

**MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
FREDERICTON FOXES ORIENTEERING CLUB**

Date: Saturday, November 24, 2007, 1300-1500 h
 Location: Stig Skarborn's home, 163 Carriage Hill Drive, Fredericton, NB, E3E 1A4
 Present: Executive: Peter Lane, Vice-President
 Gary Daneff, Secretary-Treasurer (part time, non-member)
 Members: Mark DeWitt
 David Fellows (part time)
 Darryll Jardine
 Ray St-Laurent
 Stig Skarborn

ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTION BY
2007.1	Meeting called to order by P. Lane. President R. Hughes in Australia for extended period. Quorum only when D. Fellows arrived approximately 1:30.	-
2007.2	Minutes from 2006 AGM distributed with meeting announcement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOVED (S. Skarborn, R. St-Laurent) that 2006 Minutes be accepted. PASSED. 	-
2007.3	Business arising from 2006 Minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cheque was issued to the COF for the Sass Peepre Fund for half the profit of the 2004, 2005 and 2006 Sass Peepre events in the amount of \$447.32 • Results from Odell Park event were posted on ONB web site. • Woolastook map has been upgraded by Bill Anderson, but work still remains to be done. It is hoped Bill can return in 2007. 	-
2007.4	Treasurer's Verbal Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ING interest bearing account \$2,834.29 • Toronto Dominion account 2,217.28 • Sass Peepre revenue <u>575.40</u> • Sub-total 5,626.97 • Cheques for Sass Peepre maps & 3000 plastic bags <u>-595.26</u> • TOTAL \$5,031.71 • MOVED (S. Skarborn, R. St-Laurent) that the Treasurer's report be accepted. PASSED. 	-
2007.5	Sass Peepre Profit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The profit from the Sass Peepre event was \$441.17. • MOVED (S. Skarborn, M Dewitt) that a cheque for \$200 be forwarded to the COF for the Sass Peepre Fund. PASSED. S. Skarborn to mail cheque received from G. Daneff at meeting. • G. Daneff left meeting. 	S. Skarborn
2007.6	Control cards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to order 2,000 new Tyvek control cards with instructions what to do if lost on back, if cost for extra printing is not excessive. 	G. Daneff

2007.7	President's Report attached to these minutes read by S. Skarborn. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOVED (S. Skarborn, D. Jardine) that report be accepted. PASSED. 	-
2007.8	Mark DeWitt verbal cadet activity report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key points; orienteering is an optional activity for cadets, intended to improve navigational skills and promote physical activity, local corps runs introductory armoury sessions with spring and fall outdoor events in Odell Park. Fredericton corps had cadets attend five ONB events in 2007, and won the Cadet championships held in conjunction with the Sass Peepre event. A few of the local cadets do very well. P. Lane thanked Mark for report. • MOVED (M. Dewitt, R. St-Laurent) that the cadet report be accepted. PASSED. 	-
2007.9	Review of 2007 events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Hughes addressed these in his report, with the exception of Sass Peepre. • Key concerns with respect to cadet participation in ONB sponsored events; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety. P. Lane <u>checked that all participants on Course 4 knew how to take a safety bearing</u>. Two did not. They were relegated to Course 3. • In the future, <u>all participants should have watches</u> as well as whistles so that they can abide by course closing times. They will be checked for safety bearing ability. • Too many cadets do not finish their courses because their leaders insist on entering them in <u>courses too difficult for them</u> (Sass Peepre statistics: 5/6 females and 8/16 males DSQ on Course 2 [See below], 1/6 females and 5/16 males on Course 3, and 3/7 males on Course 4. • <u>One cadet removed one control</u> on Course 2 thus spoiling event for many others. Cadet leaders identified who had done this and read riot act. • Finishing times were very long for many participants, but most appeared to have enjoyed themselves. For complete results see ONB web site. • <u>Two controls were cut or ripped down</u>, but were easily found and did not affect results. 	Meet Directors and Cadet Leaders (see underlined items)
2007.10	COC 2008 update by S. Skarborn. Key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 16-17. Barebones sprint, middle distance and long distance in Rockwood Park. Smith family responsibility with ONB support. • Possible national senior and junior training camps. COF responsibility. • August 21 Hopewell Rocks sprint at bottom of sea. • August 22 Fundy NP COC sprint and banquet. • August 23 Fundy NP COC middle distance and World Ranking Event (WRE) • August 24 Fundy NP COC long distance and WRE. • Electronic timing by Ottawa O-club for most events • Volunteers wanted. 	-

