

**Call to Order:** Mark Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Conflicts of Interest:** None

**New Business:** Fat bikes add as new business.

**Motion:** *To approve the agenda as amended.*

*Moved by: Kelly O'Gray*

*Seconded by: Andrew Rees*

*Approved*

**Motion:** *To approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.*

*Moved by: Michel Chartrand*

*Seconded by: Dave Ward*

*Approved*

Highlights from the past season:

- The Club hosted four events - Ontario Masters, Ontario Cup, BlueSky Loppet and Chocolate races.
- Successful sign sponsorship campaign.
- Great season of skiing even though we closed earlier than expected due to COVID.
- The Club recorded a small profit of \$1,213.
- Purchase of new equipment (skis, poles and boots) to update our rental fleet.

The Volunteer of the Year, also known as the "Busy Beaver Award", was awarded to Andre Berube.

The following board reports were presented:

**Trails** - Main trail bridge was replaced along with work on leveling the field and expanding the parking lot. Mainly volunteers helped with this work. Future plans include the replacement of the pisten bully and snowmobiles.

**Adopt a Trail** - All trail work was completed in the fall.

**Programs** - The Jack/Bunny Rabbit programs were sold out and had a successful season. The development team is young and slowly growing in numbers. The team participated in local and out-of-town races.

**Races** - The Club hosted two races - Ontario Cup and Masters. The Ontario Cup was a success and generated a profit for the Club.

**Snowshoe Trails** - Snowshoe membership and trail usage is similar to previous years.

**Building and Property** - The Board feels confident that we have resolved the well issue/water pressure. New racks were installed for skis and poles.

**Membership** - We had a slight increase in membership.

**Social Activities** - The Club was able to host some Friday night dinners and ski lessons. The Wednesday Night group skiing was well attended. Due to COVID, there was no year end activity.

**Communication** - There was an increase in social posts to try to keep our members informed and to promote the Club and activities to day users.

**Amendment to By-Laws:**

The proposed amendment is for by-law 5.1.3. "Board members will be elected annually for a one-year term by and from the voting members at a general club meeting. ~~No elected director may serve more than three consecutive years at a time on the Board.~~ "

*Rational: This clause was discussed several years ago and a change was thought to have been approved at a previous AGM. However, the Board is unable to find a record of any change in previous meeting minutes. In addition, there remain challenges in recruiting and retaining board members and the Board feels that members should be allowed to be elected and serve for more than three consecutive years if they would like to continue on the board of directors*

**Motion:** To approve the proposed amendment to by-law 5.1.3.

*Moved by: David Weiskopf*

*Seconded by: Kelly O'Grady*

*Approved*

**Financial Report:**

Gary presented the 2019-2020 financial report. Highlights include:

- \$25,000 investment in new rental fleet equipment.
- Ontario Cup was very profitable for the Club.
- Purchase of new bibs made possible through sponsorship (club member).
- Trail expenses include Main Trail bridge replacement and special groomer maintenance.

**Motion:** To accept the 2019-2020 financial statements.

*Moved by: Gary Jodouin*

*Seconded by: Michael Chartrand*

*Approved*

With the uncertainty of club operation due to the potential impact of COVID, the Board expressed that they would like to host a special meeting in the fall to approve the 2020-2021 budget. The hope is to have a better understanding of the impact of COVID on operations in order to present a relevant budget.

**Motion:** To defer the presentation of the 2020-2021 budget.

*Moved by: Gary Jodouin*

*Seconded by: David Weiskopf*

*Approved*

**Motion:** Until the approval of the 2020-2021 budget, any single purchase over \$5,000 must receive membership approval.

*Moved by: Bob Cook*

*Seconded by: Michael McDonough*

*Approved*

**Nomination Committee:**

The slate of nominees are as follows:

Otto Bedard  
Mike McDonough  
Michelle Ross  
Andrew Rees  
Rod Sinclair

Gary Jodouin  
Mark Thomas  
Tom Cook  
Kathy Wilcox  
Dave Ward

***Motion:*** *To approve the slate of nominations as presented.*

*Move by: David Weiskopf*

*Seconded by: Beverly Martin*

*Approved*

**New Business:**

**Land Claim Use** - Andrew Rees notified the membership that there is a land claim that if awarded, it will impact a small portion of our trails. Andrew will keep the Board and members informed on the land claim and its impact on club trails.

**Fat Bikes** - Presently, fat bikes are not allowed on our trails. The Club is willing to discuss trail usage with the Fat Bike Club. However, we have not been approached by the Club to discuss.

**Discussion:**

Some recommendations from the membership include:

- Increase lighting on the Purple trail
- Convert current lights for night skiing to LED
- Promotional incentives with other clubs

***Motion:*** *To adjourn the meeting.*

*Moved by: Kathy Wilcox*

*Approved*