

REPORT FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE

Fiscal year April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013

I am pleased to present Recreation Nova Scotia's Audited Financial Statements and Management Report at March 31, 2013.

- RNS ended fiscal 2013 with a surplus of \$36,466 as detailed in the Auditor's Report dated July 25, 2013
- Audited Financial Statements reflect a 12 month period and upon review can provide an accurate year over year comparison to fiscal 2012
- Surplus funds are primarily the result of increased delivery service income, several unanticipated projects and expense reductions related to the Annual Conference
- As a not-for-profit organization it was not our intent to incur such a healthy surplus: Excess funds will be deposited into a contingency / investment fund for future use
- Contingency and investment funds have been non-existent the past several years
- Deferred revenue includes several projects to be managed in 13/14 and 14/15 in line with strategic plan
- Following last year's audit, procedures were implemented to the treatment of payroll processing and cash collection
- Audit results were satisfactory and no difficulties in obtaining and / or presenting information were noted

Other Notes:

- In July 2013 RNS negotiated another 3 year contract with the Department of Health and Wellness
- We switched banks from RBC to TD for convenience

RNS continues to modify its work plan, budget and direction to find new, creative ways to promote healthy lifestyles and to ensure that high quality recreation and leisure activities are being delivered in communities across Nova Scotia.

A sincere thank you is extended to our network of partners and dedicated volunteers who assist in the promotion and delivery of recreation services. Without their collective efforts, expertise, funds and inspiration, RNS would not be able to address the recreation needs of all Nova Scotians. Many thanks to all RNS Board Members, Staff and the Executive Director, Rhonda Lemire, for their continued support.

Recreation Nova Scotia STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

For The Year Ended March 31, 2013
(With Comparative Amounts March 31, 2012)

Revenue	2013	2012
Delivery service	\$372,627	\$294,177
Healthy lifestyle	87,310	126,782
Other general	58,903	68,871
Trends	-	6,000
less cost of goods sold	<u>(7,575)</u>	<u>(14,499)</u>
Gross profit	511,265	481,331
Expenses		
Delivery service	228,193	210,158
Other general	209,150	225,286
Healthy lifestyle	37,456	39,287
Trends	-	6,057
	<u>474,799</u>	<u>480,788</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	<u>\$36,466</u>	<u>\$543</u>

Recreation Nova Scotia STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For The Year Ended March 31, 2013

Assets	2013	2012
Current		
Cash	\$262,131	\$182,847
Accounts receivable	35,784	18,164
Inventory	24,917	16,182
Prepaid expenses	1,000	3,370
James Bayer Fund	5,332	5,332
Equipment	1,630	1,172
	<u>330,794</u>	<u>227,067</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	43,726	38,882
Deferred revenue	172,116	109,699
	<u>215,842</u>	<u>148,581</u>
Net assets		
James Bayer Fund	5,332	5,332
General Fund	109,620	73,154
	<u>114,952</u>	<u>78,486</u>
	<u>\$330,794</u>	<u>\$227,067</u>



RNS AT A GLANCE

Recreation Nova Scotia (RNS) is a not for profit organization dedicated to building and sustaining active healthy lifestyles and communities in Nova Scotia. RNS exists to lead, inspire and support Nova Scotians toward healthier futures through recreational experiences. Established in 1998, the Association is a central resource agency for members and stakeholders of the recreation industry. The Association provides leadership, training, and support to help meet national, provincial and local priorities. Through a diverse network of partners and extensive programs and services, RNS actively advocates accessibility and inclusiveness to recreation.

RNS has a membership of over 1000, which includes community leaders, practitioners, students, academics, elected officials, and voluntary sector organizations across Nova Scotia who are the direct providers of recreation and related opportunities at the community level.

RNS'S 5 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Delivery System; Social Marketing; Healthy Lifestyles; Barrier Reduction; Trends

MISSION STATEMENT

Recreation Nova Scotia inspires and supports a diverse and comprehensive network of partners committed to addressing the recreation needs of all Nova Scotians, through provision of leadership and a strong provincial voice.

RNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President	Max Chauvin, Dartmouth Sportsplex
Vice President of Finance	Alison Burrell, TD Bank
Vice President of Monitoring	Andrea Gaudet, Municipality of Clare
Recording Officer	Damion Stapledon, Halifax Regional Municipality
Director at Large (1 year)	Margaret Fraser, Consultant
Director at Large (1 year)	Debbie Hum, Volunteer
Director at Large (2 years)	Gregory MacArthur, Town of Truro
Director at Large (2 years)	Aron Ashton, Cape Breton District Health Authority
Director at Large (Student Representative)	DeAnne Pelchat, NSCC Truro
Dept. of Health and Wellness Rep (non-voting)	Rick Gilbert, PASR Branch
Recreation Nova Scotia Staff (ex officio)	Rhonda Lemire, Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Max Chauvin and Rhonda Lemire

This has been another exciting year at Recreation Nova Scotia with lots of things going on at local, regional and national levels!

