

# **NBFSC Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday, May 1st, 2016**

**Rodd Resort – Miramichi, NB**

**1. Call to Order**

*President Brad Mann called the meeting to order at 09:10. Brad welcomed the delegates to this year's AGM.*

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

*NBFSC Secretary Paul Robichaud informed the assembly, there were 116 delegates out of a possible 168 present, and 44 out of 51 Clubs were represented. Therefore, a quorum for the 2016 NBFSC AGM had been achieved. There were 7 Clubs absent from this year's AGM: Fundy Trailriders SC, Madawaska-Victoria SC, Memramcook SC, St. Croix Ridge Runners SC, Caribou Snow Drifters SC, Canterbury Fosterville Meductic SC, Peninsule Acadienne SC.*

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

*Ross began, by giving a tribute to one of our former Board Colleagues, Bob Walsh who recently passed away, during the previous week. Ross then introduced this year's AGM Guests... The Hon. Bill Fraser, Minister for Tourism, Heritage & Culture. Others included... Carl Lavigne from the provincial Department of Tourism, Heritage & Culture, John Clark, C.A., Ed Smith & Everette Tucker from Saunders Equipment Ltd., Clayton Kenny from JCRR Signs, Karl Wilson, from Wilson's Sporting Camps, Jim Gertridge from Rodd River Resort, Guy Hache, from West End Sports, and Lee Blanchette, from Moose Valley Sporting Lodge.*

*Ross also acknowledged NBFSC's Past Presidents, who were present at this year's AGM.*

**4. Approval of the Agenda. Moved by Club 7 for approval of the Annual General Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Club 20. Motion Carried.**

**5. Approval of 2015 minutes. Moved by Club 1 to approve the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Seconded by Club 65. Motion carried.**

**6. Guest speakers.** *Ross introduced our guest speaker the Hon Bill Fraser, Minister for Tourism, Heritage & Culture. Minister Fraser thanked our GM for his tribute to our former colleague, Bob Walsh. He then acknowledged Carl Lavigne of THC for his work in supporting the NBFSC. Minister Fraser then went on to speak about winter tourism, and its importance to the provincial economy.*

*He also praised the 51 member snowmobile clubs for their contribution to the system. Minister Fraser also gave an update on the Mount Carleton-Christmas Mountains project, and that it would be operational for the 2016-2017 snowmobiling season. An announcement was also made to the effect that continued funding for Trail infrastructure would be made in the coming year. With additional matching dollar funding for trail groomer acquisition.*

*Ross then recognized all the other corporate sponsors in the room, and thanked them for their efforts.*

## **7. Recognition Awards – 2016**

*Leon Bourque made the following presentations as Chair of the Awards Committee...*

*Howard Doucet Memorial Award presented to Dave Picard, as Volunteer of the Year 2016.*

*NBFSC Snowmobile Dealer of the Year, 2016 presented to Guy Hache of West End Sports.*

*Groomer of the Year award presented to Gerard Levesque from the St. Quentin SC.*

*Wallace Kenny Initiative Award presented to Bob Alcorn.*

*Ross then presented service awards to the 3 staff members of the NBFSC.*

## **8. Annual Reports.**

### **8.1 President's annual report.**

*Brad presented his President's report; beginning with announcing this past winter was a challenging one. He explained it was necessary to issue an apology and thank you, to the snowmobilers and volunteers. Brad also noted there is a need to reevaluate the way we do business, and improve where we can. Brad appealed to the delegates to work together, for the benefit of the Federation. **Club 10 moved to accept the President's report. Seconded by Club 15. Motion carried.***

### **8.2 Trail Manager's Report.**

*Kyle reviewed his core duties as Trail Manager. He also talked about the Sign Training, which was provided to our member clubs, as well as planned future training. Kyle then discussed his efforts with Trail Checks, both past and future. The subject of signage suppliers was discussed, as well as mapping, both conventional, and digital. Kyle announced a Trail Groomer workshop for the upcoming season. He then reported on the Atlas Traks groomer tracking units, which will replace the current BSM units. **Club 4 moved to accept the TM's report as presented. Seconded by Club 78. Motion carried.***

## **9. Financial Reports**

### **9.1 Audited Financial Reports, 2015**

*John Clark, C.A. presented the Audited Financial Reports for 2015 as previously prepared and distributed to AGM delegates. **Scott moved to accept the Audited Financial Report for 2015. Seconded by Club 20. Motion carried.***

## 9.2 Treasurer's Report – 2016 in Review.

*Scott Ralston presented the Treasurer's report 2016 in review, as distributed to delegates. **Scott moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Club 23. Motion carried.***

## 10. Recognition of NBFSC's 2016 Corporate Partnerships.

*Ross on behalf of Lynn Mann reviewed our Corporate Partnerships through the use of a PowerPoint presentation listing the various levels of corporate partnerships. Ross introduced Ed Smith from Saunders Equipment, who addressed the Delegates. Mike Desmarais from Get-Snow, who also addressed the delegates, and played a video on their available grooming equipment. Ross then introduced Carl Wilson, from Wilson's Sporting Camps, who addressed the delegates. Ross thanked the other special guests for their attendance.*

*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.

