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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SOCIAL

April 11 2014

AVONMORE UNITED CHURCH

7909—82 AVENUE

7:00 PM

You are invited to attend our annual  
general meeting and social.

A place to visit, welcome new members  
and elect a new board.

*After the business and elections portion of the  
meeting there will be a presentation by*

**Linda Strong-Watson**

*Executive Director*

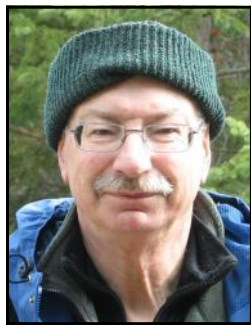
**Alberta TrailNet Society**

Light refreshments will be provided.

## THE WTA EXECUTIVE

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Rob Faulds

Spring is approaching and we shall soon be looking for the first opportunity to hike out on our trail. There are indeed many scenic and special places to visit, through the generous permission of our many landowners who share our love of the outdoors. We are indeed grateful to them.

The Annual General Meeting is fast approaching on 11 April at Avonmore United Church at 7pm, with the business of the Association and a guest speaker to round out the evening.

Most important is for each us in the general membership to take an active part in the affairs of the Association through participation on the Board, as this is how we are governed according to the laws of Alberta. As a member of the board you have the opportunity to guide the activities of the Association and to learn valuable skills, which can be transferred to other groups of your interest. Any current member may be approached and will welcome your questions. An organization thrives with a regular exchange of members at the board. A regular turnover on the board is governed through our By-Laws and the Societies Act of the Province of Alberta, I look forward to your interest in becoming a board member.

I look forward to your attendance at the AGM on 11 April 2014.

Rob Faulds

## A YEAR OF HIKING—2013



Have you hiked a few or all of our scheduled hikes? Did you enjoy where you hiked? Would you like a memento? Would you like to tell the world (or just your friends) all about "The Waskahegans"?

The DVD "A Year of Hiking 2013" is now available.

The cost for the DVD is \$5, plus an additional \$5 if you want it mailed to you. Additional DVDs purchased on the same order are \$2 each. We have DVDs going back to 2010.

Please contact JoAnne Burek at [780-487-0645](tel:780-487-0645) or Sandra Carruthers at [780-467-9572](tel:780-467-9572),

or mail a request to Waskahegan Trail Association, P.O. Box 131, Edmonton AB T5J 2G9, enclosing a cheque payable to "Waskahegan Trail Association."

## MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT



Waskahegan members are eligible to receive 10% off any regular priced merchandise bought at Camper's Village on 170 Street or at 32nd Avenue and Calgary Trail and also at Track 'n Trail, 10148—82 Avenue. To obtain the discount you must show your membership card.

## TRAIL MAINTENANCE NEWS—APRIL 2014

This coming season, Trail Maintenance is implementing some new ideas which we think will encourage newcomers and members alike to come out and work the trail.

The first change you will notice is that the trail work schedule is published in the newsletter in addition to the hikes. The actual schedule will be subject to weather and work progress so check out the website under “Hikes, Trail Maintenance & Events” to see the most current information.

The website will be updated with results from each work party and pictures if we have them. Newcomers can learn more about Waskahegan trail maintenances with a click of the mouse.

To volunteer for trail maintenance, all you need to do is show up at our meeting place outside Sentinel Storage at 8:30AM.

We have plans to mobilize equipment not in use for the last couple of years. The predator is a monster at chewing through the overgrowth we have and will be out regularly. As well David Mutch our Equipment Manager has outfitted the dirt bike with a cart for carrying wood and equipment. This will make it easier to reach more distant sites for major works, such as a new stile, with a minimum of effort.

Finally, we plan to thank our volunteers with coffee paid for by Waskahegan after each day's trail clearing.

Karen Bell is the new trail maintenance coordinator. Decisions will be made with the help of the equipment manager, the hike committee and the board. Karen will oversee most of the trail maintenance events. For those times when Karen is away, we will look to our volunteers to take over coordination of the day's work party.

Feedback from the membership is welcome as the changes unfold.

*Karen Bell* 780 642-6372  
[k-bell@shaw.ca](mailto:k-bell@shaw.ca)



## WASKAHEGAN WINTER SOCIAL

About 40 people came out to Avonmore United Church to attend the Waskahegan Winter Social on January 17. This year, the chosen evening was warm and the roads were clear.

After a buffet chili supper, Roma Newcombe shared a slide show of her travels in Antarctica.

The board had anticipated a larger turnout so there was a quantity of the meal untouched. At the board's request, this leftover food was delivered to the Mustard Seed shelter by the caterers.

