

Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club
Annual General Meeting
April 12, 2014
Lions Club, Seniors Room

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, Tilly O'Neil Gordon and Shawn Morrison.

Presidents Report

Norm welcomed everyone to the dinner. Our 39th year and an early start to our season produced one of the best years we have had in a number of years. Our numbers were good again this year with over 200 regular members. There has been a growing increase in the snowshoe rentals, and day passes. The biathlon group numbers are also growing and they had a successful season with a number of medals. The Loppet was successful again this year despite having to reschedule due to weather. Our youth programs continue to grow with a very good response from everyone. Norm thanked the Executive Committee, and Don Lynch who was able to be there. 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. 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 various individuals and organizations that helped to make the year a success. A special thank you to Vince McCarthy for the \$5000 donation and Lounsbury's in their fundraiser which raises \$2525.

Adoption of last AGM

Motion by Sara Martin seconded by Kathleen Gadd

Business Arising from Minutes

Expansion project to be discussed under new business.

Financial Report

Total income \$48,963.55

Total Expenses \$35,864.95

Net Income \$13,098.60

With Receivables 10k from the Province and \$4000 from the City, it leaves us with a cash position of approximately \$28,000 at the end of March 2014.

Moved by Nola Chiasson, seconded by Joey Doucet

New Business

Club Expansion/Club improvement update

The project is still progressing and we continue to meet with the City. The City has decided to adopt our project and it will go under their banner. It is the only way our project could be funded. We meet every second Wednesday until the application is ready to be submitted. Before its submitted it has to go to council for approval to be submitted to ACOA and RDC. A number of councillors have been appointed to work with us.

French Fort Cove: We were asked to consider relocating to French Fort Cove. It has been decide that is not doable, practical or feasible, as the land is not suitable for all our events. We will present to Mike Noel this Wednesday.

Issues noted by various members: Does the City understand the \$ value of the ski club? The protected land at French Fort Cove, and the trail system. Terrain would be difficult for most of the membership to ski on and the cost would be 10 fold.

Tough Mudder Type Event: We have been approached by The Cutting Edge Fitness center to host a tough mudder type event. This would be a fundraiser for our club as profits go toward our club. There is a committee headed by Dave Sisk to work with Tom Burns. It will take place in August with a specific date later to be confirmed. Dave is going to see if this can go along with the Nelson Days celebrations. It is an obstacle course set up within 5 km. Concerns were damage to the trails. The Committee will work closely with everyone involved to ensure no damage is done.

Nomination Committee Report

John Oliver read the positions

President- Norm Brown

Vice President- John Oliver

Past President- Don Lynch

Secretary- Sara Martin

Treasure- Nola Chiasson

Instruction- Gerald Smith

Coaching- Paula Septon

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

No committee was arranged as everyone on the executive had reoffered. John Oliver asked the floor if further nominations. By acclamation the committee remains the same for a second term and a first in club history for everyone to remain on.

Adjournment by Gilles Chiasson

Awards

Jack Rabbits/ Bunny Rabbit Km Challenge

Linda Veysey said out of the 31 in her program, 26 signed up for the Km challenge, which were Km skied outside of Saturday lessons. Linda presented to Ben Larkin for skiing 62 Km and Liam Septon who skied 152Km.

Bunny Dempsey 1000Km Club of Recognition Award

Paula Keating

Dr Kris

Jeff Hans

Joey Doucet Distance Awards

Female: Paula Keating with 1200 Km

Male: Dr Kris 2265.1 Km

The Spill Award

Emma Septon

Boston Family Trophy

The St Germain Family

Dr Guptil Award

Gilles Chiasson

Paula Keating 500km Award Youth

Emma Septon

Lauren Martin

Biathlon Members presented thank you gifts to coaches Yves St Germain, Dave Veysey, and Trent Martin

Yves went on the say the Biathlon club is expanding. We have people coming from Moncton to train. We are a central part of the province. He thanked the coaching staff and said the program is getting stronger. He also mentioned 4 of our athletes who competed in Nationals in Charlo and did well. Emma and Lauren were moved to a level up to be able to compete.

Family Memberships

1. Linda Veysey
2. Burton Cain
3. Sara Martin

A group picture was taken with the sculpture donated by Edith Boudreau. She is in the hospital and very frail. A copy of the picture will be given to Edith.