Our national organization, Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) led a number of exciting initiatives. When meeting were held in Ottawa, CJ Noble, CPRA's Executive Director, arranged many meetings 'on the hill' with federal elected officials to talk with them about the power of recreation. CPRA led and developed the paper 'Toward a CPRA Position Paper on Building enhanced Collaboration between Recreation and Sport'. This paper will serve as a foundation for these two sectors to work together differently by increasing mutual awareness and supporting physical literacy, to name a couple of strategies. CPRA is working closely with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to develop a parks and recreation infrastructure report card that will highlight the concerns about our aging infrastructure which may serve as a basis for dialogue with government. After the National Recreation Summit in the fall of 2011, CPRA was one of the organizations that committed to working towards a National Recreation Agenda, along with all provinces and territories and key stakeholders which will guide the future of recreation.

This year, RNS worked to positively affect change. In regards to the most recent municipal election, RNS had a booth at the UNSM conference and wrote position papers for elected officials and the public. At that conference, our municipal partners passed a special resolution showing their commitment to developing a provincial recreation policy.

Other advocacy efforts included working with the Mental Health and Addictions Branch of the Department of Health and Wellness to recognize the omission of recreation in their Mental Health and Addictions Strategy. We are assured recreation will be included in future planning and reports. RNS worked with several stakeholders in advancing the link between recreation and Mental Health. We co-hosted a symposium last May that was a successful first step. This symposium brought together practitioners that may not have normally worked together. What's exciting is still to come. Regional and provincial follow-up meetings are planned as well as the development of an educational toolkit.

We had a very successful conference in Truro this past year that educated over 275 professionals and helped to advance our sector. RNS would like to thank the great work of the Fundy Recreation Directors under the leadership of Brendon Smithson and Craig Burgess. This conference in turn supported other RNS programs and services. Program successes this past year include: the Outdoor Network completing a comprehensive consultation process and HIGH FIVE's new after school quality leadership initiative in Mi'kmaq communities.

RNS was involved in municipal recreation research where information was collected on what the current state of municipal recreation in Nova Scotia looks like, who is involved, what is happening around the 'edges' of recreation, and how the sector is dealing with change. Plans are in place to address the many recommendations that came out of the report including developing a tool for municipal elected officials to better understand municipal recreation.

We truly appreciate the support that the Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Branch provides to RNS. This past year, we had to say goodbye to friends Farida Gabbani and Mike Arthur. We wish them well in their retirement and thank them for their many years of partnership.

Stay cool,
Max and Rhonda

RNS STAFF

Executive Director	Rhonda Lemire
Bookkeeper	Christa Schaffhauser
Program Manager	John Glynn-Morris; Shah Mohamed
HIGH FIVE Coordinator	Debbie Bauld
HIGH FIVE Project Coordinator	Brett Fulmore
PVA Coordinator	Michelle Richard
Program Assistant/Summer Student	Brett Bartlett

A YEAR IN REVIEW

June is Recreation Month launch included CTV Morning Live's Cyril Lunney kayaking in the Shubenacadie River.

The **Take The Roof Off Winter** theme was "Outdoor Play" where RNS, in partnership with CTV, highlighted the second annual Tri-the-Oval Winter Triathlon.

Lucky Duck Lotto saw over 120 schools, daycares, clubs, and community groups participating this year, raising more than \$60,000 for their programs and services.

More than 40 youth-initiated physical activity challenges have been funded through the **ParticipACTION Teen Challenge**.

"Recreation: The Power Community" was the theme of RNS's **15th Annual Conference & Trade Show** held October 23rd-25th, 2012 at the Best Western Plus Glengarry Hotel in Truro.

The **Recreation for ALL Association** distributed 6 grants to charitable organizations and municipalities.

RNS Awards were presented to 7 individuals or groups including Honorary Life Membership Award to Carroll Randall.

RNS coordinated the **39th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony & Luncheon** with over 320 guests including mayors, wardens, and family members.

RNS's **General Liability Insurance Program** became more efficient this year with an online registration system.

HIGH FIVE continues to grow and thrive in NS as youth serving organizations under the Department of Community Services are realizing the benefits of the program. There was also a national launch of the Healthy Children-Healthy Minds online training – Strategies for supporting children's mental health.

The Nova Scotia **'Outdoor Network'** will strengthen and build the outdoor community by connecting people, resources, opportunities, and outdoor recreation and conservation organizations, through an online hub. Phase 1 focused on governance, stakeholder consultation, and planning. Phase 2 has been focusing on the design, development and launch of the hub.

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