

SAINT JOHN OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS

2021 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

During the ongoing pandemic, SJOE Club operations were significantly limited and revised in several ways through 2020 and 2021 including not being able to hold a general members' meeting in 2021 which was our 32nd year of existence as SJOE. This abbreviated annual report reflects these impacts and is offered while we hope that our future as a club will see us more outside *and together*, again. Many of us did continue to enjoy our outdoors but did so, outside the *Club* framework. We look forward to a more active Club future – soon, when group events of all kinds - may again, thrive.

Club Committee

Maintained and monitored all Club operations through one in-person meeting plus other discussions via email or ZOOM.

Accepted the resignation of our Club Coordinator as of August 1, 2021 but continued operations through committee collaboration.

Researched and deliberated about the many different COVID-related requirements and “levels”.

Distributed general notices to members with decisions and actions including the waiving of membership renewal fees for 2021.

Issued a July MEMBER UPDATE in lieu of an AGM which was not held due to COVID restrictions.

Guided Club activity to remain compliant with N.B. government rules and other health guidelines (e.g. suspended pre-planned group activities, did not hold AGM, etc.)

Outdoor Events

In 2020 we were only able to hold 17 Club events due to restrictions whereas, in recent years we have held between 50 and 80 events. Although the situation improved in 2021 we had to suspend Club events on more than one occasion.

Even so, SJOE still offered about 41 Pre-Planned and Impromptu outdoor Club events in 2021, involving approximately 403 participants.

Most activities were day hiking events but there were also cycling, paddling and/or camping events including multi-day trips to Campobello Island, Mt. Carleton Provincial park plus Kouchibouguac & Fundy National Parks.

At least two members also continued their mostly solo work to help maintain various trails.

Recruited and/or collaborated with members to develop pre-planned and impromptu events – many for the first time.

Developed pre-planned calendars and notices for outdoor events (although some had to be suspended).

Revised Waiver/Sign-in Sheets plus retained lists for contact tracing per GNB requirements.

Membership

In 2021, SJOE memberships totalled 175 members - made up of 124 renewal and new applications including 40 Family memberships plus 8 Lifetime members (awarded to long-standing, founding members during the club's 25th anniversary).

Renewal fees were waived for 2021 so that all 2020 memberships were renewed automatically. This resulted in a slightly higher yearly total compared to recent years.

The online payment and application process was maintained for new applications plus there continue to be some applications handled through the SJOE post office box.

Communications

Maintained the SJOE Facebook page which attracts interest leading to new memberships.

Earlier in the year, several messages were received weekly via Facebook and the SJOE website but these gradually decreased to around 2-4 inquiries per month. This is understandable due to COVID-19 restrictions and the Club having to limit events.

Group emails were regularly issued to members, including those from the Club Committee and Impromptu Event leaders - usually dispatched within a few hours of receipt if not within a few minutes!

Note from the Communications Coordinator: Even though I would like to step down from my role on the Committee, I have enjoyed being a member of the SJOE board/committee for the past 10 years or so including producing the newsletter for many years, but I feel it is time for someone else to take over the Communications Coordinator role. I am happy to 'train' anyone who may be interested.

SJOE FINANCIAL REPORT

	2018	2019	2020	2021
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	1150	1255	820 ⁽¹⁾	750 ⁽²⁾
Interest	32	43	39	17
EXPENSES				
Postal Box/Postage	194	199	199	204
Web Site Fees	227	236	234	224
Bank Charges	43	43	47	60
Promo Materials	200	360		
Room Rentals	474	460	100	
Supplies	287	440	173	14
Total	1425	1738	754	502
Revenue net of expenses	-243	-440	105	265
SJOE ASSETS				
Current account	2478	2202	2069	2317
BOND	2155	2198	2237	2254
MEMBER SHARE *	5	5	5	5
Total	4638	4405	4311	4576

* SJOE Bayview Credit Union Account

NOTES:

New SJOE member fees are collected throughout the year while renewal fees are paid between November and March and reported in the year received. (1) \$680=Renewal fees paid in Jan-March + \$140 New members. (2) Renewal Fees for 2021 were not collected. \$385=New members + \$365. =Renewal fees for 2022 collected in December 2021.

Acknowledgments

For contributions to SJOE in 2021, we thank all Club Committee members, Event Leaders and Trail Maintenance volunteers whose contributions ensured we could function and get outdoors. If we miss any names, rest assured we have not forgotten your efforts and we THANK YOU!

Shokat Keshavarzi, Paula Bawn, Carol Lee Elliot, Alan Howes, June Hall, Bill Hall, Donna Taylor, Becky Bourdage, Glenise Brunt, Gerry Martin, Lynda Martin, Gail Waberski, Marilyn McKay, Michele Banks, Tom Cunningham, Maryanne Maillet, Mike Maillet, Beverly Thibodeau. Kudos also to Alan Howes and Trevor Fotheringham for their sustained dedication and labour to build and maintain trails.

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the club is to organize and conduct active outdoor hobby pursuits in which individuals may participate at their own risk, in a manner pleasing and acceptable to the public and ourselves.

GOALS

To enjoy the world of nature and to socialize together.

To utilize our natural surroundings efficiently, having minimal impact on our environment.

To learn new skills and share new experiences with one another and with the general public, where applicable.

To ensure the continued success of the Club by the shared efforts of the Club Committee and the Membership through effective and timely leadership and participation.

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Remember that your SJOE membership provides some retailer discounts and enables you to also participate in the Moncton and Fredericton Outdoor Enthusiasts' Events.

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