

NBFSC AGM Minutes

SUNDAY, May 6th, 2018: 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.

President Brad Mann on behalf of NBFSC Executive Secretary, Paul Robichaud advised the assembly, that there were 41 of a possible 50 clubs in attendance, and 125 out of a possible 177 delegates in attendance. Clubs not in attendance were: #5 – Fredericton, #8 – Neguac, #30 – Fundy, #42 – Twin Rivers, #59 – Keswick River, #63 – Memramcook, #67 – St. Croix, #70 – Grand Lake, #72 – Canterbury.

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 9 moved to accept the AGM Agenda as presented, Seconded by Club 23. Motion Carried

5. **Approval of the Minutes** of the NBFSC's Annual General Meeting held April 30th, 2017

Club 20 moved to accept the Minutes from the AGM held April 30th, 2017, Seconded by Club 4. Motion Carried.

6. **Speakers** Hon. Stephen Horsman, Deputy Premier

Brad introduced Deputy Premier Horsman. Mr. Horseman on behalf of John Ames (tourism) spoke about being a snowmobiler and the sport of snowmobiling. He spoke about how important snowmobiling, as a winter tourism activity is important to the NB economy. Minister Horseman also spoke about how this activity provides increased employment during the winter season, and contributes to a great tourism destination. The minister closed with speaking about the flood situation in the south of NB.

7. **Recognition Awards – 2018**

President Mann along with Director Hannan presented the following awards

7.1 Howard Doucet Memorial Award

(Volunteer of the Year, 2018)

Brad announced Elmer Vienneau who is 100 years of age, as the recipient of this award, and read Elmer's background, which described how he began, and continues his snowmobiling experience.

7.2 NBFSC Snowmobile Dealer of the Year, 2018

Brad announced City Argo as the recipient of the Snowmobile Dealer of the Year 2018. Eric Carroll accepted the award on the Dealer's behalf.

7.3 NBFSC Groomer of the Year, 2018

Brad presented the Groomer Operator award to Jean Eudes "Polly" Parent and Ron Ward of the Supervillage SC.

7.4 Wallace Kenny Initiative Award, 2018

President Brad Mann presented the Wallace Kenny Initiative Award to Richard Dobson from Club 1 Nepisiguit SC.

8. Annual Reports

8.1 President's Annual Report

Brad gave his annual report by outlining the challenges faced by the Federation, beginning with moving groomers around the province in order to help those clubs in need. Brad then spoke about our accomplishments such as, funding grants from ACOA and other government partners. He spoke also about our go snowmobiling rides with government representatives, and how important these are in order to have them realize how important snowmobiling is to tourism and the economy. He then talked about how to best streamline our trail grooming product and limiting trail growth. Brad also noted our funding accomplishments for trail infrastructure and how important this is to our Federation and Trail Permit Holders. He then spoke about how important our volunteers are in maintaining our Trail system. Brad noted that his past 3 years have gone by extremely fast, and how important it was to have a great staff, and also noted he has been recently elected, as President of CCSO.

8.2 Trail Manager's Annual Report

*Kyle began his presentation by giving his core responsibilities, also noting that we had groomer operator training, mapping both conventional and digital, government meetings dealing with trail applications. Kyle then reviewed past activities such as Signage training resulting in an improved product, trail checks Kyle identified the 3 top clubs from this past season's trail checks. Kyle then showed a few slides depicting various trail check scenes from around the province. Kyle talked about the timelines required for mapping updates both paper and digital. Our Groomer GPS tracking system proved to be very reliable. 8 manufacturers were invited to the Groomer Workshop. Kyle explained the makeup of the government Trail Planning Committee, which holds 5 meetings per year, and is for trails on Crown Land. **Club 78 moved to accept the TM's Report as presented, seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.***

9. Financial Reports

9.1 Audited Financial Reports, 2017

Brad introduced John Clark, C.A. who presented the Audited Financial Reports for 2017 as previously prepared and distributed to AGM delegates.

Club 23 moved to accept the Audited Financial Reports for 2016, as presented, seconded by Club 4. 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 2017, as distributed to delegates. Club 78 moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Club 15. Motion Carried.

10. Recognition of NBFSC's 2017

10.1 Corporate Partnerships – Presentation

Ross recognized our corporate partners by saying it was a record year, saying we had 55 partners in 2018. Ross then recognized each individually by way of a PowerPoint presentation, describing what each had to offer, and thanking these partners for their contribution to the NBFSC. Some of these corporate partners were present and had the opportunity to address the membership at the AGM.

Brad introduced John from JDI as a corporate partner who gave an intro prior to a video on a Moose research project in NB.

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 2018 Lottery.

