

NORTH MOUNTAIN CULTURAL & RECREATION ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 24, 2018

Directors present: George Chant, Bill Legge, Tom McCann, Alice Gowans, Russell White, Barry Madill, Art Robertson

Members present: Carolyn Chant, Charles Spangenberg, Judy Cairns, Nancy Davidson, Gordon Davidson

I. Welcome and Call to Order.

Chair George Chant 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 Art Robertson, seconded by Carolyn Chant, the agenda as presented was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2017 Annual General Meeting.

The minutes were read into the record by Secretary Alice Gowans. There being no errors or omissions noted, on motion by Alice Gowans, seconded by Bill Legge, that the minutes of the May 27, 2015 Annual General Meeting were approved.

IV. Approval of March 31, 2018 Year-End Financial Statement.

Copies of the report were provided to those in attendance. Treasurer Tom McCann noted we came out ahead for the year, with \$4080.89 in revenue over expenses. On motion by Tom McCann, seconded by Barry Madill, the Treasurer's Year-End Financial Statement was approved. Russell White inquired about the bank balance at the beginning of the current fiscal year; Tom stated it was \$7889.00.

V. Report of Board of Directors.

Chair George Chant reported on the activities and achievements of the past year. The report is appended to these Minutes. The Chair thanked all of the committee members and volunteers in accomplishing everything that they do. On motion by George Chant, seconded by Alice Gowans, the Chair's report was approved.

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

Charles Spangenberg reported on behalf of the Committee that no new nominations for the Board were to be made. The composition of the Board of Directors will be unchanged from the previous year. The report of nominations from the Committee is appended to these Minutes.

Directors for 2018-19 are: George Chant, Gary Dunbrack, Alice Gowans, Bill Legge, Barry Madill, Tom McCann, Jean McCann, Art Robertson, Adi Sommer, Russell White.

Chair George Chant inquired of the current officers if they were willing to continue in their positions. All affirmed their interest. Officers are: George Chant, Chair; Bill Legge, Vice-Chair; Tom McCann, Treasurer; and Alice Gowans, Secretary.

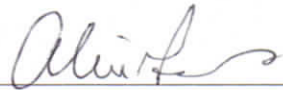
VII. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2018-2019.

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

VIII. Adjournment.

On motion by Russell White, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

Directors Report Annual Meeting 2018

As you can see from the financial report we had a pretty good year. We spent \$47,452 but were able to take in \$51,533.

- We were shocked early in the summer when it was discovered that the beams under the floor of the hall were badly bent or rotten, some of the floor joists as well. We were lucky that Charlie Kehoe agreed to do the job and he estimated that the cost would be around \$15,000. It wasn't easy work. They initially had to cut a hole in the front concrete wall to have easy access and hauled away three truckloads of garbage from underneath. The board agreed that we should have a capital campaign and letters were distributed to friends of Marble Mountain and our membership. We were surprised and pleased how quickly the money came in, over \$13,000. As well as fix the beams, repairs were made to the foundation, floor reinsulated and insulation secured with chicken wire. It was suggested we install two humidexes to keep the moisture level down and this was done. A rain gutter was added to the east side of the building as well.

- We were able to get some money from the county, insulated our walls and put in a heat pump. We are still figuring out the most efficient way to use it.

- Our road at the wharf end was widened to facilitate the parking of vehicles and boat trailers. Our beach road was graded and rolled a couple of times but unfortunately it is very hard to maintain and it becomes a washboard very quickly.

- We received some money from TCT to celebrate Canada's 150th. We installed a flagpole at the lookoff and purchased a Canada 150 flag. There has been lots of positive comments. We celebrated at the beach August 26th, had kayak lessons and about 30 people participated. We were able to give a kayak and other items away as prizes and also had free food.

- Our family weekend was a success again this year. We applied for and received a \$1,000 from Destination Cape Breton. The takeout supper on Friday night was a sell out and a hike was organized for Saturday across the mountain from Marble Mountain to Valley Mills. We could not find anybody to run the poker run on Sunday but we did have a dry land poker

run and raised \$330.00. The pulled pork again was a success and a nice addition to our menu.

- We were able to get funding from the Federal Government this year for a summer student, eight weeks at 32.5 hours per week. Kyle Geddes, Loraine Hulls grandson was our student.

- The initial Trans Canada sign on our shore which didn't stand up over the winter was replaced with a more durable one.

- The implementation of wharf passes for the season was a success. We sold 24 @ \$20.00 and took in \$542.00. Some people thought \$20.00 wasn't enough, two gave me \$40.00 and one \$42.00. We also took in another \$330 from mooring fees \$400.00 for wharf rental. The rest of the \$3,202.00 we raised at the shore came from beach fees.

- Communities in Bloom gave us a \$1000.00 last year and our Activities/Garden club made good use of that.

- We received a \$3,000 donation from the Bank of Nova Scotia through one of their employee involvement programs.

We hosted a wedding on August 19 at the lookoff when Angela and Justin were married. She thanked us for our help and made a donation.

- We were pleased to make a \$1,500.00 donation to L'Arche Cape Breton to help with their new building.

Thanks to all our hard working members for their commitment to make this community one we call all be proud of.

George Chant
President

Nominating Report NMC&RA
Annual Meeting May 24, 2018

The following are nominated for the NMC@RA Board this year.

George Chant
Gary Dunbrack
Alice Gowans
Bill Legge
Barry Madill
Tom McCann
Jean McCann
Art Robertson
Adi Sommer
Russell White