintenance effort.

Overall, the Black Walnut section is in good shape. There are a few outstanding items from the audit still to be completed and a few items that have surfaced over the winter which the maintenance crew will be addressing as part of their ongoing maintenance.

Reroutes:

The following reroutes were implemented in the past year, resulting in changes to the following maps:

- Map 9 – In the Alps Road/Dumfries Road/401 area changes were made and the trail is now on road between Roseville Road and Alps Road. This change was following a request by the landowner.
- Map 11 – In the Bloomindale-Snyders' Flats area, a segment is temporarily closed due to construction.

Significant accomplishment this year:

One project to highlight from the past year, was the building of a 26-foot bridge spanning along the Middleton portion of this section. Ryan, in consultation with Nick Kuret and working with Woolwich Township, planned, organized and implemented the construction and installation of the impressive bridge. Thank you and congratulations to Ryan and the volunteers who helped with the bridge!

CAROLINIAN CREST

The Carolinian Crest section at 71.5 km is the second longest section of the Grand Valley Trail. The trail director is Fred Standeven and there are seven trail captains and seven regular volunteers. Ongoing maintenance has also been supported by 15 three-person crews.

Having fewer trail captains, the Carolinian Crest organized some 22 work parties in the past year to provide focused maintenance of sections of the trail. Maintenance of the Carolinian Crest has also been supported by the local cycling club on three occasions.

All the issues identified in last year's trail audit have been addressed.

Reroutes:

The following reroutes were implemented in the past year, resulting in changes to the following maps:

- Map 7 – Changes made in consultation with the City of Brantford; a segment of the trail was temporarily closed last May due to safety factors and construction blockages. This is at km 46.5 and relates to a new housing development. The reroute was expected to be temporary and we are awaiting word from the city or builder regarding the return to the trail.
- Map 6 – A segment of the trail has been rerouted at km 28.2, corner of Brant Road 18 and Newport Road. After crossing the Newport Bridge, the trail now continues to the end of the guardrail along a more gradual slope to Newport road.
- Map 6-7 – This change shows the new main trail off Cockshutt Road in Brantford.

Significant accomplishment this year:

A significant accomplishment was the reroute on the east side of Cockshutt Road. Tony Kelly, trail captain, approached the landowner and received permission to move the trail off the road to the landowner's treed lot on the east side of Cockshutt Road. The rerouted trail has been thoroughly signed and blazed thanks to the hard work of the maintenance team.

TOWPATH SECTION

The Towpath section is 64.9 km with a significant amount of road walking. We have been unable to find a Trail Director and volunteers for this section of the trail for some time. Plans to organize a work party were deferred twice because of COVID restrictions so unfortunately, the audit findings are still outstanding.

We remain optimistic that some progress could be made in Towpath. We were contacted in the spring by a landowner in the Caledonia area who has kindly offered to maintain the section of trail on his property. He has also provided contacts to assist us with connecting with Haldiman Township. Plans for the upcoming year are to build these relationships and to continue promoting the need for trail maintenance volunteers in this section.

BELWOOD SECTION (PREVIOUSLY PINNACLE SECTION)

The Belwood section is approximately 30 km and now runs from Weisenberg Road, in the Township of Centre Wellington, to the Village of Belwood. Effective May 2022, we have a Trail Director to replace the vacancy that occurred last year. We welcome Jessica Léger as the Trail Director for the Belwood section.

In addition to the trail director now in place, there are two trail captains and eight trail volunteers to support maintenance of this section. As well, three trail maintenance parties were organized during the year to address immediate issues. Most of the audit findings have been addressed and we expect the outstanding items will be resolved this year.

Plans are to install a terminus cairn in Belwood in the fall. We are working with a supplier who has generously offered to donate his time to this initiative.

Membership

As of the beginning of May, our membership was at 243, which includes three more members than last year at this time and three more lifetime members. We appreciate everyone's efforts to renew their membership online, saving the organization postage and administrative effort. Fewer membership reminders were sent this year and we thank Rosemary Zehr for help in managing this mailing.

