

NBFSC Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 3rd, 2015

Rodd Resort – Miramichi, NB

1. Call to Order

President Sandy Young called the meeting to order at 09:10. Sandy welcomed the delegates to this year's AGM, explained the use of Roberts Rules of Order, and the use of motion pads, for this meeting.

2. Establishment of Quorum and reading of Notice of Meeting.

NBFSC Secretary Paul Robichaud informed the assembly, that there were 120 delegates out of a possible 165 present, and that 46 out of 52 Clubs were represented. Therefore, a quorum for the 2015 NBFSC AGM had been achieved.

3. Introduction of Federation's Guests and Corporate Partners.

Ross introduced this year's AGM Guests... The Hon. Bill Fraser, Minister for Tourism, Heritage & Culture. Others included... John Gilbert from J.D. Irving Ltd., Carl Lavigne from Tourism, Heritage & Culture, Kerrie Hallett from DNR, John Clark, C.A., Ed Smith & Everett Tucker from Saunders Equipment Ltd., Clayton Kenny from JCRR Signs, Marcel Chasse from NB Power, Bob Walsh from Hotsy Pressure Washer Systems, Karl Wilson, from Wilson's Sporting Camps, Darrell Dorey from All Canada, Shane Hashemi & Tracee Northrup from Riverside Resort, Jim Gertridge & Tanya Stymiest from Rodd River Resort.

Ross also acknowledged NBFSC's Past Presidents Bob Walsh, Jody Tower, Leon Bourque and John McLellan, who were present at this year's AGM.

4. Approval of the Agenda. Moved by Club 13 for approval of the Annual General Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Club 4. Motion Carried.

5. Approval of 2014 minutes. Moved by Club 28 to approve the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held May 4th, 2014. Seconded by Club 49. Motion carried.

6. Guest speakers. *Ross introduced our guest speaker the Hon Bill Fraser, Minister for Tourism, Heritage & Culture. Minister Fraser addressed the assembly by thanking the NBFSC and its volunteers for advancing snowmobiling within the province. The minister went on to talk about the good working relationship between the Department of Tourism and the NBFSC, and specifically the impact on winter tourism within our province. \$20 million dollars annually is injected into our economy from winter tourism. He also noted the renegotiated 10 year agreement for the NBFSC to act as trail manager for snowmobiling in the province. Minister Fraser also spoke optimistically*

about the proposed Mt. Carleton project. The minister closed by confirming the provincial government's commitment to working with the NBFSC to continue the growth of snowmobiling in NB. Sandy thanked Minister Fraser for his kind words, and expressed the NBFSC's appreciation for the great working relationship enjoyed with the provincial government.

Ross then introduced John Gilbert of J.D. Irving Ltd. Mr. Gilbert addressed the assembly by announcing the first province-wide trail agreement between JDI and the NBFSC. He then outlined some of the specifics that would be included in this type of agreement.

Ross then introduced Mr. Ed Smith from Tucker Sno-Cat. Mr. Smith noted their dealership covers the Atlantic Provinces. He also expressed his company's desire to have our member clubs consider their products and service.

Ross then introduced Mr. Darrell Dorey from AIL Canada. Darrell addressed the assembly by saying he and his wife were spending their anniversary at our AGM. Darrell represents American Income Life, and they are the ones who send mail outs to our membership each and every year. He went on to explain the process around payments of claims, etc.

Ross introduced Bob Walsh from Hotsy Pressure Washers. Bob addressed the AGM by explaining his role in becoming a corporate sponsor.

Ross then introduced Jim Gertridge from the Rodd Resort. Jim expressed his pleasure with their corporate partnership with the NBFSC. He then described the newly renovated hotel, which was the host venue for this event.

Ross then recognized all the other corporate sponsors in the room, and thanked them for their efforts. Sandy repeated Ross' sentiments to our sponsors.

7. Recognition Awards – 2015

Sandy presented a retirement plaque to Brent Dunphy Zone 7, which was accepted by Jody Tower. Sandy presented a retirement plaque to Dave Garland Zone 8.

