

Orienteering New Brunswick Annual General Meeting (ONB AGM)

Date: November 10th, 2007
Location: Grand Bay-Westfield, NB

Present:

Connie Wilson
Peter Lane
Stig Skarborn
Luella Smith
Steve Heron
Dave Fellows
David Ross
Harold McQuade
Phil Backman
Andrew Stanford
Bobbie Ross

1. David Ross called meeting to order.
2. Introductions made. Quorum present.
3. Minutes from last AGM passed out. Reviewed.

Motion: Stig Skarborn

That the Minutes as submitted be accepted.

Seconded by: Harold McQuade

Vote: Majority agreed

4. Annual Reports

- a. Webmaster Report - Dave Fellows. Issues covered in report
 - contract with web hosting service renewed at a cost of \$120.00. (Doubled from last renewal) Storage space and bandwidth discussed. Suggested we stay with present service.
 - Discussed that timeliness of posting of items on the web site is often dictated by the submission of these items to him. They are posted soon after he receives them.
 - Discussed the creation of a list to serve as method of advisement of events.
 - Discussed the possibility of creating a better event calendar with the possibility of a template for

- entry of meet data and or results.
 - Webmaster willing to continue for another year in this position but asked that an apprentice be sought. (Steve Heron indicated a possible interest)
- b. ONB Notes Report- (Paul Looker)
- Missed an issue this year. Will try to get the next issue out as soon as possible.
 - Willing to continue as editor of Notes for another year.
- c. Fundy Orienteering Club Report
- presented by Paul Looker
 - Busy year, successful events included mini-rogaïne in June and a session put on for the military in the fall.
- d. Falcons Orienteering Club Report
- presented by Harold McQuade
 - Hard work putting on the number of events hosted this year with the small core of organizers.
- e. Foxes Orienteering Club Report
- Rob Hughes an executive member of the Foxes Club and vice-president of ONB shall be absent from Canada for a period of two years. Willing to continue his role as VP in “absentia” or via “internet”. Report prepared by Robert Hughes.
 - Winter event held at Woolastook Park was a fun and rather successful event. Have found that alternate style events work well. Suggest that ONB consider looking differently at the style of events that we offer, and possibly create a series of Rogaines.
 - Recommendation of Single club/organization concept engendered much discussion.
- e. Secretary Report -
- Secretary Report was not prepared in time for the AGM and is to be prepared and submitted at a later date.
- f. High Performance Program -
- Harold McQuade presented a summary of the HPP program for the competition year

Motion: Stig Skarborn

Moved that the verbal reports as presented be accepted.

Seconded by: Steve Heron

Vote: Accepted by majority.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report shall be completed March 31st 2008, and the report is to be forwarded by e-mail.

6. Interim Treasurer's Report

Stig Skarborn presented an interim treasurers report. A few questions were asked to clarify references to categories such as the Canada Games Fund and Insurance. These were questions were out of individual curiosity and no issues were raised of the interim report.

Motion: Steve Heron

That the Interim Report as presented by Stig Skarborn be accepted.

Seconded by: Luella Smith

Vote: Accepted.

7. Appointment of Auditor

Motion: Stig Skarborn

Move that Morman MacLeod be designated auditor for ONB for 2007/2008 And that his remuneration be \$100.00.

Seconded by: David Fellows

Vote: Motion passed.

It was brought up as an aside that the Province no longer insists on audits of sports associations. The Treasurer wishes to continue with the services of Norman Macleod for this transition period and up to and past the COC's.

8. Constitutional Amendments

No amendments to be made to Orienteering New Brunswick's constitution at this meeting.

9. Miscellaneous Business from Minutes

MAP POLICY

There was much discussion on the map policy that had been presented by Robert Hughes at the 2006 AGM. Issues surrounding this were discussed. With a motion being brought forth and amended until it was deemed acceptable by all present.