We continue to maintain our membership information in Salesforce, which is a dedicated database that is used extensively during the annual renewal period and updated regularly as members' contact information change and new members join. The same database is also used to capture private landowner information. This coming year, we plan to fine-tune the volunteer list to better track volunteer preferences and help us better align volunteers with planned activities such as trail maintenance parties.

Volunteer Update

Thank you to the 171 people who have put their names forward to volunteer in some capacity with the club. As people's interests and availability change over time, we would like to thank the following volunteers for their support over the past year:

- Heather Rennie, Director, Marketing
- Anita Smith, Trail Markings editor
- Ben Shwartz, trail director for the Belwood Section.
- Charles Whitlock, Hike Ontario representative (resignation in effect October).

This past year, we have been successful at recruiting Lisa Stewart as Board Treasurer.

As well, we welcome the following people in key positions:

- Steve Combos – Newsletter Editor
- Jessica Léger (Trail Director) Belwood
- Allen Henry –(Trail Captain) Carolinian Crest
- Bob Brown –(Volunteer/Landowner) Towpath

We are in need of a Trail Director for the Towpath section. If you are interested or know a suitable candidate please tap them on the shoulder to encourage them to volunteer! The jobs and details on how to apply are posted on gvta.on.ca.

Member events

FOOD DRIVE

Due to poor weather, our Food Drive event held on December 4 to benefit food banks in Centre Wellington and Waterloo Region was not as successful as the previous year. We collected the equivalent of 228 meals. We will be reevaluating how best to support our community this year and welcome ideas for this coming year.

BIRD PHOTO CONTEST

To celebrate National Bird Day in January, we hosted a special photo contest as part of our 50th anniversary year. GVTA members were invited to submit their best photos. We provided tips for taking photos and engaged four experts to judge the event. Congratulations to winners Katherine Waybrant and Mark Duchene and runners-up Erika Malich and Ron Cherry! Thank you to Laura Anders for organizing the contest.

OTHER 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

A family hike challenge was held in February. In March, we featured a GVTA trivia quiz and in April we highlighted Earth Day and National Volunteer Week.

Marketing activities

GVTA PROMOTION

Our 50th anniversary presented the perfect opportunity to promote the GVTA and raise awareness of the club and the trail. A promotion campaign resulted in a CTV television interview with the president of the club and newspaper articles in the Brantford Expositor and the Waterloo Chronicle in January.

TRAIL MARKINGS

The association has continued to publish its member e-newsletter throughout the year. Each edition of Trail Markings includes news and updates from the Board, a GVTA member or volunteer profile and a feature hike or section of the trail. Thank you to Anita Smith, our volunteer editor of the newsletter. The winter newsletter was Anita's last edition. We are very fortunate to welcome Steve Gombos in this new role starting with the spring edition.

FACEBOOK

The GVTA Facebook page continues to be an effective way to connect and stay in touch with our members and community. As of April, we had approximately 1,680 followers. We encourage you to help us to continue to build our Facebook community by following us, and by liking, sharing and commenting on our posts. A social media strategy was created this year to identify optimal ways to use our Facebook page to attract new members and keep existing followers engaged. We'll continue to use this strategy to help guide our posts going forward. Thank you to Petra Suffling for managing our Facebook page.

Relationship with public and private landowners

Part of our strategic plan is to develop relationships with municipality, townships and other public land owners to work collaboratively on trail maintenance and to promote greater awareness of the Association. As well, our plan is to better document formal and informal relationships with private landowners. To that end, we are encouraging trail directors to send us names and contact information of private landowners so we could document in our central database.

We have made some important progress and continue to face some challenges in the area of landowner relations.

GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (GRCA)

We are happy to report that last fall we entered into an access agreement with the GRCA that allows the trail to continue in the Elora Gorge Conservation Area. The agreement follows a number of GVTA presentations to the GRCA board and discussions with the management of the GRCA. The trail can now be accessed via one of the official park entrances during the park's official hours of operation. We are providing free access passes to the park to our members who request them. If you have not requested a pass, you still can do so by email info@gvta.on.ca.