Brad Mann made the following presentations as Chair of the Awards Committee:

Howard Doucet Memorial Award presented to Norm Purvis as Volunteer of the Year 2015

NBFSC Snowmobile Dealer of the Year, 2015 presented to Hawkins Equipment, accepted by Reid Pert.

Groomer of the Year award presented to Romeo Castonguay of the St. Quentin Club.

Wallace Kenny Initiative Award presented by Ross and Sandy to J. D. Irving Ltd. Accepted by John Gilbert.

8. Annual Reports.

8.1 President and GMs annual report.

Sandy announced that we had a great snowmobile season, with permit sales being up, and some snowmobiling still occurring today. Sandy then thanked the volunteers for the great work they do. Ross then went through the PowerPoint presentation included in the delegate's packages, which outlines this past year's activity. The Trail Committee recognized clubs for Trail Signage Compliance

and Trail Grooming Compliance. Sandy thanked Ross for his presentation and his work in our various projects.

8.2 TM Report.

Kyle gave his report through a PowerPoint presentation, as included in the delegate's packages.

9. Financial Reports

9.1 Audited Financial Reports, 2014

John Clark, C.A. presented the Audited Financial Reports for 2014 as previously prepared and distributed to AGM delegates. **Club 50 moved to accept the Audited Financial Report for 2014. Seconded by Club 7. Motion carried.**

9.2 Treasurer's Report – 2015 in Review.

Scott Ralston presented the Treasurer's report 2015 in review, as distributed to delegates. **Scott moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Club 35. Motion carried.** Club 20 brought up a concern dealing with having any year-end surpluses returned to the clubs via payout immediately. Scott explained that the Board feels it is best to keep extra funds in reserve in the event government-funding programs become available. **Motion by Club 20 that all surplus funds be returned to the clubs immediately following the current season. Seconded by Club 28. Motion Defeated.**

10. Recognition of NBFSC's 2014 Corporate Partnerships.

Brad spoke to the delegation by asking for support of these corporate sponsors. He then went through the PowerPoint presentation, and listed all of our corporate partners.

Ross then awarded a number of prizes provided by some of our corporate partners to delegate ticket holders through a random draw.

11. Present (Old) Business.

Nil.

12. New Business.

12.1 Scott moved that the Trail Management Trust Fund (TMTF) snowmobile monies (\$15 per snowmobile registration) from the 2015-2016 snowmobile season be entirely paid to the NBFSC member clubs, in their "June 2016 Payout" based on Grooming Hours only as of the completion of the 2016 winter. Seconded by club 35. Motion carried.

12.2 Trail Permit pricing 2016.

12.2.1 Club 28 moved that the 2016 NBFSC's Pre-season; Seasonal Trail Permit cost \$175.00 per permit, plus HST, as a pre-season incentive selling price on or before December 15th 2015. Seconded by Club 29. Club 7 amended the motion to \$185.00 per permit, plus HST. Seconded by Club 35. Motion Defeated. Original motion Carried.

12.2.2 **Club 28 moved that the 2016 NBFSC's Seasonal Trail Permit cost \$245.00 per permit plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15th 2015. Seconded by Club 23. Motion Carried.**

12.2.3 **Club 28 moved that the 2016 NBFSC's Classic Trail Permit cost \$95.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Seconded by Club 49. Motion Carried.**

12.2.4 **Club 28 moved that the 2016 NBFSC's Antique Trail Permit cost \$50.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Seconded by Club 49. Motion Carried.**

12.2.5 **Club 28 moved that the 2016 NBFSC's Family (1st & 2nd) Trail Permit cost \$245.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15th 2015 and cost \$175.00 per permit, plus HST, as a sales incentive selling price before December 15th 2015. Seconded by Club 49. Club 44 amended the motion to include the definition of "Family" as all members of an immediate family who all live at the same address. Seconded by Club 41. Motion Defeated. Original Motion Carried.**

12.2.6 **Club 28 moved that the 2016 NBFSC's Family (3rd & 4th etc...) Trail Permit** cost \$95.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Seconded by Club 49. Motion Carried.

