

Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club

Annual General Meeting

March 31, 2012

Lion's Center

Approval of Agenda

Peter Gadd gave a copy of the School Program Report to be included.

Moved by Yves and seconded by Robert to accept the Agenda

Welcome and President's Remarks

President Norm Brown thanked everyone for coming

Special welcome to Ron Doyle, Keith and Linda Dixon, and Rashmi & Shawn Morrison

Review of last AGM Minutes:

Moved by Bunny and seconded by Joyce to accept the minutes, with corrections. Motion carried.

Business Arising From Minutes:

Revised Structure for Executive

It was not put in place this year but Norm said we will attempt to put this in place this coming year.

Financial Report

Nola passed out itemized Profit and Loss statements for the Groomer and Checking accounts which she then reviewed. She explained how she laid out the income, donations, and expenses for the dinner, mentioned that we bought new skis, have one payment of \$10,500.00 left on the Piston Bully, now paying the insurance monthly as we are looking at changing insurers, and that we have approximately \$4000.00 coming in for the HST rebate. The Go NB Grants, aimed at programs for kids were explained. ***Profile Grants need to be applied for next year, early in the year.***

Nola moved for the adoption of her report, seconded by Don. Motion carried.

President's Report

Norm welcomed everybody to the concluding dinner of our 38th year. He drew attention to some of the highlights of the season, including it being the first year that we have included a Para-Nordic event during the Loppet. NB did well this year in the nationals. He mentioned the need for improvements and upgrades to the Club and that there is a committee working on a project plan to facilitate improvements and expansion of the Club. Norm thanked various individuals and organizations who helped to make the year a success and explained the new format for the Executive, stating that we need to concentrate on finding people to fill the positions thus ensuring that we can implement the new structure.

New Business

New Executive Structure

Norm explained that the New Executive Structure was presented at the last Annual General Meeting. He went on to explain the purpose. He said that there would be fewer Executive positions but each would have sub committees that will all play a vital part in running the Club. He noted that we will be looking for people to fill the various positions as the year progresses.

New Fee Structure

It is not in place yet but the Executive will be working on this as we go forward: implementing a membership fee that includes a reduction for volunteering time to the Club. The Executive hopes it will entice more members to come out to help with the Club. There would be one fee if you do not volunteer and another if you do volunteer work in the Club.

Club Expansion & Improvement Project.

The Club has a committee in place today that is working toward building a project proposal. It will be an application that will be presented to various levels of government for funding. Right now we are getting support from the various areas we need support from, the city, cross country NB, etc. This proposal will give us the ability to hold higher levels of competition. This would bring people and revenue in from outside the Miramichi area, outside the province, for provincial and national events. We hope to have an application ready to submit in the April, May timeframe. This proposal will allow the Club to expand, replace the existing structure, put in a biathlon facility, host biathlon and cross country events, and bring people into the area.

Nomination Report

Donald gave the names of those allowing their names to stand for the Executive.

Executive for 2011-2012

President – Norm Brown

Vice President – Dave Veysey

Past President – Don Lynch

Treasurer – Nola Chiasson

Secretary – Sara Martin

Trails – Gilles Chiasson

Publicity – Keith Vickers

Youth Program Coordinator – Hannah Searle

Social Events – Joyce and Robert Jones

Coaching – Paula Septon

Instruction – Gerald Smith

Member at Large – John Oliver

There were no new nominations so the new positions were elected as stated. Norm welcomed Sara to the Executive for 2012 to 2013 and thanked Linda for the work she has done during the time she acted as Club secretary.

Yves moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Presentation of Awards and Prizes

Peter Gadd coordinated the presentation of Awards and Prizes.

Bunny Dempsey 1000km Award: Jeff Hans and Dr. Kris Wierzchoslawski

Joey Doucet Distance Awards: Jeff Hands and Kim Gorman

Boston Family Trophy for Ray Thibodeau Loppet: John & Paula Septon & Family

Dr. Guptill Award: Dave Veysey

Honourary Life Time members: Peter & Deana Gadd

Spill Award: Denis St.Germain

Biathlon Bears: Biathletes made presentation to leaders Yves St.Germain & Dave Veysey

Draw for Family Memberships: Glen Carrol, Ann Arsenault, Rashmi Morrison

Respectively submitted,

Linda Veysey