

# First Annual General Meeting

## Bridge on the Edge

May 29, 2017

Swilers Rugby Club, St. John's, NL

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### Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am and chaired by Brian Collins with 63 members in attendance.

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### Agenda

1. Financial Report
2. Communications Report
3. Volunteer Report
4. Nominations Report and Election of Administrative Board
5. Other Business

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### Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer, Peter Stacey, who highlighted that BOTE is financially sound at present with a cash balance of \$12,231 as of May 21, 2017. There was some discussion about the high bank fees, which is due to the fact that we are operating as a business. This should be investigated by the new Executive. The report was accepted as presented.

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### Communications Report

The Communications Report was prepared by Tim Summers and presented by Patricia Heath with regrets from Tim who could not attend the meeting. It was noted that we have 213 registered members in BOTE, with daily visitors to the BOTE website ranging from 85 to 193. From January to May 27, 2017, there were 92,563 visitors to the website, a testament to the variety of useful information on the site. The participation rate is also a good indication that the site is user friendly. Tim noted in his report that Judy

Crewe assisted with the web page and Shirley Ryan helped with the newsletter. Both have agreed to continue in these roles. The report was accepted as presented

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## **Volunteer Report**

Heidi Janes, the Volunteer Coordinator, presented the Volunteer Report noting that it is the work of the many volunteers in various capacities that has made the Club what it is today. In particular, thanks went to Barb Slattery who has been a steadfast in coordinating and training the dealers; Joy Hoskins for coordinating the mentors; the Premises Committee chaired by Anne Hughes for the endless hours they put in finding us a new home; the Constitution Committee chaired by Brian Shortall for giving us an organizational structure under which to operate; the Interim Board Members for stepping up to the plate to get the Club running; the Nomination Committee, chaired by Wanda Lundrigan; and the five financial backers who enabled us to purchase the Club from Joan FitzGerald. In addition, thanks was given to Rahul Chandra, Club Manager, and all the Directors for managing our games.

It was suggested that the new Board look into a Volunteer Recognition program as well as a Code of Conduct. The report was accepted as presented.

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## **Nominations Report and Election of Administrative Board**

Wanda Lundrigan reported that there was a full slate of nominations for the Officers and Directors at Large. She called for further nominations for each of the Officers. No further nominations coming from the floor, all Officers of the Administrative Board of BOTE were elected by acclamation as follows:

President, Brian Collins  
Vice President, Heidi Janes  
Treasurer, Roy Perry  
Secretary, Tim Summers

Having five nominations for the three Directors at Large, a vote by secret ballot was held, two scrutineers were appointed, and the following Directors at Large were elected:

Pramilla Paddock  
Mary Lou Martin  
Janet Hannaford

All ballots were destroyed following a motion to do so.

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## New Business

1. Disciplinary Matters. There was much discussion regarding procedure for bringing a disciplinary action to the Board. A motion was moved by Janet Parsons, seconded by Vicky O'Dea, to appoint Roy Perry the role of "Go-to" person for disciplinary action issues. Roy accepted the role on an interim basis until the Board determines a structure for disciplinary action. Tim Summers will set up an email address for Roy on our Website.
2. The Longest Day. After discussing the challenges of organizing The Longest Day on the scheduled date, it was decided not to proceed with it this year. However, a Committee has been struck to design and implement some Alzheimer fund-raising initiatives for this year. The committee members are: Laura Flynn, Kevin Flynn, Maura Beam, and Brenda Conway. Anyone with ideas are to contact any member of this committee.
3. Newcomers and the 99er's Game. Some concerns were expressed on behalf of the newcomers who are uncertain as to the rules of conduct at the 99er's Games. It was felt that an orientation/information session would be helpful to newcomers transitioning to the competitive game. Anne Hughes volunteered to help the newcomers and asked them to bring their list of questions to her and she would address them.
4. Scoring Corrections. The Board has been asked to write a policy on score changes after a game so that there could be more consistency. There was discussion about whose responsibility it was, the Director or the Club Manager. Changing scores from home is a challenge as not all Directors have the software etc. One suggestion was for the Club Manager to save the games on a memory stick at the end of each session and for the Director to notify the Manager to make the changes. Section 79(c) in the ACBL rules covers this issue for tournaments. Each club, however, can come up with their own policy. A consistent policy will be drafted by the new Board.
5. NL Bicycle Club. Kevin Flynn announced that there would be a Seniors Ride hosted by the NL Bicycle Club on Wednesday, May 31. It was suggested he ask Tim to look at developing a section on our Website for Social Notices from members.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.