

**North Shore Hikers Society Annual General Meeting
November 3, 2016 Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere Street, Vancouver B.C.**

Executive and Officials present:

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| Brent Ehrl | Ling Chan | Alastair Ferries |
| Shari Laszlo | Cristina Jacob | Holly Evans |
| Beth Kitts | Irene Miller | Lesley Bohm |
| Andrew Wong | Siegfried Rohewald | Ryszard Brykajlo |
| Jill Blair | Anne Leatham | |

Absent:

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| Donna Nyberg | Diane Allison | Katy Poon |
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Call to Order:

President, Brent Ehrl called the meeting to order at 1950hrs

Call for New Business: none

Approval of November 5, 2015 AGM Minutes:

It was moved by Holly Evans and seconded by Anne Leatham that the minutes be approved. **Carried**

Directors Reports:

President: Brent Ehrl

Thanks for coming out to the NSH Annual General Meeting.

My first year back as President has been quite a learning curve as I have a lot to learn. I would like to especially thank Beth for all her help.

I would like to thank all the executive, trip planners and trip leaders for all their hard work this year.

As I stated in the recent Raven. The Club is going through a difficult transition; We need more trip leaders and more trips on our schedule so that our club will survive and grow again.

We had some excellent 'Slide Shows' shows this year...Thanks again to all the presenters and the organizers. During this year, the Executive developed short notice hikes protocol, thanks to Alastair Ferries. We also authorized a plaque for Mary Tainsh and thanks to a keen group of members were able to find a place near Deeks Lake to have it mounted. Special thanks to Patrick Brown for all his hard work on organizing our club archive trips.

And I would like to remind everyone to fill out the survey monkey and give the executive your ideas on improving our Club..

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Brent Ehrl

It was moved by Beth Kitts and seconded by Ye Chu that the report by accepted:

Carried

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Treasurer Report: Shari Laszlo

**NORTH SHORE HIKERS SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash at Bank | \$ 16,626 | \$ 19,405 |
| Term Deposit | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Receivable from Paypal | 2,002 | 231 |
| Prepaid Expenses | <u>1,253</u> | <u>1,277</u> |
| | 29,881 | 30,913 |
| Capital Assets | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | <u>\$ 29,882</u> | <u>\$ 30,914</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current | | |
| Prepaid Membership Dues | \$ 1,025 | \$ 810 |
| Due to FMCBC | 247 | 843 |
| | <u>1,272</u> | <u>1,653</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Unrestricted Fund | <u>28,610</u> | <u>29,261</u> |
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**NORTH SHORE HIKERS SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Revenue | | |
| Membership Dues | \$ 8,790 | \$ 10,740 |
| Donation revenue | - | 5,500 |
| Additional Membership Due | 65 | 125 |
| Misc. Income | 107 | 207 |
| | 8,962 | 16,572 |
| Expenses | | |
| FMCBC Membership | 2,930 | 3,580 |
| Insurance | 2,530 | 3,006 |
| Slide Shows / Socials | 1,055 | 1,232 |
| Bank / PayPal Charges | 474 | 456 |
| Business & Office Expenses | 974 | 1,039 |
| Honoraria to members | 450 | 300 |
| Wilderness First Aid / Search & Rescue Support | 1,200 | - |
| | 9,613 | 9,613 |
| Excess Of Revenue Over Expenses | (651) | 6,959 |
| Net Assets, Beginning | 29,261 | 22,302 |
| Net assets, Ending | \$ 28,610 | \$ 29,261 |
| Number of Members | 293 | 358 |

It was moved by Brent Ehrl and seconded by Beth Kitts that the report be accepted:

Carried

Membership Secretary Report: Beth Kitts

This year we changed the membership year to commence Dec 1 and expire Nov 30. At this point, there have been 54 members who have already renewed for the upcoming year.

Membership fees were also reduced from \$30 to \$25 beginning Aug 1. Ten members were overcharged and of these 5 donated the extra \$5 they paid...thank you. Refunds were issued to the other 5 members.

As of November 1, the membership number stands at 337 with 3 honorary members.

The Executive developed and distributed a survey to assess reasons for low member participation in club activities. We encourage everyone to complete the online survey as soon as possible.

There have been **94** respondents with **55%** of members between the ages of 50-70 years. Preliminary results indicate that

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41.3% of members participate 1-3 times/year. We need a higher number of respondents to ascertain reasons why members are not attending events.

Facebook activity continues to be reasonably brisk indicating the public is finding us and emailing the Club for more information. Requests to participate on hikes as guests are about 3-4 weekly.

If you wish to pay for your membership, I will accept your cheque tonight. It will be processed when you complete the online renewal. (Which takes about 10 secs)

At this time, there are 20 members who receive the Raven and schedule by mail. I would encourage those with an email address, to consider receiving your Raven online as it will save time, money and resources.

Be added to the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C. mailing list and receive the "Cloudburst newsletter by emailing them at mountainclubs.org

Beth Kitts.

It was moved by Brent Ehrl and seconded by Ling Chan to accept the report:

Carried

Planning Coordinator: Andrew Wong

North Shore Hikers – 2016 Cycling Planner Report

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to lead rides this past year and thanks to everyone who participated in those rides. The schedule was not as full as it has been in past years and some rides were cancelled due to rain.

