

NORTH MOUNTAIN CULTURAL & RECREATION ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 12, 2016

Directors present: Tom McCann, George Chant, Jim Barnes, Alice Gowans, Russell White, Barry Madill, Bill Legge, Lynn Zimmerman, Adi Sommer

Members present: Jean McCann, Charles Spangenberg, Vicki Gilbert, Janet Beavers, Betty Jean Legge, Gary Dunbrack, Fiona MacDonald, Carolyn Chant, Bridget Sommer

I. Welcome and Call to Order.

Chair Tom McCann welcomed the members and thanked them for coming, and called the meeting to order

II. Approval of Agenda.

No additions or changes to the agenda were requested. On motion by Bill Legge, seconded by Carolyn Chant, the agenda as presented was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2015 Annual General Meeting.

The minutes were previously emailed to the members by the Secretary. There being no requests that the minutes be read aloud, and on motion by Charles Spangenberg that the minutes be accepted as previously distributed, seconded by George Chant, the minutes of the May 17, 2015 Annual General Meeting were approved.

IV. Approval of March 31, 2016 Year-End Financial Report.

Treasurer Jim Barnes presented the financial report for the year ending March 31, 2016. Members had several questions stemming from the report, which were addressed by Jim Barnes. Russell White inquired about the donations made; donations were made to palliative care, Childrens' Wish, another memorial donation, and \$100 to Silvan Eggenberger for his trip to a competition. Charles Spangenberg asked if overall we were losing money; at this rate of expenditures, we could run out of our savings in about 6 years. Bill Legge noted some of the reasons for this — the summer student employee costs us about \$2500 per year, and most of the grants we are receiving these days are 50-cent dollars (last year we received about \$3500 in grants to cover \$7000 in projects). Jim noted the games night income almost covers the utilities. We are heating the bathroom and pipes for about 4 months of the year. Barry Madill confirmed with Jim that we still have our term deposits, accounted for separately from the balance shown on the report. Fiona MacDonald asked about the nature of the "Real Estate" category of expenses; these are items related to upkeep of the real property that are not otherwise categorized as repair and maintenance; for example, the purchase and installation of the new oil tank. Charles Spangenberg inquired if the insurance coverage was something that could be lowered; these policies are already at the lowest practical level of expenditure. Jim Barnes moved that the year-end report be approved as presented. Seconded by Charles Spangenberg, the financial report was approved.

V. Report of Board of Directors.

Chair Tom McCann reported on the activities and achievements of the past year.

- A. A new oil tank was obtained and installed.
- B. Maintenance was performed on the furnace.
- C. A new permanent sign to the beach was installed.
- D. A canopy was obtained which will be installed over the entrance walkway.
- E. A bench was installed on the side porch for use by internet users.
- F. Gravel and grading was done at the wharf area.
- G. The area east of the hall was sodded.
- H. The back step and ramp were replaced.
- I. A memorial bench at the look-off was installed in memory of Kenny Campbell. We now have 8 benches and 19 picnic tables.
- J. We have applied to participate in the TransCanada Trail Water Route; we have received funding approval from the TCT; the ACOA application is pending, approval is expected shortly. The \$33,000 project will be 100% funded through grants.
- K. In September the Inverness County Council held their meeting at the hall.
- L. Sales of 400 copies of Don Pillar's book Out of the Limelight were made; a portion of the proceeds went to support St. Matthew's church.
- M. We hosted representatives of *Cruising World* magazine, with Marble Mountain receiving publicity in their article on sailing the Bras d'Or.
- N. Meetings were held with the pulp mill regarding safety issues and the roads. There may be more meetings forthcoming to address the state of Mountain Road.
- O. The producers of the documentary on biospheres filmed at Marble Mountain. The series will debut at the Bell Museum in Baddeck during Celtic Colours, after which we will receive a copy for our own showing. Marble Mountain will feature in 8 minutes of the hour-long program.

VI. Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Officers and Directors.

Barry Madill reported on behalf of the committee that they were unsuccessful in finding new nominees to serve on the Board of Directors. Tom McCann reported that he will not be continuing as Chair; he would be willing to continue on the Board. Of the remaining current directors, Lynn Zimmerman and MaryAnn MacFadyen will not be staying on the Board. Jean McCann offered to serve; Tom McCann removed his name from consideration. Nominations were made from the floor. Bill Legge nominated Gary Dunbrack, who accepted. George Chant nominated Vicki Gilbert, who declined to accept. The remaining current directors indicated their intention to continue on the Board: George Chant, James Barnes, Alice Gowans, Russell White, Bill Legge, Barry Madill, and Adi Sommer.

Bill Legge nominated George Chant to serve as Chair. Bill Legge agreed to serve as Vice-Chair for one year. Jim Barnes agreed to continue as Treasurer, and Alice Gowans agreed to continue as secretary.

On motion by Carolyn Chant, seconded by Charles Spangenberg, the report of the Nominating Committee and the election of the directors and officers were approved.

Directors for 2016-2017 are: George Chant, Bill Legge, James Barnes, Alice Gowans, Barry Madill, Russell White, Gary Dunbrack, Jean McCann and Adi Sommer. Officers are: George Chant, Chair; Bill Legge, Vice-Chair; Jim Barnes, Treasurer; and Alice Gowans, Secretary.

VII. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2016-2017.

The members agreeing to participate on the nominating committee for the coming year are Barry Madill, Tom McCann and Carolyn Chant.

VIII. Adjournment.

On motion by Lynn Zimmerman, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Alice Gowans

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Secretary