

**Annual General Meeting  
Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club  
The Goodie Shop, Miramichi West  
Saturday April 5th , 2008**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Peter Gadd at 8:15 pm.

The meeting began with a Power Point presentation by Herman Koops, representing the club's Business Plan Committee. Herman outlined the needs of the club for such things as a new club house, grooming equipment and other improvements and a vision for the kind of partnerships the club can develop to obtain substantial growth. In order to apply for funding from various sources the club needs to seriously consider developing a business plan which would be the first step.

Herman outlined the resources and effort that would be required to accomplish this. Peter thanked Herman and it was agreed that this item would be deferred to later in the meeting.

**The Minutes of the 2007 MCCSC AGM:** These minutes were read by club secretary Deana Gadd and accepted as circulated (D.Gadd/N. Brown)

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

- Ventilation in the equipment shed – two vents were made in the garage doors to allow for ventilation, however this has been shown to be inadequate. We are considering installing a Venmar system and replacing the flooring with lumber on hand. Gilles Chiasson indicated that he felt his committee would be able to take care of this, this summer with minimal expense.

**Financial Report:** The financial report was presented by club treasurer Julia Connell. The opening balance as of April 1, 2007 was \$7,226.06. Julia reviewed the sources of income and expenditures for the season. The revenue from day-passes and rentals showed a significant increase over the previous year. Ray Kokkonen asked for an explanation of the miscellaneous item under expenditures which was \$5200. Julia explained that items that did not fit in the categories above were included: the spending of the \$3500 grant from the group "Every Child Counts In Northumberland County" (this grant provided for skis for young children and expenses for program promotion), CCNB dues of \$900.00, staffing top-up costs and expenses incurred for the evaluation of a grooming machine the club was considering purchasing. The closing balance for the season is \$8613.46. Julia moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Gerald Smith, motion carried.

**President's Report:** See attached. Peter thanked the various executive members for their reports. He also thanked the executive for the well attended and productive meetings through the season. Peter also thanked Keith Dickson for his work in the clubhouse.

Jacrabbit/Race Committee Report – Yves St. Germain gave a verbal overview of his written reports which were made available to those present.

**New Business;**

- Bunny Dempsey made a request that the club consider the purchase of a small building that is for sale in Chatham. Bunny would like the club to use the building for storage of ski equipment, as the expanding rental program and the increase in skiers is making space in the club house scarce. Bunny also felt the increased storage space would make it easier to work with the students visiting from schools. Bunny outlined the expected costs of the purchase and move. Bunny made a motion to make this purchase seconded by Jeff Hans. This item was discussed by several members. Many agreed there was need for more space, but it was felt with other plans in the works, this was perhaps not the time. Motion defeated.
- Herman Koops made a motion that the club "spend up to a maximum of \$5,000 (maximum cost up to \$10,000 with 50% reimbursed) to have completed a proper business plan, all members to have an opportunity for input, seek commitments from partners and submit for funding". Seconded by Gilles Chiasson Discussion followed – Daniel mentioned that if input was coming from all members then previous discussions about storage need to be considered, Julia expressed that we need to be careful to have enough funds to get us through the summer and start-up costs, Deana mentioned some members may wish to pay their memberships early, Jeff Hans agreed and though this could be facilitated through the web site, we are able to operate with current income but there is little left for the capital expenditures anticipated in the near future, Holly wondered if growth in membership might help funding, Kris Wierzchoslawski indicated that a broader range of skis, with high performance equipment would increase revenues, Daniel Levesque suggested that service providers might defer some of their invoices as a form of donation to our needs, Cheryl Hans wondered if we had land security, Peter pointed out this certainly is an important point and that the club is cautiously optimistic for a favourable resolution

to the problem, Nancy Smith wondered if we are jumping the gun a bit if the land issue is uncertain. The motion was put to a vote. Motion carried.

- Kris Wierzchoslawski mentioned that if enough members were interested in purchasing club ski uniforms it could be pursued. He thought ski outfits would cost between \$150 - \$200. He will make information available for Peter to put on the web site.
- Peter mentioned that a tree blew down on Thursday and damaged a power line. I-Line Electric repaired the damage Friday at no cost, however Peter was informed that they no longer do service calls. Peter expressed his disappointment because the club has received excellent service from I-Line in the past.
- Peter mentioned that CCNB is looking for an executive member and that if anyone in the club is interested to contact him or Dave Moore.

**Nomination Committee Report** : Norm submitted a written report. Nominations were called for from the floor for each position. All positions were filled by acclamation.

President – Don Lynch, Vice President – Bunny Dempsey, Past President – Peter Gadd, Treasurer – Julia Connell, Secretary - Holly Arsenault, Loppet Chairperson – Deana Gadd, Social Chairpersons – Robert and Joyce Jones, Publicity – Norm Brown, Youth Programs – Yves St. Germain, Trails – Gilles Chiasson, Instruction – Gerald Smith, Coaching - Kris Wierzchoslawski, Director at Large – Nancy Phillips.

#### **Awards:**

##### **Spill Award – Norm Brown**

**Photo contest winners** – voting took place at the AGM. Norm Brown and Peter Gadd's photos were judged winners and they received Incline Sports gift certificates. Their pictures will be placed in the club house.

**The Bunny Dempsey 1000 km Club** – No new members so far this season. As there is plenty of snow still around should this milestone be reached this season, the new members will be recognized next AGM. One club member who did reach the 1000 km mark last season after the AGM was Deana Gadd.

**CCNB Touring Awards** – Nicholas, Yves and Denis St. Germain and Braden Koops received distance award pins.

**Joey Doucet Distance Awards** – Female Winner **Paula Keating** 1805 km, Male Winner - **Bunny Dempsey** 1618, Jeff Hans 1420, Kris Wierzchoslawski 1097.

**Boston Family Trophy** – Club family with most km skied at Miramichi Loppet .... This presentation was made by Jan Truka who gave a short history of the trophy and the Boston family's ties with the club. The St. Germain family – Nicholas, Denis, Dana and Yves – are this year's winner.

**Dr. Guptill Award** was given to Yves St. Germain and Deana Gadd presented by Keith Dickson.

Bunny read two of his poems and the unveiled a painting of "Harvey the Moose" to be displayed in the club house.

A special presentation was made to Keith Dickson for the work he has carried out at the club over the last number of years. The membership expressed their appreciation for his contribution.

Norm Brown presented out-going president Peter Gadd with a framed picture of the club house as a token of appreciation for his efforts on behalf of the club.

**Free Family Memberships** for the 2008 - 9 season were drawn for. Winners – Nancy Phillips, David Veysey, Paula Keating.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 pm,  
respectfully submitted  
Deana Gadd  
Secretary

Special guests for the evening included: The Honourable John Foran MLA, Keith and Linda Dickson, Robert Breau and all the members of the GROOMING TEAM