

**N.B.F.S.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**  
**MIRAMICHI, NB.**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by President Jody Tower at 0916 hours.

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

124 delegates present out of a potential 154 delegates.

46 Clubs represented out of 51 Clubs.

Absent Clubs:

#3 Carleton Borderview

#38 Club Des Montagnes

#43 North Shore Snowmobile Club

#63 Memramcook Snowmobile Club

#71 Caribou Snow Drifters

**3. Introduction of Guests, Corporate Partners**

The following guests were introduced to the assembly:

MLA Southwest Miramichi Jake Stewart

John Clark, CA

Ed Smith of Saunders Equipment

Everett Tucker of Saunders Equipment

John McLellan, a Past President of NBFSC

Carl Lavigne of Culture, Tourism and Healthy Living

Helene Caplice of Easter Seals New Brunswick

MLA Jake Stewart took the podium to address the assembly on behalf of Premier Alward. He recognized this year as the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federation and spoke at length about the relationship between Government and the Federation. He particularly made note of the efforts by the Federation to implement the Trails Strategy and acknowledged the efforts of Jody and Ross in this regard.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

A request put forth by Kedgwick SC to add to the agenda. Parliamentarian Leopold St. Laurent ruled such addition was in order. Structure of the Federation to be added as Item 12.5 of the agenda.

<p><b>Motion by David Allain of Club Neguac, seconded by Nelson Roy, Club ASNO to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.</b></p>
--

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the NBFSC's 2011 Annual General Meeting held May 01,2011.**

**Motion by Gary Smith, Victoria County Snowmobile Club, seconded by John McLellan, Woodstock Trailmakers to approve the Minutes of the AGM of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Motion Carried.**

**6. Snowarama 2012: Easter Seal Society – Update**

Helene Caplice thanked all Club Volunteers for their efforts with Snowarama 2012. Club Neguac raised the most this year \$4579.40 and was awarded a plaque for their efforts. Helene noted that over the past 30 years, the Federation Clubs have raised a total of \$1,507,191.40 in support of Easter Seals.

**7. Recognition Awards – 2012**

- 7.1 Volunteers in Action Awards presented by President Jody Tower and Zone Directors.
- 7.2 Howard Doucet Memorial Award (Volunteer of the Year) 2012 presented to Guildo Levesque of Club Motoneigistes du Nord.
- 7.3 NBFSC Snowmobile Dealer of the Year, 2012 presented to Gilles Bourque of G.Bourque, Dieppe, NB.
- 7.4 NBFSC Groomer of the Year, 2012 presented to Clinton Wallace of Millville Snowhawkes.
- 7.5 Wallace Kenny Initiative Award 2012 presented to NBFSC Secretary Don Wheaton.

At this time, Tim Bamford, Zone 7 Director presented a plaque to Pam Folkins in memory of Harold Barton, the previous Zone 7 Director who passed away last year. Pam spoke of Harold's passion for snowmobiling and how thankful she was for this recognition.

**8. 8.1 President's and General Manager's Report**

A Power Point presentation of the highlights of the past 30 years was jointly presented by President Jody Tower and General Manager Ross Antworth.

**8.2 Trail Manager's Report presented verbally by Trail Manager Kyle Good.**

**9. 9.1 Financial Reports – Audited Financial Statements 2011**

John Clark, CA presented the Federation's audited financial report of the 2011 fiscal year.

**Motion to accept the Audited Financial Statements 2011 as presented. Moved by Sandy Young of SENBSA, seconded by Bill MacDonald of Restigouche TimberTrails. Motion carried.**

**9.2 Treasurer's Report - 2012 in Review**

President Jody Tower reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Moved by Brad Mann, Restigouche Snowmobile Club, seconded by Valmond Hache, Club Motoneige Chaleur. Motion Carried.**

**10.1 Recognition of NBFSC's 2012 Corporate Partnerships**

Fund Raising Committee Chairperson Brad Mann emphasized the importance of our Corporate Sponsors to the Federation and also the importance of snowmobilers supporting these sponsors – tell them why you’re supporting them – they need to hear that. Brad and Ross jointly presented a Power Point presentation to the assembly.