**Beyond the Waskehagen Trail Trips 2014** - (membership required) -email Karen at [k-bell@shaw.ca](mailto:k-bell@shaw.ca) or phone 780 642-6372 to sign up or come to the AGM April 11 @7PM

1. **May 21 Wednesday - Millet to Lacombe Explore** South on 2A to Lacombe *scouting trip*
  - Millett - white spruce tree grave markers 102 yrs old trees at Millett cemetery
  - Ponoka -Thinking Tree on Diamond Willow Trail -an old Manitoba maple uniquely twisted tree along Battle river
  - JJ Collett natural area trails – have lunch there
  - Lacombe trails around the lakes-trailpeak rates them with 5 stars
  - coffee/supper on the way home?
  - *Sign up required* to maximize car pooling. \$7 for car pool;
  - 132 km 1hr 30 min drive.
  
2. **Jun 16- 19 Monday to Thursday - Jasper National Park** <http://www.jasernationalpark.com/>–
  - stay at Pine Bungalows along the Athabasca river 2km from Jasper <http://www.pinebungalows.com/> – 4 cabins 1 double and 2 twin beds for 3 people per cabin with kitchen.
  - Cost: = \$225 each for 3 nights + park fees\$12 + gas (car pool) approx.\$34 + food.
  - Food: we can do our own breakfast and lunch and either eat out for supper or do our own.
  - Limit 12 people; 369km, 3hr 30 min drive.
  - *Sign up required.* Cheque required for **\$225** to book; not refundable unless replacement is gotten. Cheque deposited April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  
3. **July 17-18 Thursday/Friday- Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park & Lakeland Explore;**
  - *Scouting trip* - trail around the island in 300 year old growth forest. <http://albertaparks.ca/sir-winston-churchill/information-facilities.aspx> Overnight. Then explore **Lakeland** Shaw Lake trail -Lac la Biche area; 230km, 2hrs 20 min drive <http://www.albertaparks.ca/lakeland-pp.aspx>
  - Overnight at hotel approx. \$50 each. <http://labicheinn.com/> gas approx. \$15 + food.
  - *Sign up by July 15*, if hotel reservation requires payment cheques to be collected, if not just bring money with you.
  - *Sign up required.*
  
4. **July 29-August 1 Tuesday to Friday - Yoho National Park** <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/bc/yoho/visit.aspx>
  - Stay at Field's Fireweed Inn \$138 for 3 nights per person + park fees \$12 + gas (car pool) approx. \$42 + food;
  - limit 12 people (<http://www.fireweedhostel.com/hostel.html>)
  - 495km 4hrs 40min drive.
  - Do our own breakfast and lunch and could eat out in Field for supper.
  - *Sign up required.* Cheque required for **\$138** to book; not refundable unless replacement is gotten. Cheques deposited June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  
5. **August 15, Friday - Canoe Devon to Emily Murphy park** 5-6 hours 9AM – 4PM.
  - limit 14 people
  - \$40 each with Edmonton Canoe <http://www.edmontoncanoe.com/group-canoe.html>
  - BBQ afterwards?
  - *Sign up required.* Cheque required for **\$40** to book; not refundable unless replacement is gotten. Cheques deposited Aug 7<sup>th</sup>.
  
6. **August 31 Sunday- Eagle Point PP Explore,** <http://epbrparksouncil.org/eagle-point-provincial-park>
  - *Scouting trip*; 135km, 1hr 30min drive near Drayton Valley.
  - Gas \$7 (car pool)
  - *Sign up required* to ensure car pooling maximized.
  
7. **September 15-19 Monday to Friday - Waterton National Park** <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/ab/waterton/index.aspx>
  - stay at Mountain View country Inn. The inn has 7 rooms with 12 beds.
  - Cost is **\$410** each for 4 nights and 4 days meals + park fees \$12 + gas (car pool) approx.\$46. 549km, 5hrs 15 min drive
  - 12 people limit <http://www.twocountryinns.com/mountainview/cabin.cfm>
  - *Sign up required.* Cheque for \$410 to book, non refundable unless replacement found. Cheques deposited July 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 2014 HIKES

Listed below are the hikes for April – October 2014. We are very pleased to bring you a schedule that include mostly Sunday hikes, with the occasional Saturday hike instead. You will see the Saturday hikes **bolded**.

The guide book page number is listed after each hike destination.

As this schedule is prepared well in advance, it is important to realize they are subject to change. Please consult the website for the most current information ([www.waskahegantrail.ca](http://www.waskahegantrail.ca)), or call the hike leader.

Departure Time is 9 a.m.