***Scott moved that the Trail Management Trust Fund (TMTF) snowmobile monies (\$15 per snowmobile registration) from the 2016-2017 snowmobile season be entirely paid to the NBFSC member clubs, in their "June 2017 Payout" based on Grooming Hours only as of the completion of the 2017 winter. Seconded by club 28.** Club 44 raised a question concerning this payout being based on a 5 year rolling average of grooming hours versus being based on the actual past year's grooming hours. St. Quentin questioned the source of the \$15 amount. **Motion carried.***

### 12.2 Trail Permit pricing 2017.

***12.2.1 Club 5 moved that the 2017 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 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. Seconded by Club 20. 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 78 moved that the 2017 NBFSC's Seasonal Trail Permit cost \$245.00 per permit plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. Seconded by Club 5. Motion Carried.***

***12.2.3 Club 78 moved that the 2017 NBFSC's Classic Trail Permit cost \$95.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Seconded by Club 5. Motion Carried.***

***12.2.4 Club 5 moved that the 2017 NBFSC's Antique Trail Permit cost \$50.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.***

12.2.5 **Club 78 moved that the 2017 NBFSC's Family (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) Trail Permit cost \$245.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 and cost \$175.00 per permit, plus HST, as a sales incentive selling price before December 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. Seconded by Club 5. Motion Carried.**

12.2.6 **Club 78 moved that the 2017 NBFSC's Family (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> etc...) Trail Permit** cost \$95.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Seconded by Club 5. Motion Carried.

12.2.7 **Club 78 moved that the 2017 NBFSC's Dealer Trail Permit cost \$245.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 and cost \$175.00 per permit, plus HST, as a sales incentive selling price before December 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. Seconded by Club 5. Motion Carried.**

12.2.8 **Club 5 moved that the 2017 NBFSC's Late Season Trail Permit cost \$175.00 per permit, plus HST, as a late-season incentive selling price after December 15<sup>th</sup> 2016, 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 78 moved that the 2017 NBFSC's Replacement Trail Permit cost \$20.00 per permit, HST included, as the regular selling price for the complete season. Seconded by Club 5. Motion Carried.**

12.2.10 **Club 78 moved that the 2017 NBFSC's One-Day Trail Permit cost \$40.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Seconded by Club 5. Motion Carried.**

12.2.11 **Club 5 moved that the 2017 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 78 moved that the 2017 NBFSC's Seven-Day Trail Permit cost \$125.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Seconded by Club 5. Motion Carried.**

### **12.3 Operating Budget (Proposed) 2016-17.**

*Scott presented the proposed budget for 16/17 season, as prepared and distributed to AGM Delegates. Scott moved that the proposed 2016-2017 operating budget be approved as presented. Seconded by Club 20. Motion Carried.*

### **12.4 Appointment of an Auditor, 2016-2017.**

*Scott moved to appoint John Clark C.A. Professional Corp, For the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Seconded by club 5. Motion Carried.*

## **13. Permanent Committee Reports.**

### **13.1 By-Laws Nil**

**13.2 Fund Raising Committee.** *Ross for Lynn reported on our fund raising as per the PowerPoint presentation included in the delegate's packages. A cheque was presented to the Bouctouche / Ste. Marie Snowmobile Club, again this year, for the most lottery tickets sold.*

**13.3 Trail Committee.** *Paul advised President Mann, there were no changes from the written report, which had been previously submitted to the AGM delegates. **Club 5 moved to accept the Trail Committee report as presented. Seconded by Club 20. Motion carried.***

**13.4 Nominating Committee.** *Interim Nominating Committee Chair, Sandy Young advised that Zones 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8 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.** *Brad as the HR committee chairman, spoke recognizing the staff for their work.*

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

## **15. Elections.**

*Sandy Young, the nominating committee chairman announced the following election results...*

*Zone 2 Director: Lynn Mann*

*Zone 4 Director: Scott Ralston*

*Zone 5 Director: Mark Hannan*

*Zone 8 Director: Danny McCully*

*NBFSC President: Brad Mann*

*NBFSC Vice President: Normand Martin*

*NBFSC Treasurer: Scott Ralston*

*NBFSC Secretary: Paul J. Robichaud*

***Club 4 moved that the election ballots be destroyed. Seconded by Club 8. Motion Carried.***

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

**17. Adjournment.** ***Club 3 moved that the meeting be adjourned at 13:30.***

Submitted by,

*Paul J. Robichaud, NBFSC Secretary*