The GRCA has also recently conducted a thorough review of hunting activities on its different properties. As a result of this review, staff have determined that the Wilson's Flats in the Township of Centre Wellington on the north side will be open to walking trails only and will be closed to hunting. We welcome this news.

The GRCA management has been very collaborative, giving us advance notice of upcoming maintenance issues that affect the trail and have indicated an interest in working with us in relation to agreements for the trail on other GRCA properties. We appreciate and value this relationship.

CITY OF BRANTFORD

Late last summer, a group of us met with officials from the City of Brantford to initiate discussions relating to trail maintenance. The meeting was very productive. As a result, Carolinian Crest maintenance team have met with the city's maintenance staff, shared protocols and contact information. Since that time, the maintenance volunteers and staff have been working collaboratively to maintain the trails within the city limits.

WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP

We have agreements in place for the maintenance of trails within Woolwich Township. Ryan Wicks, trail director for Black Walnut, works directly and frequently with Ann Roberts, Environmental Coordinator, Township of Woolwich.

CENTRE WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

Preliminary discussions have taken place last summer with staff from Centre Wellington to discuss the cairn location in Belwood and in the spring to discuss and exchange GPS files of the trail. We look forward to building these relationships in 2022 as earlier discussions have been very collaborative.

RUTHVEN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In 2022, Ruthven Historic Site ended a long-term agreement with the GVTA. The Grand Valley trail had been on the Ruthven National Historic Site for more than 35 years by mutual agreement and prior to Ruthven and the Ontario Heritage Trust reaching an easement. Last year, after several online and telephone discussions with Ruthven management, a draft agreement was prepared and discussed to allow the trail to continue on the historic site and to outline shared maintenance responsibilities. Regrettably, we were advised last month that the site's Stewardship Committee and Board of Directors have made the decision to operate the trails within Ruthven Park independently and not part of the GVTA. As a result, we will be rerouting the trail outside the park and along the road in that section. Hikers can use the trail in the park as visitors to the site.

PRIVATE LANDOWNERS

We have lost access to beautiful sections of the trail in Kitchener and in the Brantford area. As well, two sections are now rerouted due to construction and we hope to have these sections back off the road when the construction is complete. Most of the reroutes have been as a result of landowner requests and, unfortunately, a contributing factor has been increased trail usage by inexperienced hikers. Other clubs have had the same experience and seen an increase in on-road hiking. We very much appreciate the trail directors' and trail captains' efforts to liaise with landowners to manage these situations and to maintain the trails off-road as much as possible.

Governance issues and other updates

RENAMING PINNACLE SECTION

Bill MacDonald kindly agreed to lead a small project to rename the Pinnacle section of the trail. The section needed to be renamed as the name "Pinnacle" was no longer suitable. Bill reached out the membership for input and suggestions. After given consideration to a few other options, it was agreed to rename the section the "Belwood" section. The board approved the motion at its May meeting. The new name will be reflected on our website and all other documents starting immediately.

GRANT SUBMISSIONS

While the GVTA has not sought grant submissions in recent years, this is an area we are pursuing in 2022-23. To date, a grant submission has been prepared and submitted to the Hamilton, Halton, Brant Tourism Relief Fund. Our submission was to request support for trail enhancement in the Carolinian Crest segment and for a campaign to increase public and visitor awareness and usage of the trail.

GVTA GUIDEBOOK

As many may have noticed, the GVTA Guidebook is now out-of-print. Work has started to update the book in preparation for a reprint. Several outstanding issues have prevented us from completing the Guidebook before now. These are now resolved and plans are to have the Guidebook ready for distribution as soon as possible. It is important to recognize that the GVTA Guidebook would simply not exist without the work, diligence, drive and determination of Jan and Jamie Hember. Since its inception, they have drafted the content, prepared the maps, coordinated the production, managed the updates and distribution. We are extremely grateful to Jan and Jamie.

BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES

To have up-to-date and relevant standing rules is important because it offers board members a consistent and established road map to carry out the work of the club.

The complete review is continuing and all the existing standing rules have been updated and are in different stages of reviews. A few related bylaws have been updated and will be presented under separate agenda items for the membership approval.

RELATIONSHIP WITH ONDAGO FOR ONLINE MAPS

This is now our fourth year in our relationship with ONDAGO. The number of users downloading or opening the online maps has decreased over the previous year. There is no scientific way to explain the rationale for the decrease. However, it is reasonable to assume that if you downloaded the map last year, you are not likely to download them again this year. This may be problematic as there are reroutes and it is something we will need to discuss with ONDAGO.

Map	Downloaded		Opened	
	2021-22	2020-21	2021-22	2020-21
End-to-end	328	433	957	1678
Towpath	178	302	504	1066
Carolinian Crest	262	452	1335	2788
Black Walnut	429	827	2897	6384
Belwood	412	801	1977	4421

NEW STORES ITEM

We are pleased to offer a new item in Stores. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary, we have commissioned GVTA-branded buffs. We hope you will consider making a purchase of this typically popular item that will be available just in time for Father's Day!

UPCOMING EVENT TO COMMEMORATE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Finally, we invite you to please join us for a hike and event to recognize National Indigenous People's Day. While the special day to recognize our indigenous people is on June 21, our hike will be held on Saturday, June 25 to allow more people to participate. Plans are being developed and promise to be an enlightening and very fulfilling event. For now, please block your calendar and plan to join us (and to bring a friend) on the morning of June 25 in Brantford. Details will be sent to members directly and published on our Facebook and website as soon as they are available.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Côté-Kennedy, President GVTA

Board members:

Emily Bennett
Director, Volunteer and
Membership

Mary-Ellen Currie,
Director, Programs

Erin Huston,
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Heather Rennie
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Petra Suffling
Director, Hikes

Jason Thompson
VP, Trail Maintenance

Charles Whitlock
Hike Ontario Rep.



New Business: Revisions to Bylaws

As part of the Standing Rules review, the Board has reviewed the related bylaws and are making recommendations to change these bylaws.

We have motions to update the six bylaws under three categories.

CATEGORY 1 – RELATES TO GRAND VALLEY TRAIL CLUBS

The concept of separate clubs for each section has not been realized in the association's 50-year history, nor is realistically ever going to be realized. We do not believe this is necessarily a material change but it is a recommended change as it just adds confusion to our mandate and objectives. The board unanimously approved these changes at its October meeting.

(1) Article D, Section 7. This bylaw refers to the Grand Valley Trails Clubs and reads:

"The Board may create divisions of the GVTA to be known as Grand Valley Trail Clubs. The GVT Clubs' main objective shall be the construction and maintenance of trails in portions of the Grand River valley, and they shall be subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Board".

(2) Article G, Section 26. This bylaw describes what each GVT Club Representative needs to do. It read:

"Each GVT Club Representative shall:

- a) Communicate the news and views of his Club to the Board.*
- b) Communicate the discussions and decisions of the Board to his Club.*
- c) Uphold the interests of both his Club and the GVTA in all matters."*

(3) Article H, section 29. This bylaw states that the Board shall include a representative of each GVT club. It reads:

"The Board shall include the President, the immediate Past President (unless he or she resigns the position), the Vice-President(s), the Secretary, the Treasurer, a representative of each GVT Club, and such other Officers as the Board may determine from time to time, to a maximum of fifteen Directors."

MOTION: To remove from the Grand Valley Trail's Association bylaws Article D, section 7, Article G, Section 27 and to remove the reference to "a representative of each GVT Club" from the Article H, Section 9.

