

Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club
Annual General Meeting
Senior Citizens Centre, Nelson, NB
April 7, 2018

The 44th Annual General Meeting of the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club was held on April 7th, 2018 at the Senior Citizens Centre in Nelson Miramichi. President Norm Brown called the meeting to order at 7:55pm. In absence of Secretary Sara Martin, Hannah Searle acted as the Recording Secretary.

Presidents Report

President Norm Brown opened his report by recognizing special guests in attendance – Lodge keeper Ronnie Doyle, Lodge keeper Keith Dickson and Linda Dickson, Councilor Tara Ross-Robinson, Councilor Billy Flieger, Robert Breau and visiting Nova Scotia Guests Terry Acker and Mike DeWolfe. President Brown spoke of the weather challenges the club faced this year as many snow falls were followed by periods of rain. This resulted in the club being closed more days than normal. However, the club did have a good year. The loppet was very successful and once again this year was part of the provincial series. Norm thanked loppet coordinator David Sisk and his volunteers for the time and effort they gave to ensuring the loppet was successful. The club also offered a jackrabbit program – this was the 38th consecutive year that the club has offered an instructional youth program. Norm thanked the Youth Committee for their commitment to the program. Members of the Biathlon club competed in regular competitions in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and also attended the Canadian National Competition in Charlo, NB. Two of our biathlon skiers also competed in the Cadet Nationals in Prince Edward Island. Skiers from our club also took part in the Youth Ski Tournament in Charlo under the direction of Coach Chastity DeGroot. Norm thanked everyone who was involved in helping with these events. Norm also commented on the number skiers from outside Miramichi who ski at the club. This is a great boost for the club as well as the local economy. Our club also hosted many school groups throughout the season. Norm thanked Keith and Emily Comeau for looking after the school program. Norm acknowledged that it takes a huge effort for all these events to take place and for the club to continue to operate. Special thanks to the team of groomers who work so many hours to keep the trails in condition. In closing, Norm extended thanks to the City of Miramichi, MLA Bill Fraser, MLA Lisa Harris, MP Pat Finnigan, Bell Aliant, Robert Breau and Allen Hastings for all of their support throughout the season.

Minutes from 2017 AGM

Hannah Searle read the minutes from the 2017 AGM. Having no errors or omissions, Hannah Searle moved to accept the minutes from the 2017 AGM as presented. Seconded by Don Lynch. Motion carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Financial Report

In the absence of Treasurer Nola Chiasson, Hannah Searle presented the financial report. Hannah Searle moved to accept the financial report. Seconded by Yves St. Germain. Motion carried

New Business

President Norm Brown spoke of the club expansion program. Generous donations have been committed by the Chatham Rotary Club and the Al O'Neil Scout Alumni. Receiving these donations are contingent on receiving additional funding for the project. Norm reported that applications have been submitted to RDC and to ACOA. The club is continuing to work with the City of Miramichi on a MOU for the land which the club uses. At this time, it is unknown how the project will proceed. Perhaps the club will have to take on a fundraising program to raise additional funds. It is hoped to complete the biathlon range and this will generate income for trail improvement and grooming equipment. This will continue to be worked on in the coming year.

Peter Gadd addressed the meeting regarding membership. This past year the online membership registration through Zone 4 went very well. Peter thanked the members for making this process work so well. Peter also feels that the club isn't sharing as much news as should be shared with the members. As he has the emails of all the members, he would like to improve this next year through updates being sent out. He asked all members to send any information they feel may be of interest to members to him and he will regularly put that out to members.

Nomination Committee

Don Lynch presented the nominees the committee has for the 2018/19 season

President	Norm Brown
Vice President	John Oliver
Treasurer	vacant
Secretary	Sara Martin
Past Chairman	Don Lynch
Trails	vacant
Youth	Emily Comeau
Biathlon	Paula Septon
Loppet	David Roy
Social	vacant
Instruction	vacant
Director At Large	Tim Connors

Don then called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the names submitted by the nominating committee were accepted by acclamation. The Executive will continue to work on filling the vacant positions as soon as possible.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

President Norm Brown

Awards:

Paula Keating 500 km Award
Joey Doucet Distance Award (women)
Joey Doucet Distance Award (men)
Dr. Guptill Award
MCCSC Spill Award

Recording Secretary Hannah Searle

Alexandre Comeau
Paula Keating 1295 km
Steve Chipman 812 km
Deana Gadd and Ron Doyle (co-recipients)
Samuel Comeau