

**Recreation Nova Scotia - Annual General Meeting  
Best Western Truro - Glengarry, Truro, Nova Scotia  
Thursday October 24, 2019**

1. Welcome

Heather Kelday

**Motion: To move ahead with the agenda with less than quorum. Electronic consult with additional members to follow if necessary.**

**Moved by: Paul D'eon**

**Seconded by: Deb Ryan**

**Motion carried.**

Recreation Nova Scotia recognizes that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq who have been living on these lands since time immemorial. Recognizing this is a small but meaningful step in reconciliation and the continued efforts of building a strong Nation-to-Nation relationship. We are all Treaty People.

Heather reviewed the strategic directions. PPT

2. Approve 2018-2019 agenda

Heather Kelday

**Motion: Approval of the 2018-2019 RNS AGM agenda.**

**Moved by: Rachel Bedingfield**

**Seconded by: Paul Corbin**

**Motion carried.**

3. Approve 2017-2018 minutes

Heather Kelday

**Motion: Adoption of 2017-2018 RNS Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Moved by: Kerri Penney**

**Seconded by: Jeannine Denny**

**Motion carried.**

4. Approve 2016-2017 minutes

Heather Kelday

**Motion: Adoption of 2016-2017 RNS Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Moved by: Kevin Bennett**

**Seconded by: Clare Steele**

**Motion carried.**

5. Accept 2017-2018 Financials

Heather Kelday

**Motion: Acceptance of the 2017-2018 Financial Report**

**Moved by: Deb Ryan**

**Seconded by: Rachel Bedingfield**

**Motion carried.**

## 6. Highlights of the Year

Heather Kelday

### Recreation NS Conference 2018 – Oak Island Resort

20 year anniversary celebration and awards banquet

### Confronting the challenges of Access Summit

Focused conversation about the Inclusion and Access goal area of the shared strategy

Inspired formation of an Inclusion and Access task force moderated by Recreation Nova Scotia

### Recreation for Mental Health

Mental health training offered to 60 practitioners

Rec4Mental Health game revisions and for sale

Train the trainers

### Physical Literacy Instructor Pilot

4 module Instructor pilot program with evaluative measures around effectiveness of training and tools.

### Nova Scotia Outdoor Network

Hosted 2nd annual summit Cabot Shores, Cape Breton themed 'outdoors for all'

Continued planning and support through the NS outdoor leadership team

### Nova Scotia Connect

Technical support to fine tune functionality of Connect sites.

Evaluating the tool with an inclusion and access lens – 'All abilities welcome'

Increased awareness of the tool across the province is key to success.

NS Trails Connect site launching soon

### Shared Strategy Working Group

Sharing Tour Provincial Engagement

Specific focus on engaging Mi'kmaq communities not involved in the first version of Shared strategy

Heads up for full report from tour in coming months.

### Inclusion and Access Task Team

Planning and evaluation of the 'Confronting the Challenges of Access' summit in 2018

Drafting a 'Framework for Recreation' to help guide training and program design.

### High Five NS

Introduction of HIGH FIVE Healthy Aging training

Growth in organizational participation in the HIGH FIVE Program

## 7. Volunteer recognition

Heather Kelday

### Shared Strategy Working Group

Rick Gilbert

Lana McMullen

### Nova Scotia Outdoor Network Leadership Team

Janet Barlow

Rick Gilbert

Pat Maher

Sandra Fraser

### Inclusion and Access Task Team

Rachel Bedingfield (Town of Kentville)

Dr. Barb Hamilton-Hinch (Dalhousie)

Brittany Hunter (RFANS)

Dr. Susan Hutchinson (Dalhousie)

Lani Poce (ISANS)

Andrea Waters (IWK -Recreation Therapy)  
Sally O'Neill (Active Pictou County)  
Courtney Nicholson-Patriquin (Sport NS)  
RNS Awards Adjudication Committee (2019-2021)  
Rae Gunn (CCH – Communities, Sport & Recreation Div.)  
Joshua Rivera Nicholson (Potlotek First Nation)  
Cara Sunderland (Digby Area Recreation Commission)

#### 8. Communities Culture and Heritage Update

Robin Norrie  
2018-2019 Highlights

#### 9. Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Update

Kerri Penney  
Presentation given on CPRA's key initiatives including:  
National Policy Implementation  
Knowledge Development  
Federal Government Advocacy  
Green Jobs in Green Spaces program  
Girls and Women in Sport Project  
Parks for All  
CPRA Professional Development Certification Program  
National Awards & Bursaries  
Truth and Reconciliation

#### 10. 2018-2019 Financial Report

Mark Muise  
Presentation of financials  
Baker Tilly Nova Scotia was engaged to perform an independent audit of the Financial Statements for the fifth consecutive year.  
As of today, the audit is incomplete and a little more time is needed to finish the audit.  
Once the audit is complete, the Board of Directors will review them with the auditors and then consider them for approval.  
As detailed on the Draft Statement of Operations, RNS ended fiscal 2019 with a surplus of \$31,460 (2018- \$23420).  
Total Revenues are \$174k or 22% more than last year. Total Expenses are \$165k or 21% more than last year.

