

## Beaten Path Nordic Trails

### Annual General Meeting

November 7, 2013

Present: Keith Robinson, Arlene Robinson, Leslie Kerr, Lana Puumala, Lise Sorenson, Earle Arnold, Jordan Boileau, Susan Bourne, Jacqueline Boileau, Sandy Riding, Carol Gosselin, Tom Nash, Peter Burton, Cathy Burton, Edgar Morrissette

1. **Call to Order** at 7:10 pm by Keith Robinson.
2. **Minutes from November 2/12**  
**Motion:** that the minutes be accepted as amended (Ray Kehler's last name was added)  
Moved by: Lana Puumala  
Seconded by: Arlene Robinson
3. **Business Arising:**  
None
4. **Reports:**
  - a) **Finance:** Earle reported that after outstanding bills that need to be paid, we have a net income of \$2,659. It was noted that this amount is low for the end of the year, due to the big snow year we had. Grooming costs for gas as well as machine repairs were higher than usual. We have \$ in our GIC account.  
**Motion:** That we accept the financial report as presented  
Moved by: Lana Puumala  
Seconded by: Leslie Kerr
  - b) **Trails:** Peter spoke about the challenges of trying to maintain all the trails that we have, especially since we have now added the TCT. The Adopt-a-Trail system was explained. Most sections have been claimed but there are still a few to be adopted. Jordan and Susan will pick up section 16 next year. Peter showed us a map that highlighted all the sections that can be brushed with the mechanical brusher. The front trails will be groomed first again this year, and the Moose/Timberwolf loops will be idled until we have the manpower or resources to open them. The A frame is being resided this year. Peter has talked to Jason Freshette (MTO), who will be digging a new gravel pit this year but very little of our trails will be affected. The gravel pit will start at the Jim Lake parking lot and go east.
  - c) **Youth:** Lana reported that there were 19 kids in Jack Rabbits this year, which is a very large number. The program will be starting up again next January. Lana

reported that she lost a few instructors but has some new possible instructors lined up for this season.

- d) **Membership:** Cathy reported that last year we had 147 members. This year we have added a \$10.00 capital fee to go into a separate capital fund to use for replacing grooming equipment as the need arises. We were all encouraged to try to get more people to join the BPNT and to ask people who have not paid to get a day pass at least from the boxes at the trail heads or from Voyageur Bait and Tackle. Jacqueline asked if there was a group rate she could take advantage of for non-profit organizations. The executive will discuss it at their next meeting.
- e) **Publicity:** Leslie has put out one newsletter so far. The new website "skibeatenpath.ca" will be coming soon. It will have links to various information such as membership and day pass info, a weather link, adopt-a-trail, programs and events, and a map with updated information on which trails have been groomed. Leslie also mentioned that Leah Nix will be working on a new Facebook page for BPNT. Susan mentioned that she has her own Quetico Facebook page and could put our ski club on the page. Leslie will have Leah contact Susan about this.
- f) **Grants:** Lise reported that we had a large grant last year for work on the TCT. This past summer some Stewardship students worked about 4 days on the trail. The section adjacent to Little Falls has been worked on and the golf course section by the fish hatchery is being opened up. She is looking for help on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We are still waiting for signage from Dutka but there are now some trail markers up at various sections of the trail.
- g) **President's report:** Keith gave a detailed report of all the various events and programs we had going on this year. All in all it was a successful year. We discussed having only a 5km section of trail open at the very end of the spring in situations such as this year when we had a very long ski season.

## 5. 2013/2014 Executive Elections:

### **Nominations for President:**

Keith Robinson

Nominated by: Earle Arnold

Seconded by: Tom Nash

Keith will think about it and let us know soon.

### **Nominations for Secretary:**

Cathy Burton

Nominated by: Earle Arnold

Seconded by: Leslie Kerr

No further nominations received, Cathy Burton acclaimed.

**Nominations for Treasurer:**

Earle Arnold

Nominated by: Leslie Kerr

Seconded by: Lana Puumala

No further nominations received, Earle Arnold acclaimed.

**Nominations for Trails:**

Peter Burton

Nominated by: Earle Arnold

Seconded by: Carol Gosselin

No further nominations received, Peter Burton acclaimed.

**Nominations for Youth:**

Lana Puumala

Nominated by: Cathy Burton

Seconded by: Earle Arnold

No further nominations received, Lana Puumala acclaimed.

**Fundraising:**

Leslie Kerr

Nominated by: Carol Gosselin

Seconded by: Arlene Robinson

No further nominations received, Leslie Kerr acclaimed.

**Membership:**

Cathy Burton

Nominated by: Lana Puumala

Nominated by: Earle Arnold

No further nominations received, Cathy Burton acclaimed.

**Social:**

Susan Bourne and Carol Gosselin

Nominated by: Jordan Boileau

Seconded by: Earle Arnold

No further nominations received, Susan and Carol acclaimed.

**Publicity:**

Leslie Kerr

Nominated by: Cathy Burton

Seconded by: Earle Arnold

No further nominations received, Leslie Kerr acclaimed.

6. **The draw for the skis** donated by Fresh Air took place. Laurie Mosley, a new member this year, was the lucky winner.
7. **Edgar Morrissette**, representing the Air Cadets, let us know that they are looking for a section of ski trail that could be used next year for an annual Biathlon competition. They would need a 1.5 km section as well as a place to shoot. This year they will be going to the Motor Cross trails but would like to use our trails in future years. It would be great if we could get a grant to assist us in helping to clear out a new trail to use for this event.
8. **Adjournment:**  
**Motion:** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 pm  
Moved by: Leslie Kerr  
Seconded by: Lana Puumala