12.2.7 **Club 28 moved that the 2016 NBFSC's Dealer Trail Permit cost \$245.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15th 2015 and cost \$175.00 per permit, plus HST, as a sales incentive selling price before December 15th 2015. Seconded by Club 49. Motion Carried.**

12.2.8 **Club 28 moved that the 2016 NBFSC's Late Season Trail Permit cost \$175.00 per permit, plus HST, as a late-season incentive selling price after December 15th 2015, for those who have purchased a snowmobile at an authorized dealership – available through the NBFSC office only. Seconded by Club 49. Motion Carried.**

12.2.9 **Club 28 moved that the 2016 NBFSC's Replacement Trail Permit cost \$20.00 per permit, HST included, as the regular selling price for the complete season. Seconded by Club 49. Motion Carried.**

12.2.10 **Club 28 moved that the 2016 NBFSC's One-Day Trail Permit cost \$40.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Seconded by Club 49. Motion Carried.**

12.2.11 **Club 28 moved that the 2016 NBFSC's Three-Day Trail Permit cost \$80.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Seconded by Club 49. Motion Carried.**

12.2.12 **Club 28 moved that the 2016 NBFSC's Seven-Day Trail Permit cost \$125.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Seconded by Club 49. Motion Carried.**

12.3 Operating Budget (Proposed) 2015-16.

Scott presented the proposed budget for 15/16 season, as prepared and distributed to AGM Delegates. **Scott moved that the proposed 2015-2016 operating budget be approved as presented. Seconded by Club 50. Motion Carried.**

12.4 Appointment of an Auditor, 2015-2016.

Scott moved to appoint John Clark C.A. Professional Corp, For the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Seconded by club 7. Motion Carried.

13. Permanent Committee Reports.

13.1 By-Laws *None*

13.2 Fundraising Committee. *Brad reported on our fundraising as per the PowerPoint presentation included in the delegate's packages. A cheque was presented to the Bouctouche / Ste. Marie Snowmobile Club, for the most lottery tickets sold.*

13.3 Trail Committee. *Paul advised President Young there were no changes from the written report, which had been previously submitted to the AGM delegates.*

13.4 Nominating Committee. *Bob advised that Zones 1, 3, 5, and 7 would be holding elections for their respective Directors at this time. Immediately after which the Directors would be sequestered in order to hold elections for the Executive positions.*

13.5 Human Resources Committee. *Leon as the HR committee spoke, recognizing the staff for their work.*

14. Director's Reports. *Sandy noted the Director's reports are included in the delegate's packages.*

Ross prior to the elections spoke to the delegation about Sandy's retirement as president. Ross presented a special plaque to (retiring) President Sandy Young, which highlighted Sandy's dedicated service to our organization during his tenure as Zone 6 and Zone 8 Director, as well as NBFSC Secretary, before completing 3 consecutive years as the Federation's President.

15. Elections.

Bob Walsh the nominating committee chairman announced the following election results:

Zone 1 Director: Normand Martin

Zone 3 Director: Leon Bourque

Zone 5 Director: Bob Walsh

Zone 7 Director No Decision / To be determined at a later date.

NBFSC President: Brad Mann

NBFSC Vice President: Bob Walsh

NBFSC Treasurer: Scott Ralston

NBFSC Secretary: Paul J. Robichaud

President-Elect Mann's vacancy as Zone 2 Director was filled by Lynn Mann, as subsequently elected by that zone's member Clubs.

Club 50 moved that the election ballots be destroyed. Seconded by Club 4. Motion Carried.

16. **Speeches.** *Brad spoke briefly to the delegates.*

17. **Adjournment.** *Club 50 moved that the meeting be adjourned at 14:10.*

Submitted by,

Paul J. Robichaud, NBFSC Executive Secretary