



North Shore Mountain Bike Association

2018 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Lynn Valley Community Recreation Centre – 3590 Mountain Hwy, North Vancouver, BC V7K 2H5

Chair: Cooper Quinn (NSMBA Vice President)

Secretary: Ryan Pugh

Members in attendance: 97 / Guests in attendance: 10

We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples,<sup>[4]</sup> including the territories of the x<sup>w</sup>mə θ kwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

### **Vice President's message**

Vice President, Cooper Quinn welcomed the quorum present and provided a brief overview of the evening. He briefly highlighted the Associations accomplishments from 2018 and introduced the 2018 NSMBA Board of Directors and the 2018 NSMBA Staff.

#### 2018 Board of Directors:

President: Jenny Beazley  
Vice President: Cooper Quinn  
Treasurer: James Brooks  
Secretary: Jaclyn Jeffrey  
Director of Events: Cynthia Young  
Director of Trails: Todd "Digger" Fiander  
Director of Advocacy: Penny Deck  
Director of Memberships: Jonathan Skelcher  
Director of Events: Josh Robinson  
Director of Youth: Jaclyn Delacroix  
Director of Marketing: Ian Foster  
Interim Director: Brent Hillier  
Interim Director: Laura Tacchi  
Interim Director: Lisa Good

#### 2018 Staff

Executive Director: Christine Reid  
Administrator: Ryan Pugh  
Trail Adoption Plan Manager: Cynthia Young  
Trail Crew: Todd Fiander, Pat Podolski, Daniel Shaw, Joe Woywitka, Sean Gerke  
Trail Academy: Penny Deck, Martin Newman

## **Call to Order**

Cooper Quinn called the meeting to Order at 7:05 pm PDT

## **Approval of 2017 AGM Minutes**

Cooper Quinn motioned for approval of the 2017 AGM Minutes, which were adopted as circulated.

Approved: Sean Brassil | Seconded: Todd Fiander

## **Approval of Agenda**

Cooper Quinn motioned for approval of the Agenda, which were adopted as circulated.

Moved to adopt: Jonathan Skelcher | Seconded: Todd Fiander

## **Rules of Order**

The chair explained that the meeting would be conducted under Robert's Rules and in accordance with the NSMBA Bylaws as set out in Schedule B of the Society Act of British Columbia. The Rules of Order were adopted as circulated.

## **Financial Report**

James Brooks (Treasurer) presented the financial report for the 2017/18 year.

## **NSMBA Annual Members**

Christine Reid (Executive Director) highlighted current 2018 membership numbers, 2,102, and reiterated the value of membership for advocacy and funding

## **Trail Adoption Plan**

Christine Reid thanked all the TAP sponsors and builders for the year and highlighted that the volunteer leveraging and funding (\$107,000) gained through the program has been a huge success after 9 seasons of the program running.

## **Breakdown of Volunteer Hours**

Christine Reid presented how and where the 2019 YTD 11,193 volunteer hours were spent.

## **Youth Programs and Trail Academy**

Christine Reid presented on the work done through youth programs and trail academy and thanked the Academy team, the youth programs team, participating Bike Camps, Brent Hillier and all the participants.

- 199 – Trail Academy Attendees
  - 2,440 volunteer hours to the trails
- 130 – Youth Trail Stewards
  - 400 hours of volunteer hours to the trails
- Youth Camp Partnerships
  - 1000 hours to the trails

## **“Trails For all” Initiative**

Christine Reid presented on the conception and release of the “Trails for all” statement, the first Western Mountain Bike Advocacy Symposium, the LGBTQ2i+ Trail Day, the Adaptive Mountain Bike Trail Loop and the new partnerships established with other organizations.

### **Adaptive Mountain Bike Trail Proposal**

Cooper Quinn (Vice President) presented on the proposed aMTB loop on Seymour and the success of the fundraising campaign. Work has commenced but approval for work on DNV land is still pending.

### **2018 Trail Work**

Cooper Quinn presented on several key trail projects on Fromme and Seymour

- Lower Digger
- East side Fromme woodwork
- Fromme Ascent work – initial vision of an intermediate climbing trail has been reached
- Espresso Features / dirt work
- Boogieman bridgework
- Bridle Path upgrades

### **Trail Advocacy**

Cooper Quinn presented on several key points of trail advocacy relating to various land managers

- **DNV:** Fromme Trail Maintenance Agreement
- **TTF and Risk Assessment Policy**
- **Metro Vancouver / LSCR:** 10 Year trails Plan pending
- **CMHC:** RST BC Update
- **DWV:** Draft Plan for Trails on Public Land
- **BC Parks:** aMTB Project & Trail Management Strategy

The attendees were encouraged to contact the Land Managers to share their experience with the NSMBA and the trail networks. [www.nsmba.ca/providing-feedback](http://www.nsmba.ca/providing-feedback)

### **Fiver Races**

Cooper Quinn presented on the success and future of the Fiver races as well as the successful partnership with Autism BC and the Canucks Autism Network, raising \$3000 for both. Thank you all sponsors, volunteers and riders.

Anyone interested in being part of the planning and support process in 2019 for fivers, youth toonies and social rides is encouraged to email [info@nsmba.ca](mailto:info@nsmba.ca)

### **2019 Board of Directors Election**

Since 9 directors applied for 9 openings, the election will be by acclamation.

2018 Board members up for re-election: Cooper Quinn

All candidates presented a short summary of why they are applying to the Board and their vision for 2019. Peter Sanford was absent so details from his application were presented by the chair.

Cooper Quinn, Brent Hillier, Corey Brennan, Morgan Mallet, Taylor Donohoe, Don Halliday, Laura Tacchi, Peter Sanford and Isabelle Deguise were unanimously acclaimed to the Board of Directors as a slate

The Chair welcomed all new and returning members to the Board of Directors for 2019 and thanked all previous Directors for their hard work and dedication to the association.