For all hikes in the schedule below, we depart from the meeting place at 9:00 a.m. We recommend you get to the meeting place by 8:45 to allow time for signing in.

Meeting Place is Superstore at 5019 Calgary Trail

We meet in the **northwest corner** of the parking lot. If you are going to ride in a carpool, please bring \$5 for the driver.



Date	Destination	Guide	Leader	Phone
6-Apr	St. Albert Red Willow Trail	125	Karen B.	780-642-6372
13-Apr	Fort Saskatchewan Trails	108	Karen B.	780-642-6372
20-Apr	Blackfoot Wanison Lake	85	Michèle F.	780-417-6928
<b>26-Apr</b>	<b>Battle River East Duhamel to RB Hill</b>	52	David M.	780-434-2675
4-May	Hwy 814 A49 West to Bigstone Creek	41	Lee S.	780-487-0645
11-May	Devon	20	TBD	
18-May	Trappers Lake	100	JoAnne B.	780-487-0645
<b>24-May</b>	<b>North Miquelon</b>	68	Karen B.	780-642-6372
1-Jun	Saunders Lake North	24	Stella	780-488-9515
8-Jun	Gwynne Section and Chickadee Trail	46	Oscar Z.	780-435-1197
15-Jun	Kopp Lake	26	David M.	780-434-2675
22-Jun	Pipestone Creek A53 to A50	42	TBD	
<b>28-Jun</b>	<b>Hastings Lake A97 to A95+ (Allen Nature Trail)</b>	78	Yvette S.	780-756-3623
6-Jul	Saunders Lake South	24	Stella	780-488-9515
13-Jul	Stoney Creek	56	Elizabeth B.	780-672-2873
20-Jul	Mix - Cloverlawn A36 to Stan's Bench	28	Stella	780-488-9515
<b>26-Jul</b>	<b>Coal Lake Middle A43 to Pt Cooperation</b>	34	David M.	780-434-2675
3-Aug	Battle River A62 to A61	50	Elizabeth B.	780-672-2873
10-Aug	Ross Creek A109-A110, A115-A116	104,106	JoAnne B.	780-487-0645
17-Aug	Berg: A88 to Triple B Ponds	76	TBD	
24-Aug	Ministik A88 to Dorward Lake	78	Sandra C	780-467-9572
<b>30-Aug</b>	<b>Fort Ethier to Bigstone Creek</b>	40	Bev S.	780-469-7948
7-Sep	Miquelon A85 to A86	70	Michèle F.	780-417-6928
14-Sep	Coal Lake Kjorlien Corner A45 South	36	David M.	780-434-2675
21-Sep	Lois Hole Provincial Park	124	Helen W.	780-468-4331
<b>27-Sep</b>	<b>Source of the Blackmud A38 to A39+</b>	28	Karen B.	780-642-6372
5-Oct	Ministik A57 to Horseshoe Lake	72	Michèle F.	780-417-6928
12-Oct	Blackfoot A98 to Lost Lake Shelter	84	TBD	
19-Oct	Battle River A60 to Schnee Hill	48	JoAnne B.	780-487-0645
<b>25-Oct</b>	<b>North Coal Lake A41 to A39</b>	29	Sandra C	780-467-9572



## 2014 Trail Maintenance

Listed here is the schedule for Trail Maintenance. This is a tentative schedule that will always be up to date on the website. All are welcome to come out. For more information see the website

([www.waskahegantrail.ca](http://www.waskahegantrail.ca)), or email [trailmain-tain@waskahegantrail.ca](mailto:trailmain-tain@waskahegantrail.ca) or

