



**North Shore Mountain Bike Association
2023 Annual General Meeting**

Date: Tuesday - November 14, 2023

Location: North Shore Bike Park – 938 Marine Drive, North Vancouver

Full recording available at: https://www.youtube.com/live/q887l3_8dcM?si=PkwGSzsEHgE794JD

Chair: James Nadel (NSMBA President)

AGM Secretary: Kevin Johnstone

Members in attendance: 95

Land Acknowledgement

Thank you to AGM Sponsors

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.

Call to Order

President and Chair, James Nadel called the meeting to Order at 7:06 pm PST

The Chair welcomed the quorum present and provided a brief overview of the evening.

Approval of Agenda

The Chair presented the current agenda and motioned for its approval, which was adopted as circulated.

Moved to Adopt: Katherine Enns

Seconded: Cooper Quinn

Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes

The Chair motioned for approval of the 2022 AGM Minutes, which were adopted as circulated.

Moved to Adopt: Vince Beasse

Seconded: Ella Walmsley

President's Message

NSMBA President James Nadel spoke to the membership, thanking them for attending and for their support and highlighting the work and dedication of the community.



2023 Board of Directors

The Chair introduced and acknowledged the work of the 2023 Board of Directors

- President: James Nadel
- Treasurer: Katherine Enns
- Vice President: Eleri Harris
- Secretary: Kevin Johnstone
- Director: Ben Organ
- Director: Colin Brumelle
- Director: Steve Boorne
- Director: Rob Donovan
- Director: Steven Lionais

2023 Staff

The Chair introduced and acknowledged the work of the 2023 Staff

- Todd Fiander (Digger): Trail Crew
- Sarah Mcleod: Trails Director
- Marcus Vanheyst: Trail Crew
- Bishop Carasquero: Trail Crew
- Daniel Shaw: Trail Crew
- Henry Fitzgerald: Trail Crew
- Deanne Cote: Executive Director
- Stephanie Taylor: Administrative Support/Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Sarah Oehm: Partnerships & Events Manager
- Gareth Critcher: Marketing Manager
- Ethan Reynolds: Content Producer

The Chair also introduced and recognized the work of the many volunteers who supported the Board and staff, including:

- James Brooks – 8 years of bookkeeping, payroll & financial support
- Director Candidates

NSMBA Builders

The chair presented and recognized the work of the volunteer Builders on Fromme, Seymour and Cypress. A standing ovation was given by those in attendance.

- **Fromme**
 - Andy Fischer
 - Brent Hillier
 - Chris Connor
 - Chris White
 - Cynthia Young
 - Dane Hansen
 - Dave Clendenan
 - Daniel Lui
 - Daniel Shaw
 - David Bayley
 - Gordon McNaughton
 - Jaclyn Delacroix
 - Joe Woywitka
 - Ken Bigelow
 - Michael Stormer
 - Oscar Nielsen
 - Peter Morin
 - Robin Donovan
 - Sarah Brassil
 - Trevor Hansen
 - Vince Beasse



- **Seymour**
 - Blaise Ratcliffe
 - Caleb Holonko
 - Cheryl Moore
 - Dave Clendenan
 - Damian McKeivitt
 - Isabelle Deguise
 - Joe Woywitka
 - Mark Rowe
 - Martin Newman
 - Owen Clendenan
 - Penny Deck
 - Ryne Watterson
 - Tom Ferenc
 - Stephen Craigdallie
 - Sven Luebke

- **Cypress**
 - Kevin Johnstone
 - Mark Alderton
 - Ian Rudd

Financial Report

Katherine Enns (Treasurer) presented the financial report for the 2022/2023 year, which included:

- Balance and Cash Sheet Overview
- Funding Summary
- Statement of Financial Position

NSMBA Membership and Trail Boosts

Gareth Critcher (Marketing Manager) highlighted the current 2023 membership and trail boost numbers and reiterated the value of membership for advocacy and funding.

- Goals for 2024
 - Reach 4000 members (goal \$167k)
 - Promote new member model
 - Campaign to increase trail boosts/donations

Partnerships

Sarah Oehm (Partnership & event Manager) highlighted 2023 TAP stats and reviewed some of the key projects that TAP partners helped to fund. She also thanked all 2023 partners for their continued support.

Sarah reviewed the new partnership structure:

- Hadn't been reviewed in almost a decade
- Provides room for growth and flexibility to accommodate organizations, small and large
- Provides support for all trails, not just ones that have been adopted

Events

Sarah Oehm (Partnership & Events Manager) presented an overview of NSMBA events and attendance in 2023.

- Overview of Fiver events (1 Youth, 1 Learn to Fiver, 2 Casual, 2 WTNB, 4 Classic)
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- 2024 Events
 - Planning is underway for Fivers and additional events in 2024
 - February Challenge
 - Workshops
 - Season Opener



Trails Update

Deanne Cote (Executive Director) provided an overview of the trail work, including regular maintenance throughout the North Shore, some key projects completed in 2023, and projects planned for 2024. Deanne also presented an overview of the number of volunteers and hours spent in 2023.