**11. Old Business**

**12. New Business**

**12.1 Proposed TMTF – June Payout for 2012-2013**

**Motion to accept the TMTF June 2012-2013 Payout as proposed by the Board of Directors. Moved by Bill MacDonald, Restigouche Timber Trails, seconded by Sandy Young, SENBSA. Motion Carried.**

**12.2 Proposed Trail Permit Pricing for 2012-2013**

**12.2.1 Seasonal Trail Permits -**

**Motion by Tim Bamford, Grand Lake Sno-Cruisers, seconded by Bill MacDonald, Restigouche Timber Trails that the 2013 NBFSC’s Seasonal Trail Permit cost \$225.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Motion Carried.**

**Motion by Bill MacDonald, Restigouche Timber Trails, seconded by Tim Bamford, Grand Lake Sno-Cruisers that the 2013 NBFSC’s Pre-Season Trail Permit cost \$165.00 per permit, plus HST, as a pre-season incentive selling price on or before December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Motion carried.**

**12.2.2 Classic Trail Permit**

**Motion put forward by Board of Directors however, Goshen Snowmobile Club put forward an amendment to the original motion that the 2013 NBFSC Classic Trail Permits cost \$85.00 per permit plus HST, as a pre-season incentive selling price on or before December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and the 2013 NBFSC Classic Trail Permits cost \$110.00 per permit plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

**Moved by the Goshen Snowmobile Club, seconded by Dave Garland of SENBSA. Before the question could be called, another amendment was put forward by David Allain of Neguac Snowmobile Club, seconded by Lazare Breau of Neguac Snowmobile Club that the price be \$75.00 plus HST per permit before December 15<sup>th</sup> and \$95.00 plus HST per permit after December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Call for vote on the Neguac Club’s amendment resulted in motion being defeated.**

**Then returned to original amendment put forth by Goshen Snowmobile Club. Vote was called resulting in 51 votes in favor and 60 against the motion. Motion defeated.**

**The original motion put forth by the Board of Directors that the NBFSC’s Classic Trail Permit cost \$85.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season was moved by Brad Mann of**

**Restigouche Snowmobile Club, seconded by Peter Thompson of Restigouche Timber Trails. Motion carried.**

### **12.2.3 Dealer Trail Permits**

**Moved by Tim Bamford of Grand Lake Sno-Cruisers, seconded by Peter Thompson, Restigouche Timber Trails that the 2012 NBFSC's Dealer Trail Permit cost \$225.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and cost \$165.00 per permit, plus HST, as a sales incentive selling price before December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Motion Carried.**

### **12.2.4 Replacement Trail Permits**

**Moved by Bill MacDonald of Restigouche Timber Trails, seconded by Tim Bamford of Grand Lake Sno-Cruisers that the NBFSC's 2013 Replacement Trail Permit cost \$20.00 per permit, HST included, as the regular selling price for the complete season. Motion Carried.**

### **12.2.5 Daily (1,3,&7 Day) Trail Permits**

**Moved by Bill MacDonald, Restigouche Timber Trails, seconded by Normand Martin of ASNO that the 2013 NBFSC's One-Day Trail Permit cost \$35.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Motion Carried.**

**Moved by Bill MacDonald, Restigouche Timber Trails, seconded by Normand Martin of ASNO that the NBFSC's Three-Day Trail Permit cost \$75.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Motion Carried.**

**Moved by Normand Martin of ASNO, seconded by Bill MacDonald, Restigouche Timber Trails that the 2013 NBFSC's Seven-Day Trail Permit cost \$120.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Motion Carried.**

### **12.2.6 Family Trail Permits**

**Moved by Bill MacDonald, Restigouche Timber Trails, seconded by Normand Martin, ASNO that the 2013 NBFSC's Family (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) Trail Permit cost \$225.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and cost \$165.00 per permit, plus HST, as a sales incentive selling price before December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Motion Carried.**

**Moved by Normand Martin, ASNO, seconded by Bill MacDonald, Restigouche Timber Trails, that the 2013 NBFSC's Family (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, etc) Trail Permit cost \$85.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Motion Carried.**

### **12.2.7 Late Season Trail Permits**

**Moved by Normand Martin, ASNO, seconded by Bill MacDonald, Restigouche Timber Trails that NBFSC's 2013 Late Season Trail Permit cost \$165.00 per permit, plus HST, as a late season incentive selling price after December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, for those who have purchased a snowmobile at an authorized dealership – available through the NBFSC office only. Motion Carried.**

### **12.2.8 Antique Trail Permits**

**Moved by Bill MacDonald, Restigouche Timber Trails, seconded by Normand Martin, ASNO that the 2013 NBFSC's Antique Trail Permit cost \$40.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Motion Carried.**

