

(These minutes are preliminary, and have not yet been ratified.)



**Federation of Canadian Naturists
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, August 18, 2019**

**Bare Oaks Family Naturist Park
20237 Kennedy Road,
East Gwillimbury, Ontario L0G 1V0**

Meeting called to order by President Greg Snow at 10:18 AM EDT.

11 valid proxies were received. 42 individuals attended including directors, for a total of 53. Quorum of a minimum of 35 achieved.

Motion: to accept the agenda as amended. Moved by Keith Scott, seconded by Alex Makarow. Carried.

Motion: to accept the minutes of AGM, August 5, 2018. Moved by Kevin Brain, seconded by Rainy Wolf. Carried, with 1 abstention (Dan Bissonnette).

REPORTS

President's Report (G. Snow) - Greg thanked board members and volunteers for their effort and dedication to the FCN. In particular, Greg thanked Ron Schout and Keith Scott for their commitment and service to the FCN over many years. He then summarized some of the major work and initiatives undertaken over the past year, including:

- a return to 4 printed issues of Going Natural magazine, beginning with fall 2019 issue. This was made possible by a very much appreciated increased volunteer effort.
- a booth at the Toronto Pride Festival promoting naturism and distributing brochures and magazines
- sent a letter to Wasaga Provincial Park advocating for a nude use beach
- created and approved a new Director's manual, Photography Policy and Privacy Policy (the last in keeping with new government requirements)
- the board made a decision to adopt a service (Wild Apricot) to facilitate its membership activities. As a result, members will see improvements in the coming year, particularly a more capable and full featured website.
- got our financial accounts in order, thanks to our new treasurer Stephen Blair

Moving forward, Greg expressed a desire to increase outreach to members, the public, government and the media.

Treasurer's Report (S. Blair) - Fiscal year end is May 31. Newly appointed treasurer Stephen Blair spent a lot of time preparing the financial statements and taxes, not only for 2019, but for 2018 as well. Financial reports were available at the meeting. Approximate Revenue was \$35.9K in 2018 and \$35.2K in 2019, Expenses \$21.8K in 2018 and \$21.8K in 2019, Net gain of \$3K in 2018 and net loss of \$7.2K in 2019. There are approximately \$2.1K in outstanding reimbursements, and \$1.5K in outstanding payables. The 2019 Financial report will be made available on the FCN website (available to members only).

Motion: to accept the financial report for May 31, 2018 as amended. Moved by Stephen Blair, seconded by Randy Low. Carried.

Motion: to accept the financial report for May 31, 2019. Moved by Stephen Blair, seconded by Neil Hicks. Carried.

Membership Report (R. Schout) - Ron reported a continuing decline of membership. Total memberships currently stand at 791, of which there are 468 paid memberships. One explanation for the decline is that the internet now provides access to naturist information that previously was most easily obtained by joining the FCN.

ELECTIONS

Regional directors (2 year terms):

- Western Region - Judy Williams - Nominated by Randy Low, seconded by Keith Scott. Secretary received advance notice of acceptance. Acclaimed.
- Prairie and Northern Region - Chris Hendricks - Nominated by Greg Snow, seconded by Neil Hicks. Secretary received advance notice of acceptance. Acclaimed.
- Central Region - Randy Low - Nominated by Greg Snow, seconded by Rainy Wolf. Randy accepts nomination. Acclaimed.
- Eastern Region - Neil Hicks - Nominated by Greg Snow, seconded by Keith Scott. Neil accepts nomination. Acclaimed.

Directors At Large (2 year terms):

Three director at large positions are up for election.

- Greg Snow - Nominated by Randy Low, seconded by Marcel Van der Sluis. Greg accepts nomination.
- Dan Bissonnette - Nominated by Randy Low, seconded by Kevin Brain. Dan accepts nomination.
- Stephen Blair - Nominated by Dan Bissonnette, seconded by Bruce Forde. Stephen accepts nomination.

Since three people have been nominated, and there are three open positions, no vote is necessary. Greg Snow, Dan Bissonnette and Stephen Blair are acclaimed as Directors at Large.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion: to amend the scheduling motion to include the sentence

"in the event that a meeting date is changed or added, 7 day advance notice shall be posted on the FCN website."

Moved by Randy Low, seconded by Keith Scott. Carried.

Motion: Be it resolved that in the August 2018 FCN By-Laws, Section 6 - Meetings of Directors, subsection 6.04 Regular Meetings, paragraph 6.04.01 be changed to read as follows:

6.04.01 The Board Meetings shall be held on the third Sunday of January, March, June, September and November, and the first Sunday in May. The board reserves the right to reschedule meetings when it deems necessary. In the event that a meeting date is changed or added, 7 day advance notice shall be posted on the FCN website.

Moved by Rainy Snow, seconded by Karl Dorey. Carried.

Motion: Be it resolved that the purposes of the FCN, as contained in the founding articles, be changed as follows:

The Purposes of the Federation of Canadian Naturists

- (a) To foster a belief in naturism as a way of life in harmony with nature, characterized by the practice of social nudity with the intention of encouraging self-respect, respect for others and for the environment.
- (b) To educate and raise awareness of naturism and its many physical, psychological and social benefits through a variety of educational resources, as well as through various outreach efforts.
- (c) To represent the interests of our members and support them through a variety of resources, special events and services, including recommendations on reputable clubs and other naturist destinations.
- (d) To support our affiliated clubs in their endeavours to create more opportunities for naturist living.
- (e) To serve as a voice for naturists across Canada and an internationally recognized leader, as well as a respected authority on naturism and related issues.
- (f) To uphold the safety, privacy and dignity of individuals by maintaining standards of conduct among our members, clubs and stakeholders.
- (g) To encourage environmental stewardship at all private and public naturist venues, while fostering a greater understanding and respect for our natural environment.
- (h) To cultivate partnerships with clubs, organizations and stake holders in order to provide naturist events and other opportunities across Canada.
- (i) To defend and advance the basic rights and freedoms of naturists through legal advocacy.

Moved by Dan Bissonnette, seconded by Johanne Ostiguy. Carried. 1 abstention, none opposed.

The next Festival and AGM is anticipated to be held August 6 to 9, 2020.

Q&A

A question was raised "Why did we cancel the Ponderosa festival meeting?" - We had a tentative agreement with the Ponderosa with the understanding that there would be a discount for our members, but when we got down to finalizing the pricing, the discount offered by the Ponderosa was less than was expected. When the board compared the cost that a festival attendee would need to pay at Ponderosa versus the price they would pay at Bare Oaks, it was felt that it was in our members' interest to use the less expensive alternative.

Tech Soup validates and organizes charities on the internet. Working with this group gives the FCN lower costs to purchase certain software programs, and gives \$10000 in Google ads.

Kevin Brain moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Minutes prepared by Kevin Brain.