

## **VICO Report - 2017**

Membership: 203 (up from 193 in 2016)

Starts: 633 (up from 535 in 2016)

A positive year for the club, both membership and participation rose, although part of this is due to the hosting of the BCOCs this year. Taking that into account still indicates some growth occurred.

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of Linda Hildebrandt we have had continued success with cadet groups attending our events on a regular basis, as well as running a cadet championship in the spring. Linda also coordinated our annual participation in the Island Farms sports festival at PISE.

VICO would like to thank Bruce and Robyn Rennie for their excellent controlling of the BCOC, especially with all the help Bruce provided in our last-minute difficulties with access at Camp Thunderbird. Despite having had unrestricted orienteering at the Camp for years the Y the week before the event decided not to allow us to have runners going through the camp site. This was a result of them accepting a last-minute booking for a youth group to the camp which seemed to trigger all their youth protection protocols. We are opening a dialogue with the Y to ensure that their rules of use are clarified for us, and that they better understand our sport.

We are encouraged by the sudden increase in the number of young youth participants mainly thanks to the children of long term members reaching an age when they can participate on their own – unfortunately we don't currently have any club members taking responsibility for youth training, but we are collectively figuring out how to create some specific youth orientated activities at existing events.

Chris Ling, VICO Club President

### **Executive team members:**

President: Chris Ling

Vice President and Treasurer: Scott Sheldrake

Secretary: Larry Gagnon

Membership: Leigh Bailey

Past President: Linda Hildebrandt