

NBFSC AGM Minutes

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, 2017: MIRAMICHI, N.B.

1. Call to Order

President Brad Mann called the meeting to order at 0915.

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

NBFSC Executive Secretary, Paul Robichaud advised the assembly, that 43 of a possible 50 Clubs were represented by 125 out of a possible 165 delegates, and therefore a quorum had been achieved for this meeting. (Clubs absent from the AGM were: Club 5 / Fredericton SC, Club 11 / Oromocto River Valley SC, Club 59 / Keswick River Trail Blazers, Club 63 / Memramcook SC, Club 67 / St. Croix Ridge Runners, Club 70 / Grand Lake Sno-Cruisers, and Club 72 / Canterbury Meductic Fosterville).

3. Introduction of Federation's Guests & Corporate Partners

Ross introduced himself to the delegates, as well as our guest speakers, and corporate partners, who were present, for today's AGM.

4. Approval of General Meeting Agenda

Club 78 moved to accept the AGM Agenda as presented, Seconded by Club 4. Motion Carried

5. Approval of the Minutes of the NBFSC's

Annual General Meeting held May 1st, 2016

Club 78 moved to accept the Minutes from the AGM held May 1st, 2016, Seconded by Club 35. Motion Carried.

6. Speakers

Hon. John Ames -Tourism, Heritage and Culture

The Hon. John Ames spoke to the delegates by acknowledging his desire to go snowmobiling with the Federation in the coming season. Minister Ames then spoke of the various tourist destinations within our province, which have been highlighted by various media publications. He then talked about how important snowmobiling is to winter tourism. Minister Ames noted the initiative his department is undertaking to promote winter tourism. He also highlighted the future opening of the MCCM project, which will attract snowmobilers to an expanded Northern Odyssey experience, in an extended winter snowmobiling season. Minister Ames then announced his government's commitment for \$330,000 in continued funding to the NBFSC, for the coming season. He thanked the NBFSC for its continued advancement of snowmobiling in the province of New Brunswick.

7. Recognition Awards – 2017

Leon Bourque presented the following awards

7.1 Howard Doucet Memorial Award

(Volunteer of the Year, 2017)

Leon announced Richard Beale as the recipient of this award, and read Richard's background as how he began, and continues his snowmobiling experience.

7.2 NBFSC Snowmobile Dealer of the Year, 2017

Leon then announced Patterson Sales & Service in Miramichi, for which no representative was present to receive their award. Brad Mann accepted the award on their behalf.

7.3 NBFSC Groomer of the Year, 2017

Leon presented Clayton Wallace with the Groomer Operator Club 49 Millville Snowhawks SC.

7.4 Wallace Kenny Initiative Award, 2017

President Brad Mann then presented the Wallace Kenny Initiative Award to Yves Cormier from Club 76 Green River SC.

8. Annual Reports

8.1 President's Annual Report

*Brad delivered his President's Report to the delegates by noting the funding and trail issues from past years to the present, along with the Trail Permit holder's expectations on our trails. Brad then went on to thank our government partners for their continued financial support towards our efforts to provide a Tourism Product. Brad also noted the challenges faced by the Volunteers and Federation with continued grooming. Brad spoke about the go snowmobiling rides involving participation from Federal MPs, and how this has tied in with Federal funding, which is exclusive to the NBFSC. **Club 4 moved to accept the President's Report as presented, seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.***

8.2 Trail Manager's Annual Report

*Kyle Good introduced himself to the assembly, and stated his core priorities, as Trail Manager with the NBFSC, which are Grooming, Mapping, and Signage. Kyle noted the great improvement in Trail Signage around the Province, and the continued Trail Check program will continue. Kyle spoke about the various Trail Checks completed this season around the Province. Mapping, both conventional paper, and digital maps were discussed, along with the update requirements. The Groomer workshop was also covered, and that this event will continue in the future. Kyle then spoke about his involvement with the PTPC. **Club 1 moved to accept the TM's Report as presented, seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.***

9. Financial Reports

9.1 Audited Financial Reports, 2016

Brad introduced John Clark, C.A. who presented the Audited Financial Reports for 2016 as previously prepared and distributed to AGM delegates.

Club 78 moved to accept the Audited Financial Reports for 2016, as presented, seconded by Club 35. Motion Carried.

9.2 Treasurer's Report – 2017 in Review

*Brad introduced Dave Garland who presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of the Board for 2016, as distributed to delegates. **Club 35 moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Club 1. Motion Carried.***

10. Recognition of NBFSC's 2017

10.1 Corporate Partnerships – Presentation

Ross spoke to the assembly about our 57 Corporate Sponsors, and their contribution to our organization, as per the PowerPoint Presentation to the assembly.

10.2 2017 Lottery - Presentation

Ross presented the results and statistics of our Provincial Lottery, and recognized the Bouctouche / Ste. Marie SC for being the top lottery ticket seller, again this season. Ross then reviewed the winners of our 2017 Lottery.

11. Present (Old) Business

No Old Business from 2016 A.G.M

12 New Business

12.1 TMTF; (proposed) for June Payout, 2018

Club 78 moved that the Trail Management Trust Fund (TMTF) snowmobile monies (\$15 per snowmobile registration) from the 2017-2018 snowmobile season be entirely paid to the NBFSC member clubs, in their "June 2018 Payout" based on Grooming Hours only as of the completion of the 2018 winter. Seconded by Club 35. Motion Carried.

