

**Business of the Village Board  
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Walk of Fame

DATE: 5-28-2024

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Mayor Williams

BILL # 75-2024

DATE SUBMITTED: 5-20-2024

EXHIBITS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Village Attorney

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Village Administration

EXPENDITURE  
REQUIRED

AMOUNT  
BUDGETED

APPROPRIATION  
REQUIRED:

Affirm Can-Am Rugby and the Mountaineers Rugby Football Club to the Village of Saranac Lake Walk of Fame

MOVED BY: Ryan SECONDED BY: Scollin

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE BRUNETTE	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE RYAN	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE SCOLLIN	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE WHITE	<u>yes</u>

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING CAN-AM RUGBY AND THE MOUNTAINEERS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB TO THE VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE WALK OF FAME**

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees established a Walk of Fame in 2010, and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees determined candidates for the Walk of Fame must be residents or former residents that have distinguished themselves positively on a national or international level in the arts, sciences, entertainment, sports, commerce, philanthropy and government, bringing honor to themselves and, by their residency in Saranac Lake, to our community. Also include those non-residents, who have directly and significantly contributed to Saranac Lake, who meet the foregoing criteria, and,

WHEREAS, Can-Am Rugby and the Mountaineers Rugby Football Club meet all the criteria for the Walk of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees accepts and affirms Can-Am Rugby and the Mountaineer Rugby Football Club as part of the Walk of Fame.



## History of Community Support

- Mountaineers Rugby Football Club, started in 1972 and have continued to play and host rugby in Saranac Lake for over 50 years.
- Mountaineers RFC started the Can-Am Rugby Tournament in 1973 with just eight teams.
- Mountaineers RFC continued to run the Can-Am Rugby tournament for many years, eventually the tournament became so large it needed a board of directors of its own.
- Mountaineers RFC is the host team of Can-Am Rugby tournament and volunteers many hours to set-up, maintain, and break down all of the Saranac Lake Fields as well as many other tournament operations.
- Mountaineers RFC have a history of community service with events such as:
  - Winter Carnival
  - Dafffest
  - Ironman
  - Lake Placid Marathon
  - Highway and park cleanup
  - Tri-Lakes Humane Society
- Mountaineers RFC continue to be a supporter of many college and youth rugby programs throughout the North Country and are often the example used for new clubs or clubs looking to start rugby tournaments.



## History of Community Support

- Annual donations to many Saranac Lake youth and community organizations and events such as:
  - Winter Carnival
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Club
  - Saranac Lake Youth Center
  - Saranac Lake Youth USA Football
  - Saranac Lake Rotary Club
  - ADK Carousel
  - Dewey Mountain Friends
  - SL Village Improvement Society
  - ADK Center for Play
  - SLIGO
  - Saranac Lake Civic Center
  - Sara Placid Hockey
  - SLHS Girls Basketball
  - SLHS Boys Basketball
  - SLHS Boys Lacrosse
  - Youth Baseball
  - Youth Basketball
  - Saranac Lake Volunteer Ambulance Squad
- Annual Donations to surrounding areas youth and community events such as:
  - Saratoga Jockeys Rugby
  - Lake Placid Baseball
  - ADK Lighting
  - Women's Premier Rugby
  - Lake Placid Youth Center
  - Lake Placid volunteer Ambulance Squad
  - Paul Smiths College Rugby

- Scholarships to local schools such as:
  - Saranac Lake High School
  - North Country Community College
  - Paul Smiths College
  - Tupper Lake High School
  - Lake Placid High School
- Community Service hours for events such as:
  - Winter Carnival
  - Cycle Adirondacks
  - DaffFest
  - Ironman
  - Lake Placid Marathon
- Can-Am Rugby Tournament impact on Saranac Lake and the surrounding areas
  - 50 years of Rugby in Saranac Lake, longest running amateur tournament in the country
  - Estimated \$5 Million-dollar economic impact
  - Over 100 teams annually
  - Estimated 5,000 room nights in local lodging