

## **BPNT Annual General Meeting**

**Monday, October 27, 2014**

1. **Call to Order** – 7:10 pm. Present at the meeting: Peter Burton, Cathy Burton, Lise Sorenson, Lana Puumala, Earle Arnold, Chris Stromberg, Elaine and Roberto Campanaro.
2. **Motion:** Moved by Leslie Kerr and seconded by Lana Puumala that we accept the agenda.
3. **Motion:** Moved by Earle Arnold and seconded by Lana Puumala that the minutes of November 7, 2013 be accepted as presented.
4. **Business arising** from the Minutes: no business arising.
5. **Reports:**
  - **President:** Peter reported that we are trying to keep all members happy, as well as to be fiscally responsible with membership money. We are hoping to run numerous events again this year. We will continue to promote the TCT as a link from town to our trails as it continues to develop. The mechanical brusher is being used more and more as some trail sections are improved each year. Peter has met with Trevor Gibb, the new Park Superintendent, who is eager to forge ahead with a strong partnership with our group.
  - **Finance:** Earle reported that we have \$9,400.20 in our chequing account, and \$9,991.81 in our GIC account. \$3000 of the money in the GIC account is earmarked for a clubhouse at some point. Last year we had a net loss of \$898.39 due to a few major events that lost money. We looked at a budget for the year that was prepared by Earle.
  - **Trails:** Peter reported that the Adopt a Trail program is working well. The trails east of Jim Lake road will be closed this year due to safety reasons. Hopefully if logging is done in that area next year, we can reopen the trails on that side. A trail has been made parallel to the Jim Lake road for the upcoming season. We may still open up the trail to Nym Lake for the Cross Quetico tour. The Tourist Bureau trailhead will

be opened up again for this season. Peter has not had any word from the Air Cadets about whether or not we will be running a biathlon again this year. Lise mentioned that Doug Hampshire has clawed back the hill at Little Falls and is hopeful that our groomers can use that section now to access the TCT.

- **Youth:** Lana reported that last year we had 19 Jackrabbits in her program. She is hoping to have more leaders this year to help out with the Jackrabbit program.
  - **Membership:** Cathy reported that we had 147 members last year. So far the memberships sold for this season are lower than they were last year at this time. There is some concern that due to the long cold winter last year some people may decide not to buy a membership.
  - **Publicity:** Leslie reported that our website was well used last year, which is [www.skibeatenpath.ca](http://www.skibeatenpath.ca). Facebook was also well used by some members. Leslie put out three newsletters last season and will do the same this year. Groomers will once again email Leslie when they have an update, and she will post it to our website. Elaine mentioned under advertising that perhaps we could make up brochures about our club and distribute them around town and in other communities. Suggested places in town could be the library, ANFC, Sundog, Day care, and others. Leslie is going to work on this.
  - **Grants:** Leslie reported that Trillium grants are changing in the spring, hopefully for the better. We need to have various policies on our website so that we can apply for a building. Leslie is working on this.
6. **New Business:** Our club has been actively pursuing a Groomers Building for storing our snow machines and other grooming equipment. We are hoping to get a Land Use Permit to put a building at Nordic Lake. Possible ideas have been to get a Sea Can trailer, or move the shed from White Street to Nordic. The Museum board also has a building that could be moved. The MNR believes it would cost us about \$300 annually if we had a Land Use Permit.

## **7. Elections and Appointments:**

**Nominations for President:** Peter Burton

Nominated by: Lana Puumala

Seconded by: Earle Arnold

Motion to close the position: Leslie Kerr, seconded by Elaine Campanaro.

Peter Burton acclaimed.

**Nominations for Secretary:** Cathy Burton

Nominated by: Leslie Kerr

Seconded by: Earle Arnold

Motion to close the position: Leslie Kerr

Seconded by: Lana Puumala, Cathy Burton acclaimed.

**Nominations for Treasurer:** Earle Arnold

Nominated by: Peter Burton

Seconded by: Lana Puumala

Motion to close the position: Cathy Burton

Seconded by: Peter Burton, Earle Arnold acclaimed.

### **Appointments:**

A) **Trails:** Chris Stromberg

B) **Youth:** Lana Puumala

C) **Membership:** Cathy Burton

D) **Publicity:** Leslie Kerr

E) **Grants:** Leslie Kerr

F) **Social:** Carol Gosselin

8. **Draw Prizes:** Trish Anthony won the skis this year. Phil Decorte won a \$10 gift certificate from the White Otter, and Soleil Vos won a \$25 gift certificate.

9. **Adjournment:** Moved by Lana and seconded by Earle that we adjourn at 8:10 pm.