

Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club
Annual General Meeting
April 11, 2015
Nelson Senior Citizens Hall, Nelson, NB

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, MP Tilly O'Neil Gordon, and Counsellors Peggy McLean and Billy Flieger.

Presidents Report

Norm welcomed everyone to the dinner. Our 40th year, with a cold weather to start and more snow we have seen in years. Our numbers were good again this year with over 200 regular members. The Club was used by all schools in the district, bringing the total over a 1000 people to have used the Club. There has been a growing increase in the snowshoe rentals, and day passes. The biathlon group numbers are also growing and would like to congratulate the coaches and skiers in that program. Special mention to Emma Septon who represented at the Canada Winter Games and Lauren Martin at Nationals, also Yves St Germain, for coaching at the Provincial Level as the wax tech and a local coach. The Loppet was rescheduled three times and cancelled each time due to the weather. Our youth programs continue to grow under Linda Veysey and was a great success. Norm thanked the Executive Committee who pitched in and helped out where needed. Norm also thanked Ronnie Doyle and Keith Dickson for the additional coverage at the club. Moe Morrison, for manning the lodge and looking after the volunteers. Groomers did a great job, quality trails. Countless hours were put in grooming. Peter Gadd, for looking after the website, trail reports and being our official photographer. Thanks to the support of Club Members and other volunteers in order to operate. Norm thanked MP Tilly O'Neill-Gordon, City of Miramichi, the Kinsmen Club, Daniel Levesque, Bell Aliant, Robert Breau, and City Argo, they all helped to make this year a success. A special thank you to Chatham Rotary Club for their generous donation of \$5000.

Adoption of last AGM

Previous minutes read by Sara Martin.

Motion by Paula Septon seconded by Dr Novak.

Business Arising from Minutes

Tough Mudder style event was to be put on by the Cutting Edge Fitness, initially booked for August 2014, and did not happen. We have not heard back from them.

Financial Report

Total income \$35,263.90

Total Expenses \$44,853.86

Net Income \$-9,589.96

With Receivables 10k from the Province and \$5000 from Chatham Rotary, these totals are not included in the income as of yet. Bank balance of \$13, 268.75 at the end of March 2014 and \$10,080 in Savings. There are still monies to be added as there has still been skiing.

Moved by Nola Chiasson, seconded by Don Lynch

New Business

Club Expansion/Club improvement update

Unfortunately we were not able to move forward with the project. The City is unable to fund the project. The committee is still in place and is still working on the project. They have met with Tilly to see what might be possibly available for funding. For now the Committee is looking to see what we can do for improvements. Anyone looking to join this Committee are welcome to. John Oliver brought some drawings in for suggestions on improvements for the existing clubhouse. Some suggestions are moving the rental trailer to the opposite end of the clubhouse or a obtaining a trailer from Sussex.

The construction of a Biathlon Stadium continues to progress. Plans are for 24 lanes, which is a significant addition to the Club. Linda mentioned the time put in by certain families for clearing the land and one individual who rented equipment out of his own pocket to help with the process. A lot of wood cut, and removed.

NB Trails: Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club is now a sponsor of NB Trails. By being a member we will have our information on their website as well as their Eco NB app. Anyone looking to donate over \$100 can do so through NB Trails, in which you will receive a tax receipt, a small portion is kept by NB Trails and the rest goes to the Club. Billy Flieger also noted that the City had a meeting with NB Trails and it was his understanding that they have funding and will donate so much to upgrade trail systems as long as you do not allow ATV's on the trails. Deana will look into it.

Peggy McLean also noted that we are a wonderful asset for the City to have and the number of volunteers we have is noted.

Addition to new Executive position: The Coaching position will not be filled but will have an addition to the Executive as Biathlon Liaison, as we have the two clubs who operate in the same location and it benefits the club.

Motion moved by Jennifer Cain and Seconded by David Sisk

Was noted this will need to be put in the Constitution.

Other: Peter noted that a carpenter will donate the time if we supply the materials, he will build a frame with a glass front for the sculptor donated last year by the Edith Boudreau family. The Boston family had donated \$100 and this money will be used for this as well as the club will pay the remaining amount for materials.

Nomination Committee Report

Don Lynch read the positions

President- Norm Brown

Vice President- John Oliver

Past President- Don Lynch

Secretary- Sara Martin

Treasure- Nola Chiasson

Instruction- Gerald Smith

Coaching- Open

Publicity- Kathleen Gadd

Social- Deanna Gadd

Loppet- Dave Roy

Jack Rabbit Committee Chair- Linda Veysey

Trails Co-ordinator- Gilles Chiasson

Council at Large- Dave Sisk

Biathlon Liaison- Paula Septon will allow her name to stand

No committee was arranged as everyone on the executive had reoffered. Don asked the floor for further nominations. By acclamation the committee remains the same, with the only changed being coaching and Biathlon liaison.

Adjournment by Paula Septon and Dave Veysey

Awards

Cleaning Shooting Awards

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

Bunny Dempsey 1000Km Club of Recognition Award

Brian Worrell 1250 km

Emma Septon 1013 km

Dr. Kris

Paula Keating

Joey Doucet Distance Awards

Female: Paula Keating with 1070 Km

Male: Dr Kris over 1300 Km

The Spill Award

Archie Cooper

Boston Family Trophy

N/A no loppet

Dr Guptil Award

Dave Veysey

Paula Keating 500km Award Youth

Emma Septon

Family Memberships

1. Adam Sulis
2. Chris Martin