- **2023 Projects**
 - Seymour
 - Cambodia – Overview of process and timelines
 - Cabin Fever opening
 - Ongoing work on Dales by NS Ride
 - Reroute on Pangor
 - Corkscrew bridge rebuild
 - Gap jump on Pingu
 - New exit on Slash
 - Upper portion of Empress Bypass running great
 - Fromme
 - Complete overhaul on Dreamweaver
 - Reroutes on Lower Oilcan
 - Megasaurus project by Andy Fisher
 - Continued work by Peter Morin on climb trail
 - Youth groups led by Brent and Cynthia on Griffens and Roadside Attraction
 - Cypress
 - Shovels in dirt on the new climb trail in July
- **Upcoming Projects in 2024 (so far)**
 - Working with Mark Rowe to revamp Salvation
 - Project on Forever After to bring it to a full blue level trail
 - Potential to do a machine upgrade on Empress Bypass
 - Pipeline will be getting a new TTF to replace a 20 year old one
 - General maintenance on CBC now that it's been reinstated to our permit

Trail Advocacy

Deanne Cote (Executive Director) presented on several key points of trail advocacy relating to various land managers

- **District of West Vancouver (DWV)**
 - Signed ongoing maintenance agreement for Cypress East Trails
 - Continued advocacy and attendance at stakeholder meetings for Cypress Village
 - Opportunity to present to DWV Council in January 2024
- **District of North Vancouver (DNV)**
 - Natural Areas Trail Strategy Survey
 - Ongoing feedback at each stage of the process
 - Collaboration with DNV especially on the Seymour Trails Plan
- **Grouse**
 - Connected with staff on a new lift access bike park being built.
 - Opening in 2025, approximately 10kms of trail
 - Will not link into existing network on Fromme



- **Metro Vancouver**
 - Ongoing collaboration with Cambodia
 - Positive feedback on forest fire response
 - Survey on next projects in the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve
- **Recreation Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC)**
 - Currently undergoing their Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP)
 - NSMBA has been providing feedback, recommendations and support to RSTBC in their drafting process (emphasis has been placed on improving signage on Seymour)
 - The Plan is currently under First Nations consultation so additional drafts of the plan have not yet been presented to the NSMBA

NSMBA Strategic Plan

Deanne Cote (Executive Director) provided an update on the new NSMBA Strategic Plan (implemented June 2022) and how it is currently influencing and guiding decision-making, policies, and projects.

2024 Board of Directors Election

10 candidates applied for 6 openings on the 2024 Board of Directors (4 vacant positions and 2 where the current director was seeking re-election).

All those in attendance watched a short 1 minute video from each candidate summarizing why they are applying to join the NSMBA Board of Directors. Members voted by electronic means (Member365), which were then tallied.

Candidates voted onto the 2024 Board of Directors:

- Ali Shuparski
- Ben Organ
- Ella Walmsley
- Rachid Nayel
- Raj Brar
- Robin Donovan

The Chair welcomed all new and returning members to the Board of Directors for 2024 and thanked all those who applied. The chair reiterated that even those not elected are encouraged to reach out to stay involved, provide ideas and support.

Q & A Period ([VIDEO LINK](#))

The chair welcomed anyone present to ask a question to be answered by NSMBA Staff and Board of Directors, where applicable.

Question: Matt Bond: as the NSMBA grows the staff and invests into jobs that are not directly related to improving trails, how is the board measuring progress towards goals?

Answer: James: Trail crew is large. Board has a number of monitoring tools ie stats for hours, notion is that we can accomplish more goals, new staff will create revenue, then reinvest in staff and trail crew for Seymour and Cypress.

Question: Follow up MB: as part of the strategic plan, does it show an increase in staff, then revenue, and reinvestment in trails that are available to the public?

Answer: Kat: Budgets will be presented going forward. Lots of work goes into budgets. Where can we continue to grow, and where are we leaving money on the table? The organization hasn't changed much in a decade, and we need new staff to realize new goals.



Question: Robin Coop: Please broadly summarize the strategic plan, where will we see greater access (or less) in the future.

Answer:. James describes three pillars of the strategic plan.

Question: Matt Bond: This year's financial statements showed a large increase in donation amounts. Was this a specific donation or a general trend?

Answer:. Easier to donate online, no cap on donations.

Question: What is the latest update on the land use agreements with the three First Nations?

Answer:. NSMBA has land use agreements with the land managers. We do not have contractual agreements or terms of reference with FN.

Adjournment

The Chair thanked all those in attendance and the event sponsors. The Chair motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Moved to adjourn: Kevin Johnstone Seconded: Rachid Nayel

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm PST.