Motion: Stig Skarborn

That the proposed map policy as submitted by Rob Hughes be reviewed by a person with legal training to consider any issues that may result from such a policy and that upon this review that the ONB executive consider the implementation of such policy.

Seconded by: Steve Heron

Vote: Passed.

ONE CLUB CONCEPT

There was much discussion around a proposal previously brought forth by Robert Hughes about the one club concept. There was argument both for and against this idea.

Argument for this idea focused on the facilitation of administration and the idea that strength could be gained with numbers.(ie. There would be one strong club versus several smaller and possibly weaker clubs.) There was much concern raised over this idea.

There was the believe that in the areas with smaller clubs that interest might die out all together. There was also concern over how funds would be used in the future, would areas with less representation have equal access to funds? What would happen to the funds in club ban accounts? How would equipment be controlled? If there were still area representatives, why not have local clubs? Would the constitution of ONB allow for such a change?

There were many questions and it was decided that further discussion would be required and more consideration given to all the pros and cons of this idea. In the furtherance of this topic the following motion was brought forth:

Motion: Stig Skarborn

That Rob Hughes be asked to draft a revised constitution that has an objective of realizing a one club concept for NB.

Seconded: Luella Smith

Vote: 3 Abstentions, 8 in favor, motion passed.

ONB NOTES

There was discussion around the preparation of the Association Newsletter and the dissemination of this in either printed or electronic format. Arguments were made for and against both methods. There was no consensus reached on the format favoured by those present at the AGM. Some people still prefer to receive a physical copy, while others were willing to read it on their computers or to print it off themselves. Printing and mailing costs to the association were principle points in the argument against the printed version. The argument for the printed version highlighted the fact that many people might not even read it if they get access to it only on-line, and as it is right now it is something tangible that one receives for their membership and can be also handed out to new people at events.

It was brought up that people should be given the choice to select which format they prefer.

Motion: Stig Skarborn

That on the ONB membership form there be placed an advisement that the ONB Notes Newsletter is available in both electronic and printed formats and that you will be notified by e-mail when the newsletter is available on-line.

Seconded by: Luella Smith

Vote: Motion passed.

10. New Business

a. Schedule

Discussion on schedule for 2008 season. The schedule still had to be finalized. Harold McQuade to co-ordinate this with input from each of the clubs

b. Sunday Hunting

Discussion on issue of a lobby being made to allow hunting on Sunday's in New Brunswick. There is a great possibility of this amendment to hunting regulations being instated by the provincial government. Discussion on this and the affect it would have not just on orienteers but anyone who wished to use and enjoy the woods of New Brunswick without the concern of hunters being in the area. Mention was made of methods of expressing concerns.

C. Other

-Online membership management and event registration was discussed. Research on these topics is required in order to determine the cost effectiveness and the actual amount of labour facilitation that it would create.

-The COF AGM was also discussed. The organizing of this event is an COF responsibility.

-COC's 2009 in Manitoba, 2010 Ottawa, 2011 Nova Scotia

-NAOC's 2010 in BC.

-COF requesting lists of officials. The present status of many coaches, officials is unknown. There is a need to create a system to better manage and maintain an up to date list of the qualifications of officials. Deemed a COF responsibility the creation and maintenance of any such system once created.

11. Elections:

Executive:

President : David Ross put forth candidacy for another year and was re-elected.

Vice-President : Rob Hughes offered to continue in role as VP even while in Australia, was re-elected.

Treasurer: Stig Skarborn offered to continue in this role as well, Was re-elected.

Secretary: Ariane Looker did not re-offer her candidacy, Paul Looker put forth his name and was elected to the position.

Directors:

Region 1: Capital

Previously: David Fellows Elected: David Fellows

Region 5: South-East

Previously: Terry Edgett Elected: Luella Smith

Zone 7: Fundy

Previously: Paul Looker Elected: Paul Looker

12. Appreciation

David Ross expressed his appreciation to all in attendance for the AGM.

13. Adjournment

Motion: Bobbie Ross

That the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by: Peter Lane

Vote: All in agreement.