### **12.3 Proposed Budget for 2012-2013**

**Motion to accept the proposed budget as presented. Moved by Lazare Breau, Neguac Club, seconded by Mike O' Connell, Restigouche Snowmobile Club. Motion Carried.**

### **12.4 Appointment of an Auditor for 2012-13**

**Motion to appoint John Clark, CA of John Clark Professional Corp. as the NBFSC Auditor for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Moved by Brad Mann of Restigouche Snowmobile Club, seconded by Sandy Young, SENBSA. Motion Carried.**

### **12.5 Structure of the Federation**

Motion put forth by Aurele St Pierre of Club de Motoneige de Kedgwick that as the Federation is comprised of 50 Clubs, if one Club has 500 members and another only 70 members, it is not fair that the large Club has more votes than the smaller one at the AGM. If the Federation could put 1 Club = 1 Vote, it would be more democratic for the Province.

Mr. St Pierre advised that as this would make a major change in the delegate structure of the Federation, his motion could not be entertained this year. He can work on the motion to be put forth at the next year's AGM.

## **13. Unrestricted Cash Funds for Groomer and Trail Infrastructure**

**Motion that the \$410,000.00 unrestricted cash as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 be equally divided among the NBFSC's eight (8) Zones (\$51,250.00 per Zone) to be used exclusively on Trail and Groomer infrastructure. Each Zone Director to facilitate a meeting of all Club Presidents in his Zone who will determine a priority listing for using these funds which are to be expended between July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012; such expenditures to be supported by actual receipts. Expenses allowed must be incurred in that 6 month period. Moved by Brad Mann, Restigouche Snowmobile Club, seconded by Alpee LeBlanc, Moncton-St. Antoine Snowmobile Club. During discussion and before the vote was called, Peter Thompson, Restigouche Timber Trails put forth an amendment to the motion that it be divided based on grooming hours. Seconded by Bill MacDonald, Restigouche Timber Trails. This amendment was ruled "out of order" by the Parliamentarian. The vote was then called on the original motion. Votes - For - 75, Against - 44. Motion Carried.**

## **14. Permanent Committee Reports**

### **14.1 By-Laws & Policy Committee**

Chairman Jim Coates referred to his written report included in each delegates package. No by-law changes were received not less than 60 days prior to the AGM, therefore the current by-laws will remain in effect for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

**Moved by Jim Coates, Vice President, seconded by Ralph Dickinson of Northern Lights to accept report as presented. Motion Carried**

#### **14.2 Fundraising Committee Report**

Chairman Brad Mann presented a Power Point presentation of the fundraising activities indicating there were 37 Corporate Partners for the 2011-2012 season for a total of \$118, 500.00. There were 10,265 Lottery Tickets sold totalling \$72,619.00 to be retained by the Clubs. Congratulations to Club de Motoneige Bouctouche-Ste Marie for selling the most Lottery Tickets in the Province – 1564 Tickets.

#### **14.3 Trail Committee**

Written report included in each delegate package.

#### **14.4 Nominating Committee Report**

Chairman Leon Bourque presented his report indicating that this year, Zone Elections are required for the evenly numbered Zones – 2,4,6,&8 and that all four incumbents had indicated their intention to re-offer. Election by Zone to be held later today.

#### **14.5 Human Resources Committee**

Chairman Leon Bourque indicated that there were no issues to report.

### **15. Retirements**

There were no retirements to announce.

### **16. Directors Reports**

Written reports were included in each delegate package.

## **17. Elections of NBFSC Board of Directors, 2012-2013**

**17.1 Zone 2 Brad Mann**

**17.2 Zone 4 Art Carr**

**17.3 Zone 6 Alphee LeBlanc**

**17.4 Zone 8 Sandy Young**

### **17.5 Executive Officers**

**President Jody Tower**

**Vice President Jim Coates**

**Secretary Don Wheaton**

**Treasurer - Vacant\***

## **18. Speeches - New Directors/New President**

The new Board and Executive were announced to the delegates.

- \* At time of announcement, in respect of position of Treasurer, the name of Peter Thompson was put forth as a potential candidate to fill this position.

## **19. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn by Ralph Dickinson, Northern Lights Trail Blazers. Meeting adjourned at 1400 hours.**

Respectfully submitted,

Don Wheaton  
NBFSC Secretary