

Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club
Annual General Meeting
April 09, 2016
Nelson Senior Citizens Hall, Nelson, NB

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by President Norm Brown.

Adoption of Agenda as presented

Welcome and Presidents Remarks

President Norm Brown thanked everyone for coming with special thanks to Ronnie Doyle, Keith and Linda Dickson, and Councillors Peggy McLean and Billy Fleiger.

Presidents Report

Norm welcomed everyone to the dinner. We just finished our 41st year of continuous for the club and aside with many ups and downs with the weather and expensive equipment breakdowns it has still been a successful year. Our numbers were good again this year with over 250 regular members and again over 1000 users. Our facility may be the biggest recreation venue in the City, bringing regulars from all over the province as well as Halifax who faithfully come every year and stay at a local bed and breakfast. Our biathlon club saw competition in NB, PEI and Nova Scotia as well as Nationals in Val Cartier, Quebec in which 4 athletes represented, Emma Septon, Lauren Martin, Nick St Germain and Jim Ketterling out of Fredericton. Going forward the club has plans to grow and improve. A smaller project that the club has applied for under the Canada Infrastructure 150 program for \$38,700 is for trail infrastructure work which will make the new biathlon range operational once the Berm is completed. Once completed, this will allow the club to host competitions which will bring competitors and support staff from various areas of the Maritimes to the Miramichi. This project is vital for the long term success of the biathlon program. Our other project which is a much larger project is to turn our club into a year round outdoor activity centre of excellence. This would include major upgrades to our trail system, completion of the biathlon facility and a replacement of the existing clubhouse. This project would allow us to host Atlantic and National championship events. A year round outdoor activity centre would also be a great drawing card for attracting young families to relocate to the Miramichi. Norm thanked the executive for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. He thanked our lodge keepers Ronnie Doyle and Keith Dickson for the excellent coverage at the club again this year. Norm thanked the groomers who did a great job providing quality trails. He thanked Peter Gadd for maintaining our website and issuing trail reports. Peter also set up Zone 4 for online registration. He also thanked Robert Breau and Allan Hasty for their hard work and ingenuity keeping the grooming machines in working order. He also thanked the many club members and other volunteers who helped out in many ways throughout the season. It is with this support that the club continues to improve. Lastly Norm thanked the City of Miramichi and council, MLA Bill Fraser, MLA Lisa Harris, MP Pat Finnigan, and the Department of Healthy and Inclusive Communities. He also thanked Kinsmen Club, Miramichi Rock and Run committee, Bell Aliant, Goodfellow's Trucking Ltd and Sutherland's Excavating for their contributions to the club.

Adoption of last AGM minutes:

Previous minutes read by Sara Martin.

Motion to adopt minutes as presented by Yves St Germain and seconded by Barb Lynch.

Motion Passed:**Business Arising from Minutes**

NB Trails- we decided not to renew. It did not turn out as we expected.

Case for the sculpture- was made, it was noted the placement in the club over door may not be the best spot for it or the possibility of putting in Plexiglas instead of glass.

Financial Report

Total income \$40,983.94

Total Expenses \$40,547.70

Net Income \$436.24

Membership was \$9,647 which seems lower than last year but the \$2000 for CCNC Annual Membership fees were automatically paid from zone 4 instead of us having to pay it.

Book Balance at year end \$21,516.94

Savings Account \$10,079.00

Total \$31,595.94

Motion to accept the financial report: Moved by Gilles Chiasson, seconded by Gerald Smith

Motion passed:**New Business****Club Expansion/Club improvement update**

2 projects- the smaller one which is for trail infrastructure to make the range operational once the Berm is completed. This will allow us to hold competitions and allow our athletes to train here. Biathlon is the best program we have going. The application has been sent to ACOA and we need a third party to fund the project. If necessary the club may be able to fund the project. However, this would take all of our resources. Councillor Peggy McLean asked if we had been in contact with RDC. Norm replied that we have been dealing with RDC through Alexis Hutchison Tripp.

Our Larger project would make our club a year-round outdoor facility. There is still hope that the City will include our project as part of the larger multiplex centre project. We should know within the year if these projects are a go. We have been working on this project for 8 years and have spent \$10,000 on our business plan.

Upcoming fundraiser- The club has decided to start a fundraising project to raise funds toward our bigger project. Our goal is \$50,000 and we will put up a thermometer to show progress. We need to decide on what the fundraiser will cover, are we fundraising for clubhouse improvements, upgrading our trails or fixing the parking lot. With the Piston Bully fundraiser a few years ago we raised the money (\$40,000) in three years.

Nomination Committee Report

Don Lynch read the positions and the following positions will stand

President- Norm Brown

Vice President- John Oliver

Past President- Don Lynch

Secretary- Sara Martin

Treasure- Nola Chiasson

Instruction- Vacant

Publicity- Kathleen Gadd will continue if no one steps forward

Social- Deanna Gadd

Loppet- Vacant

Jack Rabbit Committee Chair- Linda Veysey

Trails Co-ordinator- Gilles Chiasson

Council at Large- Dave Sisk

Biathlon Liaison- Paula Septon

Don asked the floor for further nominations. By acclamation the committee remains the same.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Jan Truka. Meeting adjourned.

Jan Truka discussed the co-founders of the club in 1975 which included Dr. John Boston. Jan wanted to acknowledge many still existing members. John Boston recently passed away, a moment of silence was held in his honour.

Awards

Bunny Dempsey 1000Km Club of Recognition Award

Dr. Kris who is already a member was the only skier to reach the 1000 km mark this year.

Joey Doucet Distance Awards

Female: Paula Keating with 933 Km

Male: Dr Kris over 1137 Km

The Spill Award

David Veysey

Boston Family Trophy

N/A no Loppet

Dr Guptill Award

Paula Septon and Don Lynch

Paula Keating 500km Award Youth

Emma Septon

Clean Shooting Awards

Dave Veysey presented Emma Septon, Lauren Martin and Liam Septon with a chocolate bar for clean shooting at competition. This is a tradition carried on by a biathlon coach from Oromocto.

Family Memberships

1. Connie Cavanaugh
2. Jason McCarthy