

NORTH MOUNTAIN CULTURAL & RECREATION ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 17, 2015

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

Members present: Jean McCann, Charles Spangenberg, Angela Eggenberger, Justin Usher, Carl Zimmerman, Vicki Gilbert, Janet Beavers, Betty Jean Legge, Fiona Macdonald

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 Alice Gowans, seconded by Bill Legge, the agenda as presented was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 25, 2014 Annual General Meeting.

There being no requests that the minutes be read aloud, and on motion by Bill Legge that the minutes be accepted as previously distributed, seconded by Lynn Zimmerman, the minutes of the May 25, 2014 Annual General Meeting were approved.

IV. Approval of March 31, 2015 Year-End Financial Report.

Treasurer Jim Barnes presented the financial report for the year ending March 31, 2015. He noted the net income from the family weekend was approximately \$3,400. The fundraising figures (expense and income) include the t-shirt sales organized by Janet Beavers and Vicki Gilbert. There being no questions regarding the financial report, Jim Barnes moved that it be approved as presented. Seconded by Russell White, 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. The gazebo memorial project was completed, with installation of planters, a walkway, and sign. He thanked the garden club and other volunteers for their efforts in completing the project. It was officially opened and dedicated in September 2014.
- B. The roads to the wharf and beach were graded, the area to the west of the storage building was levelled and graded, giving us more usable space.
- C. A new events sign was installed in front of the hall.
- D. A new water heater was installed in the hall.
- E. The project of interpretive panels to be installed at the look-off has been started and is expected to be completed this summer.
- F. Five new picnic tables were built.
- G. Government approval for installation of a safe swimming zone was sought and obtained, and signage installed.

- H. A book launch for Don Pillar's book Out of the Limelight was organized and hosted by the hall, which was very well-attended. The first printing sold-out as well as most of the second printing. Twelve copies were purchased by the NMCRA to give as gifts and a few copies remain available for purchase for \$50. Tom McCann can be contacted for purchase. Don is donating proceeds to the local United Church.
- I. Filming was done in October for a documentary on the Bras d'Or biosphere. It is expected to air on The Learning Channel later this year. We will receive a copy. The crew may be back this summer to take more pictures and possibly get digital copies of some of the historic photos held here.
- J. Negotiations with the government were completed regarding taking over the Cameron Island lighthouse. This will be discussed further at the general meeting following this AGM.
- K. After years of using the property at the shore under a lease, the NMCRA has received donation of the land from Ralph Medjuck's company, and the Association now owns the 3+ acres. A right-of-way was retained for access to the shore by the donor.
- L. The annual dinners and family day were held. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Tom thanked all the volunteers for their work and donations in achieving all that was done through the year. In particular, he thanked the Activities Committee for their ideas and hard work, and the Beavers family for hosting the night of entertainment in August and for all of their efforts in support of the Association.

On motion by Tom McCann to accept the report of the Board, seconded by Charles Spangenberg, the Report was accepted and approved.

VI. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2015-2016

The members of the nominating committee agreed to continue in their positions for the coming year. Members are Barry Madill, Lynn Zimmerman and Carolyn Chant.

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

The nominating committee reported that the directors currently serving are all willing to continue. No nominations to the Board were made from the floor. The existing directors are: Tom McCann, George Chant, James Barnes, Alice Gowans, Russell White, Bill Legge, Barry Madill, Lynn Zimmerman, MaryAnn MacFadyen, and Adi Sommer. The Officers currently serving affirmed their willingness to continue in their positions: Tom McCann, Chair; George Chant, Vice-Chair; James Barnes, Treasurer; and Alice Gowans, Secretary.

On motion by Tom McCann, seconded by Lynn Zimmerman, the directors and officers named were elected.

VIII. Adjournment.

On motion by Russell White, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary