



North Shore Mountain Bike Association

2019 Annual General Meeting

Thursday - November 21, 2019

Delbrook Community Recreation Centre (Arbutus Room) - 851 W Queens Rd, North Vancouver

Chair: Cooper Quinn (NSMBA President)

Secretary: Ryan Pugh

Members in attendance: 99 / Guests in attendance: 5

We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, [\[4\]](#) including the territories of the xʷməθ kwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

President and Chair Cooper Quinn welcomed the quorum present and provided a brief overview of the evening. He briefly highlighted the Associations accomplishments from 2019 and introduced the 2019 NSMBA Board of Directors and the 2019 NSMBA Staff.

2019 Board of Directors:

President: Cooper Quinn

Treasurer: Laura Tacchi

Co-Director of Communications and Secretary: Corey Brennan

Director of Events: Don Halliday

Director of Advocacy: Isabelle Deguise

Director of Sponsorship: Taylor Donohue

Director of Youth: Brent Hillier

Co-Director of Communications: Morgan Mallett

2019 Staff

Executive Director: Christine Reid and Lindsay Blair

Administrator: Ryan Pugh

Trail Adoption Plan Manager: Cynthia Young

Trail Crew: Todd Fiander, Pat Podolski, Joe Woywitka, Sean Gerke

Trail Academy: Penny Deck, Martin Newman

Summer Students: Jason Eames and Daniel Shaw

### **Call to Order**

Cooper Quinn called the meeting to Order at 7:12 pm PDT

### **Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes**

Cooper Quinn motioned for approval of the 2018 AGM Minutes, which were adopted as circulated.

Approved: Alan Bardsley | Seconded: Gordon Mcnaughton

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

Moved to adopt: Ryan Pugh | 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.

### **President's Message**

NSMBA President Cooper Quinn thanked the community, members and land managers for another great year. Big thank you to the community who worked to prevent the removal of teeter totters and making it our best year for memberships ever. 2020 will be a key year with adjustments to make while focusing on inclusivity, membership and new trail projects. Acknowledgement and thanks was also made to the independent permitted trail builders.

### **Financial Report**

Laura Tacchi (Treasurer) presented the financial report for the 2018/19 year.

### **NSMBA Annual Members**

Lindsay Blair (Executive Director) highlighted current 2019 membership numbers, 2,481, and reiterated the value of membership for advocacy and funding as well as the importance of trail boosts.

### **Trail Adoption Plan**

Lindsay Blair thanked all the TAP sponsors and builders for the year and highlighted that the volunteer leveraging and funding (\$108,500) gained through the program has been a huge success after 10 seasons of the program running.

### **Acknowledgment and thanks to all the Builders**

### **Breakdown of Volunteer Hours**

Lindsay Blair presented how and where the 2019 YTD 12,585.5 volunteer hours were spent.

### **Youth Programs and Trail Academy**

Cooper Quinn presented on the work done through youth programs and trail academy and thanked the Academy team, the youth programs team, participating Bike Camps and all the participants.

- 168 – Trail Academy Attendees
  - 1,440 volunteer hours to the trails
- 85 – Youth Trail Stewards
  - 425 hours of volunteer hours to the trails
- Youth Camp Partnerships
  - Over 1000 hours to the trails

### **aMTB Loop Progress**

Cooper Quinn reported on work that's been done and status of the aMTB loop. The official grand opening will be in the Spring of 2020.

## 2019 Trail Work

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

- Lower Digger
- Imonator
- Boundary
- Lower Griffen
- Boogie Nights
- Bottletop
- New Dale's Connector
- Dickie (new entrance to Severed)

## Trail Advocacy

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

- **DNV:** TTF and Risk assessment is pending
- **TTF and Risk Assessment Policy**
- **Metro Vancouver / LSCR:** Metro is planning to allow work on CBC.
- **CMHC /RSTBC: Seymour Trail Strategy in development**
- **DWV:** Developed Liaison Committee on Cypress to allow for communication and collaboration with Cypress Builders
- **BC Parks:** Trail Management Strategy in development

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 BC Aboriginal Youth Mountain Bike Program and the very first Womxn's Fiver. Thank you all sponsors, volunteers and riders.

Anyone interested in being part of the planning and support process in 2020 social rides and Fivers should email [info@nsmba.ca](mailto:info@nsmba.ca)

## New Membership pricing for 2020

Adult: \$50

Family: \$120

*Youth and trail boosts will stay the same*

## Goals for 2020

Cooper Quinn presented on the NSMBA's goals for 2020 which included new trails (double black on Fromme), revitalising the Trail Academy and building up a contingency fund again.

Trail Crew will be shifting to a seasonal working schedule for 2020.

## Voting on the Following Special Resolution :

### WHEREAS:

- A. pursuant to the Income Tax Act of Canada, the Society is required to include a provision stating that the organization will be operated without purpose of gain for its members, and that any

profits or other assets of the organization will be used solely to promote its purposes (non-profit clause)

- B. pursuant to the Income Tax Act of Canada, the Society is required to include a provision stating that in the event the organization dissolves, after it pays all its debts and liabilities, it will distribute or dispose of its remaining property to qualified donees as described in subsection 149.1 (1) of the Income Tax Act (dissolution clause)
- C. In **conjunction** with filing the **Annual Societies filing**, the Society desires to alter the Bylaws of the Society (the “Bylaws”) pursuant to **Division 4 — Alterations to Constitution and Bylaws, section 17 Alterations to bylaws of the**

Moved by Gordon Mcnaughton / Seconded by Sean Brassil

Passed unanimously

### **Cypress Trail Update**

Alan Bardsley presented

- Progress is being made and the DWV is moving forward with authorizing trail
- Hoping that 2021 we will start seeing some work done on Mystery Downhill
- DWV trail classification should be starting soon
- Cypress village planning will be beginning soon

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

10 candidates applied for 5 openings on the 2020 Board of Directors

All candidates presented a short summary of why they are applying to the Board and their vision for 2020. Andrew Vincent and Michael Waller was absent so their pre-arranged speech was presented by the chair. Jonathan Harvey, Gavin Kennedy and Paul Mclean were not present and did not submit a speech.

Members voted and ballots were tallied. Candidates voted onto the 2020 Board of Directors were:

- Sarah Fix
- Ben Organ
- Ken Coopland
- Ben Lovie
- Gavin Kennedy

The Chair welcomed all new and returning members to the Board of Directors for 2020 and thanked all those who applied.

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

**Christine Reid thanked Laura Tacchi for her work this year and the development of a working budget for the first year.**

### **Why were the Griffen Switchbacks closed?**

Cooper Quinn answered: Alpine recreation and trails classification predicted closure of the trail. We fought super hard to keep it open and Brent Hillier developed a three year maintenance plan. DNV opted instead to close the trail.

The community's voice matters from all users (hikers/runners and dog walkers).

### **Do North Shore Developers sponsor the NSMBA?**

Cooper Quinn answered: Yes they do. Whenever we saw an add with a mountain biker, Cynthia Young reached out. We do see some criticism from taking money from certain developers.

### **What is the plan for Bottletop?**

Cooper Quinn answered: it's open and regular maintenance will be ongoing.

### **What is going on with E-Bike?**

Cooper Quinn responded: Each land manager has a different policy for e-bikes but 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 do have some concerns with ebikes climbing primarily downhill trails.

### **What are the "coles notes" version of the Special resolution?**

Cooper Quinn responded: Basically it determines how the assets are distributed if the club is dissolved.

### **Does the NSMBA want more beer sponsors?**

Cooper Quinn responded: We encourage companies to reach out but financial support is generally more helpful currently than product donations.

### **What kind of conversation happens when double black features are rebuilt and how do we decide to keep it the same or change it?**

The trail builder determines the plan for each feature which is then approved by the land manager. Note that all the features on Boundary that have been recently rebuilt have retained the same classification. Rebuilding features is a simple process but it is more challenging to get approval for major changes to features.

Keep emailing land managers to get support for Double Black trails and features.

**Why did you make the decision to donate funds as part of the 25er?**

Cooper Quinn responded: We were large enough that we thought we could start making a bigger difference in partnerships. We were Inspired by SORCA's model in their races

**What's the status on the bear on Seymour?**

Cooper Quinn responded: Still bears in the woods. Conservation officers have trapped a couple and killed one

**What is the official policy on night-riding?**

Cooper Quinn responded: In DNV parks, night riding is not a permitted. Noted that the new trail signs are reflective.

**Why does Seymour control the access road?**

Sean Gerke responded: BC parks hands control to Seymour of control on the road each season.

**Door prizes and SRAM drivetrain prize draw.**

**Adjournment**

Cooper Quinn and Lindsay Blair thanked the members and guests in attendance and motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm

Moved by Sean Brassil / Seconded by Todd Fiander