2007.11	<p>UNB Woodlot access. Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Skarborn has tried to get a commitment from UNB Property Manager for continued permission to use woodlot. So far their has been no response. • S. Skarborn attended "Friends of Woodlot" meeting Nov. 22. His conclusions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNB is committed to extracting revenue from property. • UNB has legal right to do so, but perhaps not moral. • City supports development. • Futile for "Friends" to mount legal challenge, since UNB has much deeper pockets. • Once fully developed areas left for conservation are primarily marshes and strips along watercourses. • Meeting concluded that S. Skarborn should continue to try to contact Property Manager and to try to obtain a commitment to use undeveloped areas until such time that development renders area useless for orienteering. It was agreed that an adversarial attitude is not in the Foxes best interest. Access for orienteering still good from area behind Alient. 	S. Skarborn
2007.12	<p>Event Planning for 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 11. Odell Park. Course setter: P. Lane. • June 1. Woolastook. Course setter: R. St- Laurent • October 19. Mactaquac. Course setter: D. Fellows • Meet Director for all events: S. Skarborn unless David Tree, Laura Kendall or Paul Looker (who is moving to Fredericton in June) is willing to take on task. S. Skarborn to check. • S. Skarborn and P. Lane to check out status of Dorn Ridge with respect to possible use for a mini-rogame. • All three events probably B-meets. October 19 - Sass Peepre. 	P. Lane R. St- Laurent D. Fellows S. Skarborn
2007.13	<p>"Becoming an Outdoors Woman". Request for orienteering clinic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was decided that Foxes could not commit to this event • S. Skarborn to contact with regrets, but encourage participants to come to a scheduled ONB event. 	S. Skarborn
2007.14	<p>Meet fees to stay the same as last year.</p>	Meet Directors
2007.15	<p>Peter Lane requested that the Treasurer be asked to prepare an official Treasurer's report. S. Skarborn to approach G. Daneff.</p>	S. Skarborn G. Daneff
2007.16	<p>Election of Officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current executive offered to stand in their current positions. G. Daneff agreed to one more term, but no more. There were no nominations from the floor. By acclamation the executive is R. Hughes, President; P. Lane Vice-President, G. Daneff, Secretary-Treasurer. 	
2007.17	<p>Meeting adjourned.</p> <p>NOTE: Should there be any errors or omissions, please contact the undersigned by November 30.</p>	All

Stig Skarborn

Fredericton Foxes Presidents' Report 2007

I would like to start by thanking those who kept orienteering going in the Fredericton area during 2007. Thanks in particular to Stig Skarborn, Peter Lane, David Fellows, Gary Daneff, Laura Kendall, David Tree, Connie Wilson, Suzanne McKinley and Andrew Lowery for helping stage events, either in the field, or by helping with our web site, map printing, equipment wrangling and financial work. It is all necessary to make events happen.

Fundamentals appeared similar for the Foxes and orienteering generally in New Brunswick for another year. The active, organising membership remained very small. Despite this, for such a small club, we had several notable achievements. The first ever winter events were staged, and three novice event organisers were baptised into the sport – Laura Kendall and David Tree at the May event, and Peter Lane covered the gamut from course setting to meet directing during the year. Well done, all. The standard achieved was very good!

The club hosted events in January, May, September and October. Turnouts at events were variable, but over the four events, a total of nearly 200 people took part.

Membership

As of a membership count in June, the club had a total of 121 members, with 13 juniors, 39 individual adult memberships and a further 69 members drawn from two group memberships (all cadets). Cadet participation has increased in the past few years.

Beginner Clinics

This year there was no spring series of training clinics, but a number of ad hoc training sessions were held.

Events in brief

Jan 13 Snogaine, Woolastook

Staged in partnership with the Fredericton Adventure Racing Club. An experiment. Little snow, but a decent turnout (43 people) indicating such events are viable. The weather was kind.

Second (informal) winter event

The date is not to hand but this event was held by Peter and Rob later In January using controls left over from the Snogaine, and with members of the UNB outdoor club attending. The weather was brutally cold, with windchill of -30C, and deep snow. Fun was nevertheless had around a campfire and all attendees were pleased.

Odell B May 6/07.

First event by Laura Kendall and David Tree was carried out admirably and a success, with a good turnout of 58.

Return to O, Woolastook Sep 9.

A smaller turnout, but a successful score event. A couple of cadets were temporarily disoriented and were talked back to safety by Peter, and all ended well.

Sass Peepre, Mactaquac, October 21.

Successful event well-patronised by the cadets, and ably managed by Peter and helpers.

Other issues

The permanent course that is being worked on for Odell was not progressed much during 2007, which was a disappointment but a consequence of the existing organisers not having enough time to devote to the task. Nevertheless it remains in the plans for the future.

While the club continued to enjoy excellent relationships with the managers of Woolastook, Mactaquac and Odell Parks, dealings with the UNB in respect of the woodlot deteriorated during the year. At the time of writing, the Foxes use of the woodlot appears threatened. The land managers are not responding to club correspondence and the usable area of the woodlot continues to decrease in the face of continuing destruction of habitat for commercial uses.

Mapping

No new areas were mapped during 2007. Some minor updating of existing maps took place. A few requests for Foxes maps came in during the year. These were handled according to the policy drafted in 2006.

Foxes President Rob Hughes disappeared on a work contract to Australia in August, but is continuing to track Foxes affairs via the internet. Foxes are regarded as highly undesirable pests in Australia and are ruthlessly hunted down and poisoned. Rob advises any remaining Foxes to stay in Fredericton.

Rob Hughes

President
Fredericton Foxes

Nov 24, 2007