CATEGORY 2 – RELATES TO MEMBERSHIP

- (4) Article E, Section 9d. This bylaw section refers to a category of members called “Organizational Member” and reads:

“An Organizational Member:

- i Is an organization, such as a corporation or an unincorporated society,*
- ii Has paid the annual dues in effect for the current year,*
- iii Has nominated a person to exercise its membership rights and receive the member’s correspondence and news from the GVTA.”*

The recommendation is to remove the membership category called "organizational member", because logistically we cannot manage this type of membership. Memberships are granted only to individuals. Further, organizations that wish to sponsor the membership fee for an individual may do so by reimbursing the individual for the cost of the fee. Organizations that wish to support the GVTA may do so by giving a donation to the Association. The board unanimously approved this motion at its October meeting.

MOTION: To remove from the Grand Valley Trail’s Association bylaws, Article E, Section 9d.

- (5) Article F, Section 20b. This bylaw states that an Honorary Life Member has no voting privilege, and reads:

“Each member in good standing (including a household, and excluding an Honorary Life Member) shall be entitled to one vote on each question arising at any General Meeting. To be in good standing, a member must have paid all dues then payable.”

The designation of Honorary Life Member is seldom granted and granted only to exceptional members under strict consideration. The board unanimously agreed at its October Meeting that the honorary member should retain all member privileges, including voting privileges and that the designation only to be granted in exceptional circumstances to a long-standing member. The bylaw now reads:

“An Honorary Life Member

- I. Is a person eighteen years of age or older*
- II. Has been elected as such by the Board of Directors and confirmed by a general meeting of members,*
- III. Is exempt from payment of dues*
- IV. Has no voting privilege.”*

MOTION: To update Article F Section 20b to now read:

“An Honorary Life Member:

- I. Designation be granted only in exceptional circumstances and only to a long-standing member**
- II. Must be first elected by the Board of Directors**
- III. Must be confirmed by a general meeting of members**
- IV. Is exempt from payment of dues**
- V. Retains full member privileges.”**

CATEGORY 3 – RELATES TO FINANCIAL REPORTING

(6) Article F, Section 19a and 19b. This bylaw makes reference to the need for an auditor or financial reviewer and is not explicit regarding the financial statements brought to the membership at the Annual General Meeting. The bylaw section being referenced now reads:

“At every Annual General Meeting, the following business shall be transacted:

- a. Reports shall be heard and received including:*
 - i The report of the Officers*
 - ii The financial statements and the report of the auditor or financial reviewer*
 - iii Any other reports and statements required by the Corporations Act.*
- b. An auditor or financial reviewer shall be appointed for the ensuing year.”*

The practice of appointing a financial auditor or reviewer has not been followed for several years. The board does not believe it is mandatory to appoint an auditor or financial reviewer, nor does the board wish to incur costs to appoint an auditor to review the association financials. Further, the board believes that the incumbent appointed to the treasurer role be experienced in accounting and financial reporting, follow sound accounting practices and provide monthly financial reporting to the board and annual financial reporting to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

MOTION: That the bylaw be updated to now read:

“At every Annual General Meeting, the following business shall be transacted:

- a. Reports shall be heard and received including:**
 - i The report of the Officers**
 - ii A financial report by the Treasurer including :**
 - the previous year’s financials and explanations for discrepancies in prior year’s financials and**
 - proposed budget for the current year with rationale for proposed budget**
 - iii Any other reports and statement required by the Corporations Act.**
- b. An auditor or financial reviewer shall be appointed for the ensuing year in the event that the treasurer role is vacant.**
- c. Directors shall be elected to all board positions not occupied by directors with unexpired terms.**
- d. Any other business properly brought before the meeting.**



Board appointments

Slate of candidates for 2033-23

Slate of candidates for 2022-23 GVTA Board of Directors	
President	Annie Côté-Kennedy
Treasurer	Lisa Stewart
Director, Membership and Volunteering	Emily Bennett
Director, Marketing	Vacant
Director, Programs	Mary-Ellen Currie
Secretary	Erin Huston
Director, Hikes	Petra Suffling
Vice-President, Trail Maintenance	Jason Thompson
Hike Ontario Representative	Charles Whitlock