

NORTH MOUNTAIN CULTURAL & RECREATION ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 12, 2016

Directors present: George Chant, Jim Barnes, Alice Gowans, Russell White, Barry Madill, Bill Legge, Jean McCann, Gary Dunbrack, Adi Sommer

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

I. Welcome and Call to Order.

Chair George Chant welcomed the members and thanked outgoing Chair Tom McCann for his summary of the past year's activities, and called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Agenda.

Two items were added to the agenda: A financial report by Treasurer Jim Barnes, and an update on upcoming activities. On motion by Charles Spangenberg, seconded by Lynn Zimmerman, the agenda as amended was approved.

III. Financial Report by Treasurer.

Treasurer Jim Barnes presented a summary of the financial report as of May 31, 2016. We have a chequing account balance of \$6211.21. We have received income to date of \$1268 from games night, donations, HST rebate, book sale and donations from the lookoff. Our expenses total \$614, and consist of utilities and bank charges (which include renewal of the safe deposit box). We currently show income of \$654 in excess of our year to date expenses. On motion by Jim Barnes to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Charles Spangenberg, the report was approved.

IV. New Business.

A. Upcoming activities; status updates.

1. A work party is scheduled for Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. to set up the benches, signs and picnic tables.
2. Tommy Kehoe has been using the wharf again this year, for which he has paid us \$400.
3. The garden club has been busy already, having met to weed and clean up the gardens.
4. It looks like they will be paving on Marble Mountain Road before the end of July.
5. There have been plenty of smelts and eagles this year.
6. The TransCanada Trail/ACOA project is pending.
7. We are still waiting on approval of the final wording of the lighthouse acquisition documents.
8. Re: improving cell service, Bill Legge reported that the county is looking at ways to accomplish this. They commissioned a study, but improvements will require financial contribution by the county, as it is not financially feasible for the cell companies to fund the improvements. If Inverness County and Richmond County could work together, a repeater installed in Richmond County could provide better coverage to our area.

9. Seaside wireless: Bill Legge reported that two additional levels of service (providing faster service) are said to be coming to our area.

10. Water quality at the hall. George Chant outlined the history of our current situation at the hall. Two consecutive good water analyses are required to pass, which we have not had. He has spoken with the environment department, and it was suggested we chlorinate the system again. He has done that and has taken another sample in for testing. If it passes a second one will have to be done before the water is given the green light.

A. Family Weekend.

George Chant has spoken with Jimmy Eager, and he has agreed to organize the poker run again this year. Some of the directors were tasked with looking into music options; Bill Legge is expecting to hear on his inquiries this week. The hours of the festival will be cut back to 12:00 noon to 4 rather than noon to 5 p.m.. George will be getting together with other members to look at other options for the BBQ, and he asked Fiona MacDonald to assist with the brainstorming, to which she agreed. We will be adding a craft sale at the hall to the afternoon activities. Janet Beavers and Vicki Gilbert will be organizing the games again this year. Bill Legge reported that he believes we will be able to get our sponsors again this year. He hopes to get the portable toilets donated by Charlie King in return for a charitable receipt. The paper mill and TriMac appear willing, and we get a small donation from Central. Seaside is listed as a sponsor because of the free internet service we get all year. We have historically received funding from ECBC (14 of 15 years). ACOA just recently decided they would have funding available. We will probably receive notification of the program next week and will need to act quickly. We apply for a certain amount, but ACOA will decide what we receive; last year we asked for about \$1800, of which we were granted \$800. It was previously decided by the Board that a ham supper with presale of tickets would replace the usual potluck dinner. Eat-in and take-out options will both be offered. Carolyn Chant suggested moving the supper to Friday night, as we seemed to get a better response to the dinner on Friday last year rather than on a Saturday. After discussion it was agreed to move the dinner to Friday, and move the darts/games night to Saturday. A motion was made by Russell White to make this change to the schedule; seconded by Charles Spangenberg the motion passed. Bill Legge added that if the TCT project moves ahead as hoped, the plan is to have the official launch on Family Day. Alice Gowans inquired about a previous suggestion that rather than having separate 50/50 draws the night of the dinner and on Family Day that they be combined into a weekend-long draw resulting in a larger prize. No decision was made on that suggestion.

V. Free Word.

Bill Legge noted the many contributions to the community and the Association by Lynn and Carl Zimmerman, who are moving away later this month. He thanked them for their help with everything and on behalf of the community said we will miss them, which was applauded by the members.

Charles Spangenberg inquired of the Secretary Alice Gowans how many members the Association has. She was uncertain of the exact number, but it was believed that the member list includes about 70 names, although not all of the members are active.

Adi Sommer asked about the status of the lighthouse acquisition. It is still in process, efforts are being made to come up with language regarding liability that will satisfy our insurer. The issue is making certain the contract clearly provides that the government is liable for

anything related to the operation of the lighthouse, and we are only liable for incidents that occur on the land, not as a result of operation of the navigational aid. The latest language that has been proposed is very clear in this delineation and it is hoped the transfer will occur soon.

Jean McCann noted that the Association would not be acquiring the church property, in case others were not aware of that.

Employment of the summer student employee is lined up. Terry Madill will be returning for the summer, for 10 weeks. He will probably be starting work at the end of June or sooner.

VIII. Adjournment.

On motion by Tom McCann, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Alice Gowans

Secretary