**Action Item: Information will be posted on the website for membership to review.**

#### 11. Notice of By-law changes and Notice of Resolutions

Heather Kelday  
There are no proposed changes to the by-laws at this time.  
Our goal is that by the 2020 AGM, we will propose membership category changes that reflect our growing membership and that continue to provide value and support. Between now and this time, we plan to consult with existing members and non members. We hope you will be able to provide feedback on this initiative.  
3 Resolutions have been put forward.

### **Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action**

**Resolution:** Be it resolved that Recreation Nova Scotia and its membership endorse the ‘Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action’, and will seek to honor and adhere to its recommendations with a commitment to improving the quality of recreation services for Aboriginal populations in Nova Scotia.

**Moved by:** Kerri Penny

**Seconded by:** Rachel Bedingfield

**Resolution Passed.**

### **Parks for All**

**Resolution:** Be it resolved that, Recreation Nova Scotia be the leader in Nova Scotia to bring together recreation and parks professionals, indigenous communities, their many partners, and engaged citizens under the shared goal of healthy Nature and healthy people, so that we can align our efforts and achieve the actions of the Parks for All Action Plan together.

**And**

**Be it resolved that, through shared goals, mutual respect and collective action, the Recreation Nova Scotia Board will engage members with the vision to adopt the Parks for All Action Plan for Canada’s Parks Community, at the Annual General Meeting in 2020.**

**Moved by:** Rachel Bedingfield, Kevin Waters

**Seconded by:** Michelle Young , Laura Barkhouse

**Resolution Passed.**

### **Recreation Facility Association of NS (RFANS)**

**Resolution:** Be it resolved that, Recreation Nova Scotia Board will work with the Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia to develop a Memorandum of Understanding that will support collaboration between the two on shared strategic priorities that benefit organizations in service of the recreation sector.

**Moved by:** Angie Tavares, Rachel Bedingfield

**Seconded by:** Claire Steele, Kerri Penney

Questions from AGM attendees included clarification on the resolution, if the intent was collaboration and was RFANS aware of the resolution prior to it being presented. Suggestions were made regarding a possible rewording of the resolution.

Point of order: Paul D’eon clarified that the people who brought the resolution forward would have to agree to any changes.

**In favor: 24**

**Contrary: 19**

**Resolution Passed.**

### **12. Slate of Directors for 2019-2020**

Heather Kelday

#### **Outgoing**

Kerri Penney - Past President

Julia Stephenson - Director at Large

Cody Brown - Director at Large

#### **Continuing for 2019-2020**

PRESIDENT - HEATHER KELDAY

VP FINANCE – MARK MUISE

**Elected for 2019-2020**

PRESIDENT ELECT – GORD TATE

VP MONITORING (2 YRS.) – MISTY JAMES

RECORDING OFFICER (1 YRS) – CLARE STEELE

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (2YR.) – BRITT VEGSUND

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (1 YR.) - JEANNINE FAYE DENNY

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (1 YRS.) – MIKE MCISAAC

DIRECTOR AT LARGE (2ND YEAR) – JOSH KENNEDY

STUDENT DIRECTOR (1 YR.) – KEVIN WATERS

**14. Other business**

Heather Kelday

None

**15. Motion to adjourn**

Heather Kelday

**Motion: To adjourn**

**Moved by: Trudy Payne**

**Motion carried.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ATTENDEES**

OCTOBER 24, 2019

1. GLEN ABRIEL
2. JOHN ANSARA
3. NADINE BARTEAUX
4. TISSY BOLIVAR
5. NANCY CHISHOLM
6. PAUL CORBIN
7. DEB RYAN
8. REANNE TITUS
9. LANA TOWNSEND
10. MIKE MCISAAC
11. JEANNINE DENNY
12. MARLENE MELANSON
13. AMYLEIGH GEORGE
14. CHAD HAUGN
15. GORD TATE
16. NADINE HACKNEY
17. RACHEL BEDINGFIELD
18. KEVIN BENNETT
19. ASHLEY ALDERS
20. CONDY FRASER
21. CLARE STEELE
22. REG CREWE (SNOWMOBILERS ASSOC. OF NS)
23. FRANK GRANT
24. ADAM DENDRICK
25. HEATHER KELDAY
26. NICHOLE GILBERT
27. JILL JACKSON
28. KATHY ISNOR-JOHNSTON
29. KATHY KEHOE
30. LINDSAY MCCORMACK
31. ERIN PHILP
32. CRAIG BURGESS
33. TERRI ROBBLEE
34. ANGIE TAVARES
35. JEFF MYERS
36. NICK ZAMORA
37. PAUL D'EON
38. KEVIN WATERS
39. DIANE LEVY
40. VICKI WEAVER
41. BOB POWELL
42. SHAWN FEVENS
43. SAMANTHA GOREHAM
44. MISTY JAMES
45. KERRI PENNEY
46. TRUDY PAYNE
47. LAURA BARKHOUSE
48. GINETTE D'ENTREMONT
49. JOEL D'ENTREMONT
50. SCOTT DILLMAN
51. SHANNON JARVIS
52. JOEL DAWE
53. MEGAN BURGESS