



Orienteering New Brunswick
Annual General Meeting
Home of Lori & Steve Heron, Quispamsis, NB
Saturday 7th December 2019

Attendance: Lori Heron, Steve Heron, Harold McQuade, Heath Johnson, Perry Riley, Rob Hughes (by Skype), Mike Haywood (by Skype), Mitch McLean, Jean-Luc Benoit (Department of Tourism, Heritage, and Culture: Sport & Recreation Branch)

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Meeting called to order at 10:12.

1. **Quorum** – With 8 members in attendance, quorum was present.
2. **Minutes from the 2018 AGM** – The minutes of the 2018 AGM were circulated. Steve moved the minutes be accepted, seconded by Harold, all in favour, none opposed, motion carried.
3. **Issues Arising from the 2018 AGM Minutes** –
 - a. *Fees* – The fee schedule was finalized and published on the website.
 - b. *ONB Policies* – Harold and Lori wish to revisit some of the policies to ensure they are up to date and comprehensive.
 - c. *ONB Banners & Flags* – Two ONB feather banners were purchased for events.
 - d. *SI Equipment for Bathurst* – While money was approved last year for the purchase of the equipment, it was decided that it was appropriate to wait until there is more growth in northern New Brunswick to make the actual purchase.
 - e. *COCs* – There has been no further progress in terms of hosting COCs in 2022 or 2023, although we have offered support to OANS if they wish to host.
 - f. *Orienteering PEI* – We have offered assistance to an organizer in PEI to get their organization off the ground, should there be interest.
 - g. *Use of Waivers* – After reviewing the Orienteering Canada standard waiver, it was decided to continue using our existing ONB waiver as the Orienteering Canada waiver is in need of updating.
4. **President's Report** – Lori noticed that we have had a lot of new orienteers at events in the past year who are coming to multiple events. Lori also noted that one event had to be cancelled this fall due to a family emergency, which highlighted the dependence on a small group of volunteers to run events. Lori

attended the Orienteering Canada AGM in Québec, which was very short and there is little to report. The full President's Report is available in *Appendix A*.

5. **Social Media Report** – Heath reported that we spent \$860 on social media during the 2019 calendar year (not the fiscal year). We saw increased attendance at events this year, and our advertising was viewed by close to 85,000 unique individuals. Heath proposed increasing the advertising budget to \$1,000 for the next year. This proposal was tabled until the New Business portion of the AGM. Heath requested that event organizers notify him as soon as events are posted on whyjustrun.ca so that he can create the corresponding event notice on Facebook and plan an advertising campaign (he does not get notifications when new whyjustrun.ca events are added). The full social media report is available in *Appendix B*.

6. **Secretary's Report** – Harold reported that we had 354 members this year, up from 339 the previous year. We held fewer events this year (12 vs 15 the year before), with 520 starts at the events. The full secretary's report is available in *Appendix C*.

7. **Regional Reports** –

Moncton & Bathurst – Harold reported that Moncton hosted 3 events and Bathurst hosted 2 events during the past year. The best attended event was the Fundy Mist with 101 participants. Unfortunately, this major 2-day event will not be offered again in its current form due to the organizational demands and lack of available volunteer support. The full report is available in *Appendix D*.

Saint John – Perry & Steve helped out with an event for a health group based at the university (they ran the event: Perry booked the interpretation centre, set out/picked up controls, gave instructions, ran equipment, while Steve did the course planning, printed the maps, and provided the equipment). Perry noted that we should probably recruit someone in that health group to be part of putting on the event if possible. There were 3 events hosted in Saint John this year, all with good turn out. Steve noted that there was a lot of positive feedback about the winter events in Saint John and Fredericton. There has also been a request from Scouts to update the map for the Holderville Scout Camp on the Kingston Peninsula. However, with non-Scout access to the property difficult to secure, along with limited terrain and the possibility of the property being sold, it was not recommended.

Fredericton – We did a joint event with the Wostawea Ski Club and had good attendance and participation from the Club; we have been approached to do the event again in 2020. There was an event at Killarney Lake in May that had lower attendance (but which had a glitch in its advertising). The Fall Classic in Mactaquac was very well attended in October. The night-O was cancelled at the last minute due to a family emergency. Rob installed a permanent course at Killarney Park with 40 controls which is seeing good usage.

8. **Treasurer's Report** – The organization is in good financial shape with \$37,000 in our accounts. We are in the black for the year, although if we had not received provincial funding we would not have been profitable. The full set of financial statements are available in *Appendix E*.

Heath motioned to approve the president's, regional directors', social media, and secretary's reports, seconded by Steve, all in favour, none opposed, motion carried.

9. **Sport & Recreation Branch Consultant** – Jean-Luc was happy to attend the AGM and learn more about orienteering. He looks forward to speaking more with our executive to offer recommendations on promotion and how to get more New Brunswickers active in the sport.

10. **Election of Officers** –

Lori called for nominations for any of the executive positions. The following members were acclaimed to the executive for the coming year:

President	Lori Heron (acclaimed)
Vice-President	Mitch McLean (acclaimed)
Treasurer	Steve Heron (acclaimed)
Secretary	Harold McQuade (acclaimed)
Past President	Harold McQuade (unelected)

Directors are elected to two-year terms with half elected each year. In 2019, elections are open for the following regions:

1-Republic/Edmundston	Not filled
3-Capital-Fredericton	Rob Hughes, one vacancy
5-Southeast-Moncton	Heath Johnson, Jean-Michel Cormier
7-Chaleur-Bathurst	Mike Haywood, one vacancy

Having no other nominations, all directors were elected by acclamation.

Directors retaining their positions for the second year of their term are:

2-Western Valley-Woodstock	Not filled
4-Fundy-Saint John	Perry Riley, Ray Quan
6-Miramichi	Not filled
8-Restigouche	Not filled

Signing Officers – Harold McQuade, Stephen Heron, and Mitch McLean were appointed signing officers for the 2019-2020 year.

11. **New Business** –

- a. **Social Media** – Heath motioned that we spend \$1,000 on social media advertising for the coming year, seconded by Harold, all in favour, none opposed, motion carried.

- b. **French Feather Flag** – Steve motioned that we spend \$300 to get French feather flags produced, seconded by Lori, all in favour, none opposed, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53.