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## **Annual General Meeting**

### Conference Call Minutes

**January 11, 2014 at 1:00pm HE**

Action Items are blue,

Motions are in purple

**In attendance:** Sylvain Marcoux (Treasurer), Dean Cattle (Vice Chair) *-logged later*, Bernadette Hanoul, Jean Vezina,  
**Members/partners:** Myriam D'Auteuil (Scouts Canada), Élyse Lauzon, Priscilla Haskin (Paddle Canada)

**Regrets:** John Nisbet (Chair), Lyse Boyce (Secretary), Haven Holsapple

### **Call to order**

Sylvain start the meeting and asking participants to present themselves. He walked us through a PowerPoint presentation, presenting Board members, participants and agenda.

### **Roll Call**

### **Approval of Minutes from 2012 AGM**

Upon DeanCattell's arrival online (we have now quorum) Sylvain presented minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting (*Last AGM minutes will be post on the web site*)  
No changes

Motion to approve: Élyse Seconded by Sylvain  
No questions or comments about it.

### **Strategic Plan review**

**Presented by Sylvain Marcoux' treasurer** (*The written report will be post on the web site -It is part of the powerpoint file*)

Three main goals for 2014-2016 were detailed:

1. Secure stable funding.
2. Encourage, facilitate and support training activities.
3. Increase our capacity to act as the Keystone for Leave No Trace activities in Canada.

### **Organisation update**

Sylvain presented:

- Update on membership
- Update on partners
- Achievement : French Peak packs-Teen Packs -Website visit- Training providers  
Fundraising applications
- Board activities

In progress

- Insurance for Trainers
- New Authorised Providers
- Traveling trainers

No question or comments

## **Modification in statuts**

None

## **Challenges**

Financial situation-Staff- long term corporate partnerships- Working board- New BOD members- increase visibility-translate documents- more training opportunities- new ambassador and Traveling Trainer programs

## **Financial report**

**Presented by Sylvain Marcoux, Treasurer** (*The written report will be post on the web site -It is part of the powerpoint file*)

## **Financial statement 2012-2013**

Sylvain presents documents prepared by Mazars Harel Drouin S.E.N.C.R.L.

We have to solve the deficit this year by finding new long term corporate partnership and increasing membership.

No question or comments

## **Chair's report**

**As John Nisbet could not attend the meeting, Sylvain resumed his report** (*The written report will be post on the web site -It is part of the powerpoint file*)

- This meeting is his last meeting. He thanks past Board members: Lyse Boyce for the good work done during his term since 2008 on LNTC Board and all actual BOD members and Bernadette for their implication.
- We are at a crossroads. More needs to be done to see Leave No Trace Canada continue to grow and thrive, as a viable contributing actor in helping people to learn about, take care of, and enjoy the natural world,
- He reminded us that the natural world is precious and encourages members to help.

## **Challenges**

**Presented by Sylvain Marcoux** (*The written report will be post on the web site -It is part of the powerpoint file*)

- ✓ Difficult financial situation
- ✓ More volunteer & director time needed to respond to the demand and develop the program.
- ✓ BOD is a working board, requires great involvement of its members
- ✓ Corporate/media Board members need to be recruited
- ✓ Our visibility needs to be increased

- ✓ Many documents to adapt translate and produce: bylaws, training agreements, educational material, etc.
- ✓ More training opportunities required: we need to train more Instructors and re-connect with people who are already trained
- ✓ Partnerships/Memberships need to be increased
- ✓ More long-term partnerships need to be created
- ✓ Difficult to coordinate nationally
- ✓ Our visibility needs to be increased

## **Proposed amendments to bylaws**

**None proposed**

## **Confirmation of Board members**

**None**

Motion made by Dean confirmed the nomination of Jean Vezina for Haven Holsapple Sylvain approve this motion.

BOD Positions will be confirmed at next meeting.

## **Nomination and Elections**

**None**

Sylvain thanks all the participants and go around the country for comments.

**Élyse-** Thanks BOD members and Bernadette,. Hopes the best for LNTC

**Dean-**Thanks Lyse and John for their implication in LNTC

**Priscilla-** Exchange with Dean her comments on courses and insurance for trainers

**Myriam-**Very exciting has lots of ideas she wants to share with Bernadette

**Jean:** Thanks Sylvain and Bernadette and other participants for their attendance.

**Bernadette-** LNT is a great program. Hope wed find away to keep on going

**Adjournment at 2.35 EST –**

## **Upcoming meetings**

To be determined by new BOD

## **Action Items**

### **Bernadette**

- Post ppt, minutes and financial statements on website
- Send a message and link to website to all participants