

Recreation Nova Scotia - Annual General Meeting
Virtual
Tuesday, November 9, 2020 2pm

1. Call to Order/Welcome

Gord Tate

We would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq People first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations. We are incredibly privileged to be able to use this land and its natural resources for our recreation and leisure activities and are grateful to be able to live, work and play in Mi'kma'ki. We also appreciate the many ways in which Mi'kmaq People have contributed to our work and we look forward to building long-lasting relationships. We are all Treaty People.

2. Introduction to online voting system

Heather Beaton

3. Approve 2020-2021 agenda

Gord Tate

Motion: To proceed with the AGM without quorum

Moved by: Rachel Bedingfield

Seconded by: Paul Dion

Motion carried.

Motion: Approval of the 2020-2021 RNS AGM agenda.

Moved by: Claudine Laforce

Seconded by: Rachel Bedingfield

Motion carried.

4. Approve 2019-2020 minutes

Gord Tate

Motion: Adoption of 2019-2020 RNS Annual General Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Rachel Bedingfield

Seconded by: Chris Atwood

Motion carried.

5. CCH Update

Robin Norrie

6. 2020-2021 Highlights of the Year

Gord Tate

- The Recreation for Mental Health (R4MH) in-person training was adapted for online delivery completing virtual training for 80 people.
- Two hundred and twenty-nine leaders took an online, two-hour Covid-version of the Principles of Healthy Child Development (PHCD) in 2020-21
- 32 leaders enrolled in in person PHCD training.
- NSON stayed connected with the outdoor community through the monthly newsletter and social media. As of April 2021, the Facebook page had 1570 followers with 995 on Instagram and 170 newsletter subscribers.
- The fall/winter months focused on promoting self-directed activities including equipment loans and local trails and parks
- With a focus on Goal 2, the Inclusion & Access Task Team made progress towards building an online framework and tool for inclusive recreation – a place to house tools and resources to support recreation practitioners. Funding was secured to build a beta-version of this platform with the work continuing into 21-22.
- Town Halls: Early 2021 RNS partnered with RFANS hosted virtual regional town halls to discuss how practitioners were program planning for spring and summer and gaining community and council support
- Implicit Bias Training: RNS staff and board completed training offered by Dr Rachel Zellars focusing on implicit bias plays a role in individual actions and institutions, how we can support transformation and more.
- Cultural Safety Training: RNS staff and board completed the Cultural Safety Program with Gord Pictou focusing on Mi'kmaq history and culture, systemic racism and confronting discrimination and more.
- Our PROs were hard at work in 2021 delivering recreation and hosting over 75 recreation events. The 14 PROs include Bicycle, Camping, Canoe/ Kayak, Climb, Duke of Edinburgh, Hike, Life Saving Society, Sea School, Anglers and Hunters, Off Road Riders, Orienteering, Cross Country Ski, Snowmobiler and Surf.

7. CPRA Highlights

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- CPRA secured the new funding as part of the Federal Government's Youth Employment Skills Strategy (YESS). A 3-year funding commitment from ESDC created Youth Employment Experience: building skills of Canada's youth. YEE aims to provide work placements for 250 youth over the 3 years at 100% wage subsidy
- Of 75 jobs nationally, the Atlantic Region had 15 jobs, with 6 in Nova Scotia.

8. 2020-2021 Financial Report

Chris Atwood

Presentation of financials

A clean statement of financial position was given.

Motion: To approve the 2020-2021 audited financial statement

Moved by: Joel Dawe

Seconded by: Paul D'eon

Motion carried.

10. Slate of Directors for 2021-2022

Gord Tate

Outgoing

DIRECTOR AT LARGE – BRITT VEGSUND

PAST PRESIDENT - HEATHER KELDAY

VP MONITORING – MISTY JAMES

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (1 YR.) - JEANNINE FAYE DENNY

STUDENT DIRECTOR (1 YR.) – KEVIN WATERS

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (1 YRS.) – JOEL DAWE

Continuing for 2021-2022

PAST PRESIDENT – GORD TATE

SECRETARY – CLARE STEELE

VP FINANCE – CHRIS ATWOOD

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (2 YEAR) – BRITT VEGSUND

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (2YR.) – JOSH KENNEDY

Elected for 2020-2021

VP MONITORING – JOEL DAWE

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (1 YR.) – GABRIELLE RILEY GALLAGHER

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (1 YR.) – HEATHER MACNEIL

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (2 YR.) – JOSHUA NICHOLAS

STUDENT DIRECTOR – KIYA MCDOW

PRESIDENT ELECT – CASSIE MANUEL

Motion: To not take elections from the floor for President Elect

Moved by: Misty James

Seconded by: Rachel Bedingfield

Motion carried.

Motion: To accept 3 nominees to fill 3 positions (President Elect included in name only)

Moved by: Misty James

Seconded by: Rachel Bedingfield

Motion carried.

Motion: To accept the Board of Directors for 2021-2022

Moved by: Rachel Bedingfield

Seconded by: Heather Kelday

Motion carried

11. Other business

Gord Tate

None

12. Motion to adjourn

Motion: To adjourn

Moved by: Claudine Laforce

Seconded by: Chad Haughn

Motion carried.

RNS 2021 AGM Attendees

1. Elaine Faulkner, Cape to Cape Trail
2. Melinda MacKenzie
3. Bob Powell - Rec Greenwood
4. Angie Tavares
5. Chris Atwood
6. Gordon Tate, RNS Board President
7. Marc Seguin, RNS ED
8. Heather Beaton, RNS Staff
9. Jacqueline Fraser, RNS Staff
10. Joel D'Entremont
11. Josh Kennedy
12. Clare Steele
13. Paul D'Eon
14. Ron Clarke
15. Reg Crewe (SANS)
16. Debbie Bauld, RNS Staff
17. Cassie Manuel
18. Gabrielle Riely Gallagher
19. Anjeanette LeMay, RNS Staff
20. Heather Kelday
21. Natalie d'Entremont
22. Jeannine Faye Denny
23. Misty James
24. Michelle Young
25. Mike Melenchuk
26. Elizabeth Sutcliffe
27. Chad Haughn
28. Kerri Penney
29. Rachel Bedingfield
30. Robin Norrie
31. Kathy Johnston
32. Andrew LeBlanc
33. A Simms
34. Janet Barlow
35. Heather's iPhone
36. Mallory Fraser
37. Cindy Fraser
38. Heather Brennan, Mulgrave
39. Debby
40. Jillian Griffin
41. Claudine Laforce
42. Graham Mounsey, RNS Staff
43. Jim Vance
44. Shawn Fevens
45. Crystal Watson
46. Shannon Read
47. Sally O'Neill
48. Dianne Levy
49. Steve Bernard
50. Rae Gunn
51. Michelle MacDougall
52. Jenny Greencorn, RFANS
53. Marlene Melanson
54. Ginette d'Entremont
55. Ashley
56. Erin Robison
57. Catherine Droesbeck, Hike NS
58. Andrew LeBlanc
59. Sharon
60. Bill Schurman
61. Andrea Redmond
62. Lydia
63. Lucas Powell