

# The Friends of Charleston Lake Park

**2022 Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, 6 May, 2023, 10.00 a.m.**

## **Minutes**

In Attendance: Steve Page (Chair), Yolande Lapointe, Vicki Kohse, Peter Kaiser, Carol Pratt, Cliff Redman, Jim Wallbridge, Paul Albertson, Steve Arthur, Karen Hatch, Wendy Bruce, Melanie Wright, Tim Truesdell (ex officio), Kyle Sweet (ex officio), Janice Hallam (Secretary)

1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Steve, seconded by Janice. Carried.
2. **Receipt of the Minutes of the 2021 AGM:** Moved by Steve, seconded by Cliff “to receive the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.” Carried.
3. **Financial Report:** Moved by Yolande, seconded by Jim “that the 202 Financial Report be approved.” Carried.
4. Chair’s Report
  - Steve referred to Yolande’s financial report, pointing out that our *raison d’être* is to support the Park’s programs, educational activities, and special events. We do this in part by raising money, primarily through our canoe raffle. We add to that by hosting our own special event, Seniors Day at the Park, which was again very successful in 2022 despite the weather. Steve thanked Yolande, who organized the event, and the Directors and Trail Monitors who made it work.
  - The other main activity by which the Friends support the Park is to promote the use of its hiking trails through regular maintenance and reports of work needed to Park staff.
  - Steve ended his report with appreciation to those who participated in the garlic mustard pull in black fly season (in particular Cliff and Carol), that filled 39 large bags.
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5. Park Superintendent’s Welcome
  - Tim welcomed the activities of the Friends, stressing their importance to the success of the Park. He gave the meeting an overview of 2022 in the Park, pointing to the very high reservation rate (over 95% in the high season). A lengthy discussion followed, straying into current issues.
6. Adoption of new by-laws
  - a. Steve recapped the need for a new set of by-laws – the passage of Ontario’s Not-for-Profit Corporations Act in 2018, with a deadline in 2024 for compliance. He credited Community Legal Education Ontario for

- providing explanatory notes and a model template. These made it possible to fill in gaps in our old by-laws, without creating an unwieldy document.
- b. The document was sent to all members on April 7/23 for discussion
  - c. Moved by Steve, seconded by Yolande, “to adopt a new set of by-laws for the Friends of Charleston Lake Park as presented to the Annual General Meeting, May 6, 2023.” Carried.

7. Extraordinary Resolution

-under the provisions of the new Act, Not-for-Profit Corporations with assets and revenues under \$100,000 may avoid expensive independent financial review; thus, moved by Yolande, seconded by Vicki “to waive an independent audit or financial review.” Carried unanimously.

8. Election of Directors

- all current Directors (Wayne Ashford, Doug Bickerton, Janice Hallam, Vicki Kohse, Yolande Lapointe, Steve Page, Dieter Raths, Cliff Redman, Jim Wallbridge, Claudette Weststrate) were willing to stand for re-election. There were no nominations from the floor. All were elected unanimously.

9. Meeting Adjourned 10:55 a.m.