

NBFSC Board of Directors Meeting

O'Donnells Cottages, Doaktown, NB

Sunday, January 22nd, 2012

1. **Call to Order** President Jody called the meeting to order at 0800 hours. Those in attendance: Jody, Ross, Leon, Jim, Art, Dave, Paul, Tim, Alpee, Brad, Sandy and Don.

2. Old (Current) Business

2.1 Unrestricted Funds – \$410,000.00 Lengthy discussion by Board and Executive around the many ideas, suggestions brought forward as to how to make best use of this accumulated surplus. Most of these suggestions were the result of consultation by Zone Directors with their respective Clubs as to how they (the Clubs) would like to see the funds utilized. The President stated that in his opinion, we need to ensure, to the degree possible, that the funds were allocated equitably among the Clubs, the challenge being how to accomplish that.

MOTION by Brad that the \$410,000.00 unrestricted cash as of 1 July 2011 be equally divided among the 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 1 July 2012 and 31 December 2012, such expenditures to be supported by actual receipts. Expenses allowed must be incurred in that 6 month period. Seconded by Alpee. Vote 6 in favor, 2 against (Tim and Art). Motion carried.

2.2 New Proposed Club Agreement – Jim reviewed with the Board the new Club Agreement provisions. He noted that it had been a number of years since the Agreement had been reviewed and that over that time, a number of responsibilities have been added to the Clubs which need to be reflected

in the Club Agreement signed each Spring. Jim will be sending out a draft of the proposed new agreement to the Board and Executive. Jim also indicated there is a need to revise Policy TRL 004.4 to reflect consistency between the Policy and our Signage Guidelines, the former requiring a Route sign every 5 Kilometers, the latter every 10.

MOTION by Jim to change Policy TRL 004.4 from 5 to 10 kms. Seconded by Alpee. Motion Carried.

2.3 Groomer Funding - President Jody informed the group as to the latest information concerning the meetings/conversations he has had with RDC and the Premier's Office concerning the latest Groomer Funding allocation in relation to the existing Federation groomer replacement priority list. He hopes to see a resolution to this issue in the near future. The matter of Clubs who were unable to take advantage of the latest offer of funding to acquire a new/refurbished groomer and where that leaves them on the current priority listing for Groomer was discussed.

MOTION by Dave that the 2 Clubs who were unable to make their commitment on their first offer of funding, (Baie Ste. Anne and Victoria SC's) stay on the list in their current ranking position until the next round of funding is completed. If they again cannot make their commitment, they would then be moved off the list. Seconded by Leon. Vote 6 in favor, 2 against (Tim and Art). Motion carried.

MOTION by Brad that any Club who borrows Federation dollars, the Federation would, to protect it's interest, place a Lien on the Club's grooming equipment effective this date – 22 January 2012. Seconded by Tim. Vote 6 in favor, 2 against (Alpee and Leon). Motion carried.

2.4 Threat to Winter Tourism – President Jody gave an update in relation to Trails 19 and 331 outlining the rather confusing approach taken by various officials in DNR. In the interim, we have Trail 19 but issues still remain for Trail 331. Trail Manager is requesting, in writing, from DNR, as to what their policy (ies) are in relation to trails and bridges on public lands.

2.5 Public Bridges on Public Lands – President Jody explained that a letter had been sent to the Premier's Office concerning the closed Morrissey Bridge in

Miramichi and indicating the Federation's support for retention of this infrastructure for use by multi-use groups rather than removing the bridge. Zone 5 Director attended a meeting on behalf of the Federation recently in Miramichi, attended by a number of user groups who are all interested in retention of this bridge.

2.6 Kedgwick SC – Ministerial Restoration Order – President Jody gave an update on this issue and indicated that, to date, there has been absolutely no response from the Kedgwick SC in relation to the written and verbal communication to the Club surrounding the illegal action taken by the Club initially, the subsequent decision by the Board to recover the costs of remediation paid for by the Federation nor the first recovery deduction made out of their December payout.

2.7 GPS Installation Progress – President Jody reviewed a report from Trail Manager indicating compliance with Board's decision taken at the September Board Meeting that all units be installed and activated. There are a number of Clubs who have not installed the units in their groomers. President emphasized that payouts will be based on data collected using the new system. Zone Directors of those Clubs to follow up with the Club Presidents.

2.8 PSS Signposts – President reminded the Board that there are still a number of Clubs who have not completed their PSS structures as per signage guidelines nor provided picture proof of their completion.

MOTION by Leon that all Clubs who have not yet completed their PSS Structures AND provided proof (pictures) of completion to the Trail Manager, as per the Board's decision taken at the September Board Meeting indicating a deadline of January 1st, 2012 be given a 1 (one) week extension (until 12 o'clock noon, February 1st, 2012) otherwise their February payout will be adjusted to reflect the penalty of \$500.00 per Structure not so completed. Seconded by Sandy. Vote - 6 in favor, 2 against (Brad and Tim). Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 hours January 22nd, 2012

Don Wheaton, Secretary