

**MINUTES OF THE GANARASKA FOREST
RECREATIONAL USERS COMMITTEE**

June 1, 2023

RUC 2/23

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Lance Nachoff, acting as Committee Chair, called the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee (RUC) meeting to order at 7:12 pm and welcomed all present.

MEMBER PRESENT: Matthew Robbins, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
Randy Cunningham, Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs
Lisa Thompson, Ontario Federation of Trail Riders
Carolyn Richards, Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs
Peter Wood, Ontario Federation of 4X4 Clubs
Steve Brownell, Municipality of Port Hope
Maureen McDonald, Township of Cavan Monaghan
Marven Whidden, Municipality of Clarington
Lance Nachoff, GRCA Board of Director

ALSO PRESENT: Ed Van Osch, GRCA Forest Recreation Technician
Member of the public

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Jennifer Jackman, Ontario Nature
Pam Julian, Ontario Cycling
Amber Panchyshyn, Orienteering Ontario

ALSO ABSENT: Mark Gardiner, Chair
Jim Pearson, Ontario Trail Riders Association
Cross Country Ski Ontario (position unfilled)
City of Kawartha Lakes (position unfilled)

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

RUC 8/23

MOVED BY: Maureen McDonald

SECONDED BY: Garry Niece

THAT the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 meeting.

CARRIED.

4. Adoption of Agenda

RUC 9/23

MOVED BY: Carolyn Richards

SECONDED BY: Peter Wood

THAT the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee approve the agenda.

CARRIED.

5. Delegations

None

6. Presentations

None

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

8. Correspondence

None

9. New Business

a) Volunteer Program

Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician updated the committee on the success of GRCA's first group of forest volunteers and indicated there is a strong interest in the second call. Lance Nachoff, GRCA Board Member, expressed his appreciation of volunteer efforts.

RUC 10/23

MOVED BY: Carolyn Richards

SECONDED BY: Maureen McDonald

THAT the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee receives the Volunteer Program Staff Report for information.

CARRIED.

b) Environmental Concerns

Ed Van Osch, Recreation Technician asked RUC members to speak on user-groups environmental concerns. Carolyn Richards, Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs offered to provide GRCA with "Great Trails: Providing Quality OHV Trails and Experiences" books which provide guidelines to address trail erosion. Maureen McDonald, Township of Cavan Monaghan noted that environmental concerns will likely come forward as trail usage increases.

RUC 11/23

MOVED BY: Peter Wood
SECONDED BY: Lisa Thompson

THAT the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee receive the Environmental Concerns Staff Report for information.

CARRIED.

FURTHERMORE GRCA is requesting that Recreational Users Committee continue to gather and share Users environmental concerns with GRCA Recreation Technician.

c) Central Forest Trail System

Ed Van Osch, Forest Recreation Technician, explained the need to separate trail types in the Central Forest to accommodate winter operations and further indicated that a draft of the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Trails Strategy will be circulated upon its completion.

RUC 12/23

MOVED BY: Garry Niece
SECONDED BY: Peter Wood

THAT the Ganaraska Forest Recreational Users Committee receive the Central Forest Trail System Staff Report for information.

CARRIED.

10. Other Business

None

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

RUC 13/23

MOVED BY: Peter Wood
SECONDED BY: Randy Cunningham

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED.

The next meeting of the Ganaraska Forest Recreational User Committee is Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Chair



Forest Recreation Technician