11. Present (Old) Business

No Old Business from 2017 A.G.M

12 New Business

12.1 Trail Permits; (proposed) Pricing, 2019

12.1.1 Club 23 moved that the 2019 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 2018. Seconded by Club 23. Motion Carried.

12.1.2 **Club 23 moved that the 2019 NBFSC's Seasonal Trail Permit cost \$255.00 per permit plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15th 2018. Seconded by Club 10. Motion Carried.**

12.1.3 **Club 23 moved that the 2019 NBFSC's Classic Trail Permit cost \$100.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Seconded by Club 4. Motion Carried.**

12.1.4 **Club 9 moved that the 2019 NBFSC's Antique Trail Permit cost \$55.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Seconded by Club 76. Motion Carried.**

12.1.5 **Club 28 moved that the 2019 NBFSC's Family (1st & 2nd) Trail Permit cost \$255.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15th 2018 and cost \$180.00 per permit, plus HST, as a sales incentive selling price before December 15th 2018. Seconded by Club 76. Motion Carried.**

12.1.6 **Club 28 moved that the 2019 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 76. Motion Carried.**

12.1.7 **Club 20 moved that the 2019 NBFSC's Dealer Trail Permit cost \$255.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price after December 15th 2018 and cost \$180.00 per permit, plus HST, as a sales incentive selling price before December 15th 2018. Seconded by Club 23. Motion Carried.**

12.1.8 **Club 28 moved that the 2019 NBFSC's Late Season Trail Permit cost \$180.00 per permit, plus HST, as a late-season incentive selling price after December 15th 2018, for those who have purchased a snowmobile at an authorized dealership – available through the NBFSC office only. Seconded by Club 76. Motion Carried.**

12.1.9 **Club 20 moved that the 2019 NBFSC's Replacement Trail Permit cost \$20.00 per permit, HST included, as the regular selling price for the complete season. Seconded by Club 76. Motion Carried.**

12.1.10 **Club 28 moved that the 2019 NBFSC's One-Day Trail Permit cost \$40.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Seconded by Club 23. Motion Carried.**

12.1.11 **Club 9 moved that the 2019 NBFSC's Three-Day Trail Permit cost \$80.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Seconded by Club 20. Motion Carried.**

12.1.12 **Club 20 moved that the 2019 NBFSC's Seven-Day Trail Permit cost \$125.00 per permit, HST included, for the complete season. Seconded by Club 28. Motion Carried.**

12.1.13 **Club 28 moved that the 2019 NBFSC's 200cc Snowmobile Trail Permit cost \$100.00 per permit, plus HST, as the regular selling price all season. Seconded by Club 20. Motion Carried.**

12.2 Operating Budget (proposed), 2018-2019

Club 20 moved to accept the proposed 2018-2019 Operating Budget as presented, seconded by Club 78. Motion Carried.

12.3 General By-Law Change, Articles 12, 23, 33, 38, and 40

Brad explained the rationale behind the proposed change to the noted By-Law Articles.

Club 11 moved to amend Article 12 as presented, seconded by Club 50. Motion carried.

Club 28 moved to amend Article 23 as presented, seconded by Club 20. Motion carried.

Club 50 moved to amend Article 33 as presented, seconded by Club 11. Motion Defeated.

Club 11 moved to amend Article 38 as presented, seconded by Club 50. Motion Defeated.

Club 11 moved to amend Article 40 as presented, seconded by Club 50. Motion Defeated.

12.4 Appointment of an Auditor, 2018-2019

Treasurer Dave Garland moved to appoint John Clark C.A. Professional Corp, For the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Seconded by club 10. Motion Carried.

13 Permanent Committee Reports

By-Laws & Policy Committee

Fund Raising Committee

Trail Committee

Nominating Committee

Human Resources Committee

Brad advised the delegates that the Permanent Committee Reports were

included in the delegate's information packages. Brad also spoke about his staff making the President's job that much easier.

14 Director's Reports – (written enclosures)

Club 20 moved to accept the Director's Reports as presented, seconded by Club 78. Motion carried.

15 Election - NBFSC Board of Directors, 2018-2019

Brad announced that elections would be held for Director's positions in the even numbered zones for the coming season, as well as for the positions of the Executive Officers.

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

Zone 2 Director: Stephen Calaghan

Zone 4 Director: Greg Grant

Zone 6 Director: Marcel Richard

Zone 8 Director: Dave Garland

NBFSC President: Scott Ralston

NBFSC Vice President: Ronald Lanteigne

NBFSC Treasurer: Vacant

NBFSC Secretary: Paul J. Robichaud

Speeches –

President-elect Scott Ralston spoke briefly to the group.

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

Adjournment

Brad moved the meeting adjourned at 1350 hrs.

Submitted by,

Paul Robichaud
NBFSC Executive Secretary