phone Karen @ 780 642-6372

**Meeting Time: 8:30 a.m.**

**Meeting Place:** We meet at Sentinel Storage, 9944 - 33 Ave, on the street in front of the office.



Date	Day	Destination	Guide Bk Page	Leader	Phone
16-Apr	Wed	Wanison	85	Karen B	780 642-6372
19-Apr	Sat	Battle East Duhamel	53	Karen B	780 642-6372
27-Apr	Sun	Hwy 814 west to Ft Ethier	41	Karen B	780 642-6372
3-May	Sat	Hwy 814 west to Ft Ethier	41	Karen B	780 642-6372
7-May	Wed	Trappers to Oster Lake	101	Karen B	780 642-6372
10-May	Sat	Trappers to Oster Lake	101	Karen B	780 642-6372
14-May	Wed	N Miquelon A87-A86	71	Karen B	780 642-6372
17-May	Sat	N Miquelon A87-A86	71	Karen B	780 642-6372
25-May	Sun	Saunders North	25	Karen B	780 642-6372
28-May	Wed	Battle Gwynne	47	Karen B	780 642-6372
31-May	Sat	Coal L Hughston reroute	37	Karen B	780 642-6372
4-Jun	Wed	Coal L.Hughston reroute	37	Karen B	780 642-6372
7-Jun	Sat	Kopp Lake	27	Karen B	780 642-6372
14-Jun	Sat	Pipestone A53-A50	43	Karen B	780 642-6372
21-Jun	Sat	Hastings A97-A95+	81	JoAnne B	780 487-0645
25-Jun	Wed	Saunders South End	25	David M	780 434-2675
2-Jul	Wed	RossCr A111 flooding	105	David M	780 434-2675
5-Jul	Sat	Battle bridge flooded A57	49	JoAnne B	780 487-0645
9-Jul	Wed	RossCr A111 flooding	105	David M	780 434-2675
12-Jul	Sat	Mix Stopover	29	Karen B	780 642-6372
16-Jul	Wed	Battle bridge flooded A57	49	Karen B	780 642-6372
19-Jul	Sat	Coal L.A43-Pt Cooperation	35	Karen B	780 642-6372
23-Jul	Wed	Coal L.A43-Pt Cooperation	35	Karen B	780 642-6372
27-Jul	Sun	Battle R A62-A61	51	Karen B	780 642-6372
30-Jul	Wed	Battle R A62-A61	51	Karen B	780 642-6372
6-Aug	Wed	RossCr A109-110+/115-116	105,107	Karen B	780 642-6372
9-Aug	Sat	RossCr A109-110+/115-116	105,107	Karen B	780 642-6372
13-Aug	Wed	Ministik Berg A88-ponds	77	Karen B	780 642-6372
16-Aug	Sat	Ministik A88-Dorward Lake	75	Karen B	780 642-6372
20-Aug	Wed	Ministik A88-Dorward Lake	75	Karen B	780 642-6372
23-Aug	Sat	Ft Ethier to Hwy 814	41	Karen B	780 642-6372
27-Aug	Wed	Ft Ethier to Hwy 814	41	Karen B	780 642-6372
3-Sep	Wed	Miquelon A85-A86	71	Karen B	780 642-6372
6-Sep	Sat	Miquelon A85-A86	71	Karen B	780 642-6372
10-Sep	Wed	Coal L A45-Waterplant	37	Karen B	780 642-6372
13-Sep	Sat	Coal L A45-Waterplant	37	Karen B	780 642-6372
20-Sep	Sat	Source/Blackmud A38-A39+	29	Karen B	780 642-6372
24-Sep	Wed	Ministik A87-Horseshoe L	73	Karen B	780 642-6372
28-Sep	Sun	Ministik A87-Horseshoe L	73	Karen B	780 642-6372
1-Oct	Wed	A98 -Blackfoot	85	Karen B	780 642-6372
8-Oct	Wed	Battle A57 to Schnee Hill	49	Karen B	780 642-6372
11-Oct	Sat	Battle A57 to Schnee Hill	49	Karen B	780 642-6372
15-Oct	Wed	North Coal Lake A41-A39+	29	Karen B	780 642-6372
18-Oct	Sat	North Coal Lake A41-A39+	29	Karen B	780 642-6372

### BIRKEBEINER FEBRUARY 8, 2014

2014 was the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Birkebeiner Cross Country Ski Race.

The weather was cold; -23 degrees with a wind chill.

Bev Stokowski’s crew of Waskahegan Volunteers set up the Last Chance Food Station.

Due to the cold weather the 31 km skier’s starting time was delayed by 30 minutes. The first 31 km skiers arrived at 11:10.

The theme for 2014 was “So Far Soo Good”. Darlene Crane’s two large Black Silhouettes, brightly colour balloons and posters helped to brighten the cold day.

A total of 840 competitors took part with 543 in the 31 km and 297 in the 13 km.

Our volunteers received many compliments from the competitors about our food trays and hot Gatorade and hot water, as they skied through Last Chance Food Station.

A big bouquet to the Waskahegan Volunteers who brightened the cold weather with their warm smiles: Darlene Barnard, Darlene Crane, Mel Jesso, Edda Loomes, David Mutch, Karen Soch, Helen Whitson, Dan Wright, Christine Yakoweshyn and Oscar Zawalsky.

A special thanks to the Chiefs of Food Stations Lawrence Vincent and Bill MacDonald.



### DONATIONS

Thank you  
Heather Shankowsky  
For your generous donation

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Evan Joyes  
Patrick Collison  
John Raposo  
Lori-Ann McNeelands



I just love how they com individually wrapped to seal in the flavour