## NORTH MOUNTAIN CULTURAL & RECREATION ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

## MAY 24, 2018

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

<u>Members present</u>: 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 Alice Gowans, seconded by Barry Madill, the agenda as presented was approved.

- III. New Business.
  - A. Summer Student Employee. Chair George Chant announced we have received federal funding for employment of a student this summer, for 10 weeks at 32.5 hours per week. The deadline for submission of resumes is June 10, 2018. Secretary Alice Gowans reported that advertising is underway in The Oran, The Reporter, and Canada Jobs online, and has been forwarded to local First Nations representatives, and in fact one resume has been already received from a young man in the Whycocomagh area.
  - B. Wharf Passes. Wharf passes will again be for sale this year, given the success of the campaign last year.
  - C. Destination Cape Breton Funding. An application for funding is being submitted for Family Weekend this year.
  - D. Request for Funding from Province. An application for funding to replace the fire escape stairs and the side deck along with a cover for the new heat pump has been submitted and is pending.
  - E. Bill Legge reported for the Real Estate Committee. Funding has been applied for to cover gravel and rolling of the parking lot; grading of the roads to the beach & wharf; the fire escape and deck, heat pump cover, minor repairs to the wharf, and installation of a railing & plaque at the steam boiler on the beach. (The requested funding is a combination of provincial and county funds.) The canvas on the wharf blew off & pilings were damaged; Charles Kehoe has been working to do some repairs. It may take an extraordinary maintenance next year to make all the repairs. The Communities in Bloom grant is available again this year. The new TCT sign held up well over the winter. TCT offered to replace all of our signs with the new "Great Trail" branding, but were declined. A work day will be scheduled, probably Friday June 8 at 9:30 a.m.. A new planter will be built to replace the broken one at the look-off and some benches for the shore will be built. Russell White commented the look-off is getting some large potholes, etc.. Bill said we may get a visit from Allan MacMaster in June.
  - F. Family Weekend, August 10-12. With the difficulty getting someone to organize the poker run last year, we may have to look at a dry-land version again or find something to do in its

place. The possibility of doing another hike on the Saturday was discussed. The Carolyn Chant reported the Activities Committee has not yet met, but will be looking into another take-out supper or other options. George Chant has spoken with Linda & Dave Murphy, who have tentatively agreed to provide the live music on Sunday. Russell White suggested we consider a dime auction as an activity; the Activities Committee will look into it.

- G. Misc. George reported that since installing the UV light on the water system we have had all good reports on quality. Russell White inquired about the lighthouse acquisition; Bill Legge said it is still pending. Charles Spangenberg asked if there had been any success in talks with DNR about getting into the quarry; Bill reported DNR has no interest in doing that.
- IV. Free Word.

Judy Cairns asked how she would go about getting a name added to the plaque for the Memory Garden in the gazebo. Carolyn said the Activities Committee will look into that.

VIII. Adjournment.

On motion by Russell White, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Alice Gowans

Secretary