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Non-Profit Association, 55 Head Street, Suite 101, Dundas ON L9H 3H8

# Minutes

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

19 June 2025, Virtual ([Zoom](#))

Meeting Time: 13:00 UTC

1. Welcome

- The meeting was called to order and it was noted that quorum was achieved with 29 members in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes of 2023 AGM

- The minutes of the 2023 AGM were tabled with a Motion to approve moved by WTN Treasurer Fivos Tsaravopoulos. Co-Chair Jackie Randle conducted an online poll with 67% of attendees voting in favour and 33% abstaining. The Motion was passed.

3. Highlights from 2024

- [Annual Report](#) and [AGM Presentation](#) by the Co-Chair for 2024  
*Co-Chair Jackie Randle delivered a comprehensive update of the past 12 months activity, the highlights of which included the largest ever WTC event, with 410 attendees from 35 different countries in Canada, and a corresponding increase in Membership (218 members, a 38% growth).*
- Treasurer's Report Presentation  
*The Treasurer presented a detailed explanation of the financial position of the organisation which remains positive. Auditors are not required because the WTN total revenue is below the minimal threshold. There were no questions about the financial results from the members.*

*Co-Chair Jackie Randle proposed a motion to waive the appointment of a public accountant. Motion moved by Stephen Couchman; seconded by co-chair Julian Gray. The Co-Chair conducted an online poll with 100% of attendees voting in favour. The Motion was passed.*

*Co-Chair Jackie Randle also proposed a Motion to approve WTN finance report. The Motion was Moved by Hartmut Wimmer; Seconded by Elsi Rizavanolli. The Co-Chair conducted an online poll with 91% of attendees voting in favour and 9% abstaining. The Motion was passed.*

#### 4. Governance Committee Report

- *Co-Chair Julian Gray presented an update on the organisational governance, advising that the governance tasks required from the previous AGM had been completed. This included developing a formal MOU with the Hubs, and also working with those involved to rename the Hubs as Chapters. This has been formally updated in the [By-Laws](#) which in turn required approval at the AGM. Co-Chair Julian Gray proposed a motion to enshrine the updated By-Laws. The Motion was Moved by WTN Treasure Fivos Tsaravopoulos; and seconded by Hartmut Wimmer. An online poll was also conducted with 81% voting in favour. 19% abstaining. The Motion was passed.*

#### 5. Election of International Board Members

- *A Report was tabled for nominations to the International Board. The Co-Chair provided an explanation of the process with no questions from the members. The Board had agreed to the sub committee's recommendation to put forward the following three nominations to be voted at the AGM:*
  - *Mathieu Roy - standing for re-election*
  - *Kara Wooldrik - co-opted in as amid-year replacement*
  - *Kath Broderick*

*A Motion was called by the Co-chair to approve the slate of Directors for WTN Board. This was Moved by WTN Secretary Neil Le Febvre; and seconded by WTN Treasurer Fivos Tsaravopoulos. An online poll was conducted with 90% voting in favour and 10% abstaining. The Motion was passed.*

#### 6. Advisory Council Report

*Delia Clark and Stephen Couchman presented the role of the Advisory Council and Task Teams and provided an update on activity including the very successful Rendezvous meeting. Delia advised that the Advisory Council had coordinated feedback on WTC 2024 to help inform the development of future conferences, and also spent considerable focus on defining the terms of reference for the Task Teams, Stephen Invited all members to participate in a Task Team.*

#### 7. Chapters Reports (can be found in the AGM presentation)

- *Pan American Trails - Nat Scrimshaw*  
*Highlighted a significant growth period for America's Hub, and evolution of field schools including new one in Ecuador. Pan American trails gathering in 2026.*
- *Asia Trail Network -Jacky Tao*  
*Highlighted that the ATN had held the 5th Asia Trails Conference in 2024 and held its first Hib session at the WTC 2024 conference. Significant work has been undertaken during the period to prepare for the 6th Asia Trials Conference in Japan in November 2025.*
- *Mediterranean Hub - Omar Sakr*  
*Highlighted a study undertaken on the perception of International hikers on the Mediterranean Hiking trails; and support for new long distance trails in Lebanon (Saint Charbel's Trail). Held its annual meetings held in France and Greece with potential new members from Greece and Tunisia*

- *European Hub -Hartmut Wimmer*  
*After 2 years of preparation the association “European Trails” was successfully formed in Feb 2025 and has already recruited its first employee. The association is now working on the European Declaration for Trails together with ENOS and others and is preparing funding project to strengthen Trails in the region.*

8. World Trails Conference

- *As highlighted in the Annual Report, the World Trails Conference 2024 in Ottawa Canada, hosted by the Trans Canada Trail was a huge success, attracting over 410 attendees from 35 different countries around the world and contributing significantly to WTN Membership growth. WTC 2026 will be held in Perth, Western Australia from 19-22 October 2026.*

9. Other business

Meeting Closed at 1:49

**Post the AGM the board voted to confirm roles for 2025.**

Voting in for:

Co chairs to remain Jackie & Julian:

*Motioned by Neil. Show of hands for all in favour. Motion passed.*

Secretary to Remain Neil:

*Motioned by Jackie. Show of hands for all in favour. Motion passed.*

Treasurer to become Kara due to the retirement of Fivos.

*Motioned by Jackie. Show of hands for all in favour. Motion passed.*

*Julian thanked Fivos for his significant contribution to WTN through his work on the Board*