### **Question/Answer and Comments Period**

#### **What will be the name of the aMTB loop?**

Cooper Quinn responded – Individual trail names will not be changed and no name for the loop has been set yet.

#### **What do the NSMBA feel about E-bikes?**

Cooper Quinn responded – the NSMBA’s currently policy is that we advocate for non-motorized recreation but we see them as valid trail users on the appropriate trails. We do not set the official policy on e-bike use but we will work with the relevant land managers when appropriate. We do not enforce trail restrictions for any users, as that lies within the responsibility of the land managers.

We are looking at ways to have the public give their input in the most effective way possible, so that the land managers can be informed when planning and adopting their official policies. Incoming policy that is to be adopted by RSTBC is on a provincial level and will not apply to any land on the North Shore but the North Shore land managers will most likely be looking at this example when making their own policies for a mixed-use trail network.

#### **Any updates in West Vancouver?**

Alan Bardsley responded– no update since the Spring but the District of West Vancouver is moving forward with the Trails Plan and signage for trails on public land. There will be future discussions with user groups on trail classification and options for establishing a maintenance plan for trails in the Mystery DH area that span DWV land and British Pacific Properties land (approximately 2-3 years)

#### **Brent Hillier put forth an announcement to the community**

If you want to ensure that the Griffen Switchbacks on Fromme are not decommissioned, please email the district of North Vancouver that they should be “saved/revitalized” and not replaced or closed. Place emphasis on reinforcing the rock armoring and improving the water management. Email [brent@nsmba.ca](mailto:brent@nsmba.ca)

*If the DNV don't hear from the community, they will decommission this trail.*

#### **What are you planning for fundraising in 2019?**

Cooper Quinn responded – Main priority is maintaining and growing membership, trail pass, donations and merchandise sales. But another raffle is planned for 2019 with more details to be released shortly.

#### **Has the District of North Vancouver renewed the Fromme Maintenance Agreement for 2019?**

Cooper Quinn responded – We are in discussions and we have no concerns regarding this funding avenue. Note that the agreement is a 3-year contract, but the specific numbers are agreed upon annually. We are working on establishing a similar agreement for the Seymour trails, but it will take more time as the DNV does not have a trails plan on Seymour to the extent they have on Fromme.

#### **Does the NSMBA receive funding from the other land managers?**

Cooper Quinn responded – RST BC gave \$5000 as part of Section 57 for maintenance. BC parks gave the NSMBA a Park Enhancement Fund Grant for \$5000 that is being used for the aMTB loop. Currently, we have no funding from Metro Vancouver.

**Have you considered increasing the cost of a NSMBA membership?**

Cooper Quinn responded - There a lot of things to consider and many trail associations do charge more than \$40 but we currently have no plans to increase the cost of an NSMBA membership. We want to have as few barriers to membership as we can in order to ensure that our advocacy efforts remain strong. Those who are financially able to are encouraged to purchase a trail pass or donate along with their membership purchase.

**Are there any plans to expand the green/easy blue network to make it more accessible?**

Brent Hillier responded – The plan for Lower Griffen is to establish one more reroute to make it a Green trail, thus creating a Green Loop on Lower Fromme.

aMTB Loop will also add more green options to Seymour.

**Comment – The NSMBA should push for carpooling requirements at the Fromme Parking lot**

Cooper Quinn responded- our past efforts had an accessible parking spot established on the lot. We encourage the community to email the DNV requesting carpool requirements on the Parking lot.

We continue to work to make other access points more accessible for everyone, such as advocating to rework the Dempsey Connector to connect closer to the parking lot. The community must email DNV Mayor, Council and/or DNV Parks staff to influence their decision-making process.

**Is there any data on the retention of members this year?**

Cooper Quinn responded – We do not have a strong system in place to easily compare each year to a member-specific level, but we are looking for a secure and safe auto-renewal system that doesn't involve us storing credit card information. The focus for the past several years has been on making membership purchase as quick and painless as possible.

**Can the NSMBA put together a list of topics and relevant emails that can be used by the community to contact the land managers?**

Cooper Quinn responded – We are working on some sort of advocacy alert system, but we do not want to use form letters and take away individual voices. This is a main priority for 2019, especially as we work through the Double Black Diamond trail proposal on Fromme with the DNV.

**Is there a formal process for proposals?**

Cooper Quinn responded- not yet but the most important aspect of getting a proposal approved is to have a lot of voices speaking in favour of it.

**Comment– There has been a huge improvement in trail quality and is way more accessible for older demographics**

Cooper Quinn Responder – It's all thanks to the support of the community and the team of trail builders. Be sure to encourage everyone you see riding to become a member and support the trails. "Trails don't build themselves".

**Are we able to increase the Fiver quota?**

Cooper Quinn Responder – At this point we cannot. Our agreement with the land managers does not permit a higher number and a higher attendance would also mark a significant increase in wear on the trails and a resource strain for the sponsor for apres. There are many factors here, but the NSMBA will be looking at ways to improve the registration system.

**Comment from Jonathan Skelcher (Director of membership)**

We are currently in the process of entering the history of Mountain Biking on the North Shore into the North Shore archives as well as an exhibit in the upcoming North Vancouver Museum. If you have items or info that could be relevant for the archives please contact [jonathan@nsmba.ca](mailto:jonathan@nsmba.ca) or [info@nsmba.ca](mailto:info@nsmba.ca)

**Adjournment**

Cooper Quinn and Christine Reid thanked the members and guests in attendance and motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm

Moved: Brent Hillier | Seconded: Todd Fiander

Following the meeting, a short film by Westlynn Media about the value of membership was screened for the meeting attendees.