

## **MCCSC – AGM Minutes, April 18, 2026**

President Norm Brown called the meeting to order at 7:46PM

The adoption of agenda was moved by Yves St. Germain, seconded by Kris Wierzchoslawski. Motion carried.

### **President's report**

Norm welcomed everyone to the AGM. He recognized special guests Peggy Doyle & Veronique Arseneault (City Councillors), Keith & Linda Dickson, and Jim Wiltshire from Owl's Rest Disc Golf.

This year has been better than the last 2 years. Lack of snow made the previous two years shorter. This season, though short, was very good.

Last year the club had approximately 100 members, this year there were over 120 members. The club was able to hold an NB Cup race as well as the Ray Thibodeau Loppet, which were both good income generators. Skiing was more consistent this year. The club had over \$8000 in trail passes. Over 1000 people used the trails in the winter time including schools, members and day pass users. Norm thanked all the members of the executive, many of whom have stayed for quite a number of years and most have let their name stand for another year. Norm thanked those who help out in all ways, throughout the year. He thanked Yves St. Germain for offering the beginner ski lessons for classic & skate skiing. He also thanked Peter Gadd who helps out in many ways including Zone4 registrations and all photography for ski/biathlon and Disc Golf and emailing of trail conditions.

This is the 51<sup>st</sup> year of the ski club. It's been in Nelson for 35 years. We are now a year-round recreation facility, with skiing, archery walking, biking biathlon, Disc Golf. Bridge club, Girl guides. It is a great asset to the city and to the province.

Norm gave a special thanks to Gilles, Csaba, Tyson, Trent & Rodney for the trail maintenance.

He gave special mention to Kari Underhill for organizing 2 very successful auctions and Cheryl Carroll for organizing the NHL fundraiser, both of which were significant fundraisers.

Norm thanked the City & Council for their support over the years. He also thanked North Shore Construction who have done a lot of work over the last two years that they have not charged for, including fixing the firing line.

In addition, he thanked Kevin Daigle Contracting. For the last 2 years, Kevin has put lines back up and has not charged for it.

Thanks was given to Chris & Randy Clark who did the bushwacking on all trails as well as work repairing damage done by beavers.

Norm also thanked Arlene Martin and the Social Committee for their work on moonlight skis and various other events which were very successful.

Norm thanked all members and all volunteers.

It was noted that this year's Ray Thibodeau Loppet offered both classic & skate skiing for the first time, which drew more people.

There were some very well-organized Biathlon events – Atlantic Cup and NB provincial championship and a timed trial.

Family Day was very successfully organized by David Sisk & Emily Comeau and sponsored by the Scott Knowles Foundation Tournament.

### **Minutes from the 2025 AGM**

Secretary, Christine Comeau read the minutes from last year's AGM.

Peter Gadd gave an update on the website noted in last year's minutes - the minutes indicated that the website would be redirected to the new website, but that did not happen.

It was moved by Nancy Smith, seconded by Kari Underhill that the minutes be adopted as read. Motion carried.

### **Business arising from the Minutes**

Norm brought up the point from the previous minutes where Veronique Arseneault suggested we gather more information about partnerships that exist in other cities and approach council. We have gathered some information but have not approached Council with a proposal, we will wait until after the May election to do this.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer, Deana Gadd presented the financial report, which is attached here.

This year we had \$45,464.86 in expenses and \$52,965.12 in revenue in general account.

Balances in each of the accounts as of April 15, 2026 were as follows:

Special project 200.00

Loppet/Family Day. 3,502.08

Groomer Fundraiser 37,331.03

General Account. 44,136.78

Deana moved the adoption of the financial report, seconded by Gilles Chiasson. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Sliding Hill – We have had a proposal from Envirem to build a sliding hill on the old stadium. David Sisk is working on behalf of the club with Envirem

Disc Golf – Norm has asked Jim Wiltshire to give us an update. Disc Golf NB has received its accreditation with Sport NB as an official sport. Miramichi was chosen for the 2-day provincial championship, which will see well over 100 participants from all over the Maritimes and will be held the first weekend in October.

