

Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club
Annual General Meeting
April 08, 2017
Nelson Senior Citizens Hall, Nelson, NB

Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM by President Norm Brown.

Adoption of Agenda as presented

Welcome and President's Report

President Norm Brown welcomed everyone to the 43rd edition of the ski club's Annual General Meeting. He introduced special guests Ronnie Doyle, Keith and Linda Dickson, Councillor Tara Ross-Robinson, Peggy McLean and Lucy McCray (from the Chatham Rotary), Sonny Newman (representing Lisa Harris's office) and Robert Breau. This Season has been very challenging to say the least. Weather and temperature fluctuations, a few back to back snowstorms, and the ice storm of the century, made for a hectic season. Of 108 operational days the trails needed to be closed for 31 days for clean up from the ice storm and weather conditions, this accounted for close to one third of the season. This downtime came at the peak of the season which resulted in substantially lower income for the club. This will be shown in the financial report. The 4km of lights on the lighted trail was put out of commission by the ice storm and have not yet been repaired. On a positive note, the clean up from the ice storm resulted in many volunteer coming to assist with the clean up. This shows the great support we have from our members and the community. The Club was able to complete some work towards its goal of expanding and improving the facility. During the preseason, the club spent money improving the parking lot and driveway with shale rock. The next step would be to cover the shale with gravel or pavement millings. Through a small Canada Infrastructure program grant the in/out trails, along with the penalty loop trail were constructed in the biathlon stadium. The next step will be the completion of the biathlon range. We are hoping to partner with the City, ACOA, and the province to complete the Berm as well as major upgrades to the trail system. These steps will bring us closer to our goal of a year-round facility.

The Biathlon club had another successful season with members competing at competitions in NB and PEI. The Miramichi Club sent 3 athletes (Lauren Martin, Emma Septon and Michael Vautour, who is from Salisbury) to the Canadian Nationals in Canmore Alberta. Another member from the Miramichi Club, Jim Ketterling from Fredericton competed at the World National Championship in Finland. Norm also recognized the local coaches who attended Nationals with the athletes, Trent Martin, Yves St Germain and Paula Septon.

Norm thanked the entire executive committee for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. The club is very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers who give freely of their time to ensure the club and its programs continue to run, year after year.

In closing Norm thanked everyone who had worked hard to ensure the club operated this season, including the executive, lodge keepers Ronnie and Keith (who make the club so welcoming and has been noted by many skiers), and those who helped recover from the ice storm and of course the groomers.

Norm also thanked Peter Gadd for all he does that makes everything run smoother on the administrative end.

Norm thanked the City of Miramichi and council, MLA Bill Fraser, MLA Lisa Harris, MP Pat Finnigan and the Department of Healthy Living and Inclusive Communities, Bell Aliant, Goodfellow's Trucking Ltd and Sutherland's Excavating for their contributions to the club. Kenny and Hannah Searle were also thanked for their donation of the eggs for our fundraising breakfast.

We have a great club which is evident from many comments we receive from skiers who frequent our trails from as far away as Halifax. We have hosted as many 14 skiers from Halifax on several weekends this past season. Of note is one couple from Halifax who are frequent visitors to the club who donated \$500 to the club. This speaks volume to the service provided by the club.

With a little luck and help from our partners, the club will reach its goal of turning the facility into a year-round outdoor activity centre that will be the pride of the Miramichi and all of Northumberland County. Lastly, Norm thanked everyone for coming out to support the club and wished everyone a great summer.

Adoption of last AGM minutes:

Previous minutes read by Sara Martin.

Motion to adopt minutes as presented by Sara Martin and seconded by David Sisk.

Motion Passed:

Business Arising from Minutes

Smaller project went forward. This resulted in the completion of the penalty loop as well as the in/out trail to the range. \$14,500 was the third portion paid by the Club, and the other two thirds paid by ACOA and RDC.

Financial Report

Total income \$52,501.00

Total Expenses \$70,770.07

Net Income -\$18,269.07

Membership was \$7,062 which was down from the previous year.

Book Balance at year end \$13,401.46

Savings Account \$79.44

Total \$12,100.15 (includes outstanding deposits \$15,232 and outstanding Cheques \$16,613)

Motion to accept the financial report: Moved by Nola Chiasson, seconded by Charlie Fives

Motion passed:

New Business

Club Expansion/Club improvement update

Update on Club Expansion/improvement project update. We will be visiting city council soon with a revised project to see if RDC and ACOA along with the City will partner with the club to finish the biathlon range and complete upgrades to the trail system.

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- Deanna Gadd

Social- Hannah Searle

Loppet- David Sisk

Jack Rabbit Committee Chair-

Trails Co-ordinator- Gilles Chiasson

Director at Large- Rene Pelletier

Biathlon Liaison- Paula Septon

Don asked the floor for further nominations. No other nominations came forward; therefore, the executive will stand as the above mentioned.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by David Sisk. Meeting adjourned.

Awards

Joey Doucet Distance Awards

Female: Paula Keating with 1116 Km

Male: Dr Kris over 1506 Km

The Spill Award

Cohen Veysey

Boston Family Trophy

St. Germain Family

Dr Guptill Award

Paula Septon and Deanna and Peter Gadd

Daily Pass Memberships, includes rentals

1. Liam Septon
2. Nola Chiasson
3. Laken McCarthy

Linda Dickson thanked everyone for their generosity and kindness in their time of need.