12.2 Trail Permits; (proposed) Pricing, 2018

12.2.1 Club 53 moved that the 2018 NBFSC's Pre-season; Seasonal Trail Permit cost \$180.00 per permit, plus HST, as a pre-season incentive selling price on or before December 15th 2017. Seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.

12.2.2 Club 78 moved that the 2018 NBFSC's Seasonal Trail Permit cost \$255.00 per permit plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15th 2017. Seconded by Club 53. Motion Carried.

12.2.3 Club 53 moved that the 2018 NBFSC's Classic Trail Permit cost \$100.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.

12.2.4 Club 53 moved that the 2018 NBFSC's Antique Trail Permit cost \$55.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.

12.2.5 Club 53 moved that the 2018 NBFSC's Family (1st & 2nd) Trail Permit cost \$255.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15th 2016 and cost \$180.00 per permit, plus HST, as a sales incentive selling price before December 15th 2017. Seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.

12.2.6 Club 53 moved that the 2018 NBFSC's Family (3rd & 4th etc...) Trail Permit cost \$100.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.

12.2.7 Club 53 moved that the 2018 NBFSC's Dealer Trail Permit cost \$255.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15th 2017 and cost \$180.00 per permit, plus HST, as a sales incentive selling price before December 15th 2017. Seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.

12.2.8 **Club 53 moved that the 2018 NBFSC's Late Season Trail Permit cost \$180.00 per permit, plus HST, as a late-season incentive selling price after December 15th 2017, for those who have purchased a snowmobile at an authorized dealership – available through the NBFSC office only. Seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.**

12.2.9 **Club 53 moved that the 2018 NBFSC's Replacement Trail Permit cost \$20.00 per permit, HST included, as the regular selling price for the complete season. Seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.**

12.2.10 **Club 53 moved that the 2018 NBFSC's One-Day Trail Permit cost \$40.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Seconded by Club 78. Club 1 proposed an amendment to the motion Seconded by Peter Ritcey Club 20, moved to eliminate the 1-day Trail Permit. Amended Motion Defeated. Original Motion Carried.**

12.2.11 **Club 53 moved that the 2018 NBFSC's Three-Day Trail Permit cost \$80.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.**

12.2.12 **Club 53 moved that the 2018 NBFSC's Seven-Day Trail Permit cost \$125.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.**

12.3 Committee of the Clubs (proposed) Grooming Improvements' for 2018.

12.3.1 Adopt Emergency Plan; moving Club's Groomers
Normand spoke on behalf of the Committee of the Clubs, as Chairman. Normand introduced the members of this committee, and thanked them for their participation. The result being 4 recommendations to the Board, to be brought to the AGM for approval. Ross then introduced the proposed motions to adopt the emergency plan. Club 4 moved to adopt the Emergency Plan, Moving Groomers, as presented by the Committee of the Clubs, and as included as 12.3 in the Delegates information package, seconded by Club 53. Motion Carried.

12.4 Operating Budget (proposed), 2017-18

Club 71 requested a lending initiative motion added to the Budget. Brad noted this will be looked at the July meeting. Club 75 moved to accept the proposed 2017-2018 Operating Budget as presented, seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.

12.5 General By-Law Change, Article 34.2

Ross explained the rationale behind the proposed change to By-Law Article 34.2 noting the positions of Treasurer & Secretary are historically positions, which are difficult to fill, and retain individuals in these roles. Thus the desire to have longer terms should a volunteer be so inclined to continue in one of these positions. Club 53 moved to accept the proposed amendment to By-Law Article 34.2 which deals with the length of terms for the 4 Officers of the Federation, seconded by Club 35. Club 78 proposed an

amendment to the motion, that the Secretary or treasurer may serve more than 3 years, but president and vice-president cannot serve more than 3 years. Seconded by Club 35. Motion as amended Carried.

12.6 Appointment of an Auditor, 2017-2018

Club 3 moved to appoint John Clark C.A. Professional Corp, For the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Seconded by club 20. Motion Carried.

13 Permanent Committee Reports

Brad advised the delegates that the Permanent Committee Reports were included in the delegates information packages.

13.1 By-Laws & Policy Committee

Club 35 moved to accept the By-Laws & Policy Committee report as presented, seconded by Club 35. Motion Carried

13.2 Fund Raising Committee

Club 35 moved to accept the Fund Raising Committee report as presented, seconded by Club 4. Motion Carried

13.3 Trail Committee

Club 35 moved to accept the Trail Committee report as presented, seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.

13.4 Nominating Committee

Club 35 moved to accept the Nominating Committee report as presented, seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.

13.5 Human Resources Committee

Club 4 moved to accept the Human Resources Committee report as presented, seconded by Club 35. Motion Carried.

Director's Reports – (written enclosures)

Brad recognized the retiring Directors with NBFSC plaques.

Club 78 moved to accept Directors Reports as presented. Seconded by Club 35. Motion Carried.

Election - NBFSC Board of Directors, 2017-2018

Sandy Young, our Parliamentarian, who facilitated the election of Directors and Officers, announced the following results...

Zone 1 Director: Guy Landry

Zone 3 Director: Ronald Lanteigne

Zone 5 Director: Marc Hannan

Zone 7 Director: Jim Connors

NBFSC President: Brad Mann

NBFSC Vice President: Scott Ralston

NBFSC Treasurer: Dave Garland

NBFSC Secretary: Paul J. Robichaud

Speeches – Brad spoke briefly to the delegates, and thanked them for their participation.

Adjournment

Club 3 moved the meeting adjourned at 1400

Submitted by,

Paul J. Robichaud

NBFSC Executive Secretary