Club Priorities are:

*Increase membership* – This is always a priority for the Ski Club

*Improve Trails* – Work on our trails needs to continue

*Obtain New or Newer Groomer* – We got rid of our oldest groomer and now we need a newer one that will allow us to host competitions as well as host the everyday skier. We want to make significant improvements to a 10k section of trail, and this will require newer grooming equipment.

### **Committee Reports**

Trails – Gilles Chiasson reported that we have to try to update our trails. We currently only have lighted and blue trails for skate skiing, so part of the trail improvement will have to include adding more skate skiing trails.

Youth – Deana reported that this year, there were 23 youth in the youth program, between Bunny and Jackrabbit programs. The program went from January-March. It was a great group of kids, based on games and having fun skiing.

### **Nomination of Executive Members:**

Several executive members let their names stand. One nomination was received from the floor - Norm Brown nominated Jim Wiltshire for the position of Disc Golf Liason. The other positions were filled by acclamation. The position of Social Coordinator is unfilled

President – Norm Brown  
Vice President – Dr. Kris Wierzchoslawski  
Member at Large – Charles Fives and Kari Underhill  
Secretary – Christine Comeau  
Treasurer – Deana Gadd  
Public Relations – Deana Gadd  
Trails – Gilles Chiasson  
Youth Development – Emily Comeau  
Biathlon – Paula Cavanaugh  
Disc Golf Liaison – Jim Wiltshire

Gilles Chiasson moved for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

## MCCSC Awards 2025-2026 AGM

- Joey Doucet Distance Award  
Female - Paula Keating 711 km  
Male – Dr. Kris Wierzchoslawski 1,133.6 km
- Paula Keating Distance Award (Youth) Presented to youth who ski 500 or more kilometers in a season – Jarrod Wilson
- Boston Family Award – Family that skis the most km at the Ray Thibodeau Loppet each year – St. Germain Family
- Spill Award – Dr. Kris Wierzchoslawski
- Dr. Guptill Award – Presented to an individual (or two) deemed by the club executive by secret ballot to have made a significant contribution to Cross Country Skiing – Kari Underhill



## MIRAMICHI CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB AGM FINANCIAL REPORT

April 18 2026

### Summary of our four bank accounts

Balance in each account as of April 15 2026

Special project	200.00
Loppet/Family Day.	3,502.08
Groomer Fundraiser	37,331.03
General Account.	44,136.78

General account balance at <b>last AGM April 2025</b>	<b>\$37,014.25</b>
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General account balance as of <b>July 1 2025 start of our financial year)</b>	<b>\$37,527.79</b>
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**Debits/expenses since last AGM**  
**April 12 2025**

Clubhouse maintenance	409.40	Loppet engraving. (Had unused plaques from last year, so only engraving costs this year)	34.50.
Clubhouse supplies (Cleaning, toiletries, new purchases, canteen)	984.47	10 rental sets of new skis, boots, poles.	4130.37
Gas and oil for machines	1128.50	Property tax.	5630.72
Mechanic - costs for equipment repairs	2555.45	Social costs.	162.35
AGM costs	244.30	NB Cup costs.	468.79
Lodgekeeper salaries	4848.00	NHL lottery expenses.	1551.19
Trail supplies	251.63		
NB power- clubhouse.	3790.78		
-old club.	1940.56		
- lit trail.	1116.39		
(Total 6847.73)			
BellAliant phone.	1000.74		
Memorial donation. (Ray K.)	50.00		
CCNB Officials course.	200.00		
Bank charges & cheques	178.07		
Family Day expenses.	532.42		
Insurance.	3969.00		
Liability insurance (Partial year)	792.00		
Administration costs (Postage, website, membership tags).	295.23		
Accounting.	3105.00		
Trail clearing in fall.	5290.00		
Debris removal of bridge.	805.00		
		<b>Total- \$45,464.86</b>	

