

SCRI Society "The Club"
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
7:00pm

Present: **Sharon Malay, President** **Jackie Rivers, Session Leader Rep**
 Jo-Ann McNamara **Bud Malay**
 Anne Louise Desrosiers, Vice President **James Pratley, Treasurer**
 Audrey Samson **James Robertson, Secretary**
 Alice Evans, Executive Director

Justin Eweka **Max Owen**
 Kari Plaggenborg **Sarah Malay**
 Justin McGarragh **Gary Scanlon**
 Conar Clory **Mitchell Coleman**
 Sara Densmore **Tiffany Bonin**
 Karley Gates **Max Owen**
 Heather McNamara (non voting) **Graham Robertson**
 Hilary Gill **Victoria Shepherd**
 Madison Taylor (non voting) **Simon McFadden**
 Ronald Medley **Sara Densmore**
 Barry Coleman **Anne Marie Leger**
 Paula Layton **Katie Isenor**
 Donna Brokken **Laurence Bushor**
 Colby Mann (non voting) **Anne Boudreu**
 Sina Rapattoni **Dawn LeBlanc**
 Kari Plaggenborg **Jean Coleman**
 Fred Bushor

Regrets: Kari Robertson, Jocelyn Tingley

The 5th Annual General Meeting of SCRI Society – The Club was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:15p.m. at St. James Anglican Church Hall, Halifax, NS.

Musical Entertainment was provided by DJ Ace.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Conor Clory offered welcoming comments and spoke of what The Club experience means to him. The Drop In Club Prom was his highlight for last year – it made him feel happy to dance with his friends.

2. Overview: Sharon Malay, President

Sharon introduced herself and the other members of the Board of Directors. Sharon spoke of the past year and suggested the theme for the past year would be 'community'. Sunburst Gala, The Christmas Carol and our Fifth Anniversary Celebration were highlights worthy of note.

Tribute was paid to Jen Eweka and Dan Gallant noting that we have many fond memories of both people.

3. Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting

Moved by James Robertson, seconded by Bud Malay that the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion carried

4. Highlights of the year

Anne Louise Desrosiers and Tiffany Bonin highlighted The Club's participation in the Bluenose Marathon. Tiffany spoke of the experience. This is The Club's third year participating in the event. Keep watch for the Facebook page dedicated to the event.

Mitchell Coleman's highlight from last year was 'pie in the face' at summer camp. Zumba is also a favourite.

Colby Mann delivered a very enthusiastic review of the past year.

Jackie Rivers spoke of summer camp and how it is seeing a whole different side of participants during the program. Increased weeks, expanded visits/trips, along with awesome activities on site, especially the Variety Show.

Alice spoke of her highlight being the "Lunch with the Premier" auction item at the Sunburst Gala and subsequent interactions with the Premier.

5. Annual Report 2015

Alice Evans reviewed the document giving highlights of the year. This is the first year the Annual Report is an on line document. A printed display was on hand at the meeting. Feedback on this is encouraged.

Building community and strengthening our voice has been a successful focus for this past year. Thanks to the UW of Halifax along with many, many other partners and friends who have worked so hard. We have been able to create sustainable and high quality programs for an ever increasing number of people. This year over 180 participants took part in Drop In Club, 30 at Club Dartmouth and over 80 volunteers. We have had good news stories in the press, such as Sunburst Gala and our fifth anniversary party. Three meetings with the Premier and an award from the Municipality. Programs that build community such as our new partnership with ISANS, and activities that promote health like ZUMBA, our healthy eating programs and a writing club. Moved by Alice Evans, seconded by Anne Louise Desrosiers, that the 2015 Annual Report be approved as circulated.

Motion carried

6. Financial Report

Jim Pratley, Treasurer reviewed the audited Financial Statements for the period November 1, 2014 ending October 31, 2015, reflecting a net revenue over expenses of \$813 at year end.

Moved by Jo-Ann McNamara, seconded by Conar Clory that the Draft Financial Statements be approved as distributed and reviewed.

Motion Carried

7. Raffle Draw

100% of ticket sales 1000sold!! Appreciation was extended to Jackie Rivers father who provided the prizes for the raffle. Alice Evans (didn't purchase a ticket) drew the winning name.....Joe Cote.

8. Item of Special Business: Change to name of the organization

Moved by Anne Boudreau , seconded by Paula Layton that if it is in accordance with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks, the name of 'Social Cultural Recreational Inclusion Society', be changed to 'The Club Inclusion'.

Motion Carried

9. Nomination to the Planning Committee

Jackie Rivers
Colby Mann
Graham Robertson
Kari Plaggenborg
Mitchell Coleman
Conor Clory
Victoria Shepherd
Katie Isenor
Tiffany Bonin
Justin McGarragh
Justin Eweka
Heather McNamara
Donna Brokken
Hilary Gill

10. Nominations and elections of the Board of Directors.

Sharon Malay reviewed the names of those who have agreed to serve a one year term on the Board of Directors.

Sharon expressed appreciation to retiring Board Member Marianne Blair-Cutler

Continuing for a one year term:

Sharon Malay
Kari Robertson
Paula Layton
Jo-Ann McNamara
James Pratley

Re-Offering for a two year term:

Edgar 'Bud' Malay
James Robertson
Anne Louise Desrosiers
Audrey Samson
Jocelyn Tingley

Moved by Jackie Rivers seconded by Alice Evans that these individuals be appointed to the Board for a two year term.

Motion Carried

It was noted that we will be arranging to have a member representative attend Board Meetings.

Offering for a *new* two year term:

Dawn LeBlanc

Anne Marie Leger

Grant MacLean

Move by Anne Louise Desrosiers, seconded by Anne Boudreau that these three individuals be appointed to the Board for a new two year term.

Motion Carried

Not re-offering:

Marianne Blair-Cutler

Session Leader Representative (ex-officio) – Jackie Rivers

Executive Director (ex-officio) – Alice Evans

Legal Counsel – Eric Thomson

'Member representation on the board' - Connor Clory & Katie Isenor expressed their interest

11. Appointment of Auditors

Moved by Bud Malay, seconded by Jo-Ann McNamara that Optio Accountants be appointed as Auditors for the 2016 fiscal year.

Motion Carried.

12. Future Plans

Instead of focusing on large scale events this year focus will be on smaller scale activities and corporate marketing. Sustainability, quality and ethics of our “product” will drive all activities
Bluenose Marathon Saturday, May 21

Fashion Show

Multicultural Fair

Zumba Fundraiser

Eastern Front Theatre – Stages of Life in June.

Five weeks of summer camp

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Robertson
Secretary