10 scheduled trips

8 completed

2 cancelled

33 members and 5 guests participated

Due to declining numbers of leaders – only 3 rides were posted on the past 2 schedules from May through January and I was the leader for all 3 rides - I have decided to step down as cycling planner. I hope that an enthusiastic member will take over this position and perhaps breathe some new life into cycling events with the Club. While I will continue to lead rides for the Club – both scheduled and ad-hoc through the Forum – I will no longer be sending out emails to past ride leaders/participants to solicit ride leaders for the schedule.

I have a lot of resources to share with whoever wants to get involved with cycling trips and will be happy to help in whatever way I can – even acting as sweep/consultant for first-time leaders. I have a thumb-drive full of bike routes that was passed on to me by Gillian Chee and many more routes and maps accumulated over the years available for trip planning. Please call me or email me anytime I can help.

Thank you for your support over these past 3 years and happy trails!

Holly

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Webmaster Report : Ling Chan

Last year, Patrick Brown created a huge table of past hikes with over 10000 entries. I also spent a full day to clean up and standardize the data to enhance searching. Currently you can search for and browse past hikes from 2001 onwards. Unfortunately, our server is too slow and it would not be possible to search for hikes in the last century, for now.

In April 2016, we moved our web hosting service to another system. Not surprisingly, some problems showed up after two weeks or so. It took Roy and I a lot of time to sort things out. Some data was corrupted and we needed to restore the web site and the database from back-ups.

Other jobs include routine maintenance, setting up a members' feedback survey, and working with Shari to reconcile the membership and payment information.

Ling Chan

It was moved by Brent Ehrl and seconded by Ling Chan to accept the report:

Carried

Trip Report Secretary: Diane Allison (absent)

TRIP REPORT SUMMARY for 2015/2016

| Activity | Scheduled | Completed | Cancelled | Members partic. | Guests partic. |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| A Hikes | 32 | 25 | 2 | 155 | 26 |
| B Hikes | 30 | 11 | 10 | 86 | 17 |
| C Hikes | 35 | 19 | 16 | 85 | 5 |
| D Hikes | 14 | 7 | 4 | 22 | 18 |
| Backpacks | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Cycling trips | 10 | 8 | 2 | 33 | 5 |
| Ski Trips | 22 | 19 | 2 | 66 | 3 |

The discrepancy in numbers of scheduled trips versus completed/cancelled represents the number of unreported trips. The waivers are still not being filled out properly – they need to be signed in two places. Old waivers should no longer be used.

Diane Allison (absent)

It was moved by Brent Ehrl and seconded by Ling Chan to accept the report:

Carried

Representative to the FMCBC: Cristina Jacob

The federation almost doubled membership of clubs and members from 2010 to 2016. It has now 40 clubs and over 5000 members. Five clubs joined in 2016. Fees are \$10 for membership and \$7 for insurance.

Cash balance as of March 31, 2016 was \$107,000 with \$100,000 in a high interest back account.

Publications: Cloudburst twice per year, Newsletter three times per year- Good source of information, both are sent by email to all members.

This year's AGM was in Vancouver. Next year will be in Penticton. There is billeting and travel reimbursement for one car available to all clubs, if our Director is attending.

The Federation is our voice on any issues that affect the non-motorised use of trails and backcountry areas, including development proposals in those areas. Most clubs enlist the Federation voice for issues affecting their areas. All clubs make use of the insurance which is now in its third year with Aon Risk Solutions.

Grants for club projects were again awarded this year at the AGM. \$4000 was distributed between 4 projects/clubs.

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Application for grants starts in April.

Issues tackled by the Federation in 2016: Garibaldi at Squamish proposal, BC Parks Ski Area policy, Singing Pass Trail, Pinecone Burke Park, Lillooet Area Parks, Cypress and Seymour Parks, ORV Registration monitoring, the state of the trails in BC, campaign to increase BC Parks Budget (for years pegged at about \$30 million despite a massive increase of the provincial parks number, e bikes on mountain trails.

Other projects:

- Evaluating the impact of the New Societies Act coming into force November 28, 2016- Constitution and Bylaw review.
- Online Waiver Usage.
- Meeting with clubs in Vancouver and Okanagan, in addition to the opportunity offered by the AGM

Cristina Jacob

It was moved by Brent Ehrl and seconded by Ling Chan to accept the report:

Carried

New Business:

- 1) That we donate \$200 to six Search and Rescue (North Shore, Squamish, Lions Bay, Whistler, Chilliwack, Coquitlam) organizations.

Moved by Cristina Jacob Seconded by Yvone Price.

Motion defeated

- 2) That the Club should donate up to \$200/search and rescue organization based on the discretion of the Executive (taking into account finances)

Moved By Adele Tremblay Seconded by Alastair Ferries:

Motion approved

- 3) **Elections of the Executive:**

Vice President: Brent Ehrl nominated Carol , seconded by Anne Leathem.

Motion carried.

Treasurer: Beth Kitts nominated Shari Laszlo, seconded by Ye Chu.

Motion carried

Planning Coordinator: Andrew Wong agreed to accept another term following the meeting

- 4) **Appointed Officials:** Backpack Coordinator: Sylvia Berryman,

Trail Clearing Coordinator: Andrew Wong

Cycling Coordinator: Karen Peters

Auditor: unfilled

Mid Week Activity Coordinator: unfilled

- 5) **Announcements:** MEC Discount Nite: Nov 17

Annual Christmas Party: Dec 15

2017 Slideshows: March 9, May 11

Meeting adjourned at 2045hrs.

Slideshow: The Kerry Way, Hiking in Ireland by Yvonne Price followed