

MINUTES

# 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## CAMPING ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

### Serving NS & PEI

Held at Tim Horton Children's Camp, Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia, on  
May 4, 2013.

Workshops: Patti Sampson and Mike LeDuc addressed the role of stories in marketing for camps, and Josee Borgeois and Joseph Sylliboy wowed us with Aboriginal drumming and dancing from several Pow-Wow traditions.

Present: Amelia Campbell representing Camp Keir (PEI), Angela Falkenham representing Camp Kidston (NS), Mike LeDuc representing Big Cove YMCA Camp (NS), Derek Mitchell representing Adventure Camp Challenge (NS), Russell Prime representing Johnston Christian Park (NS), Patti Sampson representing Camp Tidnish (NS/NB), Kathi Sheriko and Matt Sheriko representing Camp Triumph (PEI), Ryan Underhill representing Tim Horton Children's Camp (NS), and Rheel Williams representing the Canadian Diabetes Association—D-Camps (NS & PEI).

Regrets were received from several camps that were unable to send a representative because of scheduling and other issues.

Our annual meeting began just after our lunch, at approximately 1 p.m. Mike LeDuc chaired the meeting.

The reports from our President and committees were received as printed.

1. President's Report was reviewed, and Mike LeDuc made some comments on the year.
2. Accreditation & Membership Committee. Patti Sampson reported on the following:
  - We announced the camps who received accreditation status and the camps who were up for accreditation this year.
  - We introduced our new accreditation system and received some positive feedback about the new system and our rollout plan
3. Education Committee. Mike LeDuc thanked Miranda Collins and Roxy Peterson for all their hard work over the summer and with Education planning. Mike talked about the success of the wilderness first aid course that ran last weekend and provided information about a canoeing instructor course and low ropes course to run at Big Cove on June 14, 15, 16, 2014.
4. Program grants. Amelia reviewed the report and explained the new scoring system for the program grant committee when choosing grant recipients

All the reports were received as printed.

5. Bylaws. Derek outlined the changes that he and Russell determined necessary and pointed out that the by-laws hadn't changed since the 70's even though there was work done on them in the early 2000's they hadn't been filed. There was some discussion around membership status and considerable discussion on several aspects of the proposed changes.

Then, the proposed by-law amendments were voted on as a Special Resolution and approved:

Motion: Moved that the proposed by-law amendments be approved. Moved by Mike LeDuc and Seconded by Amelia Campbell. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Budget. Derek walked us through last year's financials as well as this year's budget. The Financial Report was received, and the budget was approved.

Motion: Moved that the 2013-2014 Budget be approved with some minor changes and that the Treasurer's financial statements and report be received. Moved by Derek and Seconded by Amelia. Motion carried unanimously.

#### New Business

1. New Nova Scotia provincial recreational camping regulations. Russell reported on the new provincial camping regulations, and the AGM agreed that we should reach out to the Department of Health & Wellness with our concerns about being removed from the document and not included in the amending process.

Motion: Moved that Russell Prime be empowered to contact the officials of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Department of Health and Wellness for the Province of Nova Scotia and discuss our concerns with departmental officials. Moved by Russell and Seconded by Patti Sampson. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 2. Nominations.

The following slate of directors, officers, and committee members were nominated and approved by the meeting.

Motion: Moved that the following directors and officers were elected and appointed until our next annual meeting:

#### Board of Directors (Members)

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| Amelia Campbell | Camp Keir (PEI rep)             | returning    |
| Derek Mitchell  | Adventure Camp & Camp Challenge | returning    |
| Matt Sheriko    | Camp Triumph (also PEI rep)     | new director |
| Melanie Dash    | Independent                     | new director |
| Mike LeDuc      | Big Cove YMCA Camp              | returning    |
| Miranda Collins | Independent                     | new director |

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| Nora Melanson    | Big Cove YMCA Camp           | new director |
| Patti Sampson    | Camp Tidnish                 | returning    |
| Russell Prime    | Johnston Christian Park      | returning    |
| Ryan Underhill   | Tim Horton's Children's Camp | returning    |
| Stephane Richard | D-Camps (also PEI rep)       | new director |

Officers / Committee Chairs / Representatives

Executive Committee & Officers:

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| President      | Ryan Underhill |
| VP             | Patti Sampson  |
| Secretary      | Russell Prime  |
| Treasurer      | Derek Mitchell |
| Past President | Mike LeDuc     |

Committee Chairs:

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| Membership<br>& Accreditation | Patti Sampson                                 |
| Education                     | Miranda Collins nominated, pending acceptance |

Representative:

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| Canadian Camping<br>Association (CCA) | Not elected. Directors will appoint. |
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Moved by Mike LeDuc and Seconded by Derek Mitchell. Motion carried.

3. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the annual general meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting, presentations were made of accreditation plaques and special thanks given to Mike LeDuc for his leadership by Russell and to Ryan and Mike for planning this meeting! Special thanks were also made to all those attending, especially those from far away and to Tim Horton's for hosting this Annual General Meeting.

Approved:

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President

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Secretary

***NOTE:** I am deeply indebted to Patti Sampson for her excellent review of our meeting last year, as I was unable to find my notes taken for the annual meeting. Thank you, Patti!*