

**SMNB Board of Director's Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, September 16, 2023**  
**Amsterdam Inn, Florenceville**

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Call to Order</b></p> <p>In attendance for this meeting:  Brad Mann, SMNB President  Dave Garland, SMNB Executive Director  Mario Lavasseur, Zone 1 Director  Linda Mann, Zone 2 Director  Valmond Hachey, Zone 3 Director  Greg Grant, Zone 4 Director, SMNB Treasurer  Andre Yoston, Zone 5 Director  Marcel Richard, Zone 6 Director  Stacey Noddin, Zone 7 Director, SMNB Executive Secretary  Steve George, Zone 8 Director, SMNB Vice President  Kyle Good, SMNB Trail Manager</p> <p><i>Brad called the meeting to order at 0746 hrs and welcomed all board members and staff.</i></p>	Brad
	<p><b>1.1 Approval of Boards last Meeting Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jun 24, 2023 (enclosed draft minutes)</li> <li>• Sep 14, 2023 (enclosed draft minutes)</li> </ul> <p><i>Board members reviewed attached minutes.</i></p> <p><u><i>Andre motioned to accept Jun 24 enclosed minutes. Valmond 2<sup>nd</sup> and board unanimously agreed.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Andre motioned to accept Sep 14 enclosed minutes. Mario 2<sup>nd</sup> and board unanimously agreed.</i></u></p>	Board
	<p><b>1.2 Additions to and Approval of Meeting Agenda</b></p> <p><i>Brad asked for additions to the agenda.</i>  <i>Dave asked to have the bridge for Jacket River on trail 285 to be added as item 8.23.</i></p> <p><u><i>Andre motioned for the addition of 8.23 and approval of the agenda.</i></u>  <u><i>Linda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</i></u></p>	Board

2.	<b>Trail Manager Files</b>	
	<p><b>2.1 DRAFT Groomer Priority Funding List 2023-2024 (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Kyle discussed the Groomer funding in detail and shared the enclosed groomer priority funding list as of Sep 2023. It was discussed that clubs need to be reminded at the zone meetings that if they are in the top 10, they need to be financially prepared for their offer. This is the reason Kyle wants to get the list out soonest. It was discussed that they had to put offers to 10 clubs before there was full acceptance for the 5 offers presented. Steve brought up the point of giving clubs a forecast of future funding. Kyle said we could forecast to the clubs that if government funding stays the same, it will give them an idea how far out their funding could come.</i></p> <p><u><i>Greg motioned to accept the Groomer Priority Funding List as presented. Andre 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</i></u></p>	Kyle
	<p><b>2.2 2024 Snowmobile Trail Maps – Paper, Online, Apps</b></p> <p><i>Kyle reviewed this year’s map with the board. He said he is able to provide copies without all the advertisement if anyone needed. IE: a business that wants just the map to display. He also gave credit to Janice, SMNB Finance Manager for the back side of the map with all the sponsors and advertisements.</i></p> <p><i>Kyle informed the board that the paper maps are completed, the interactive map is constantly updated and both are ready to go for this season.</i></p>	Kyle
	<p><b>2.3 Signature Trail Infrastructure Fund (STIF) (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Kyle informed the board that he received 3 letters of offer from the STIF funding program through THC for our 3 signature trail systems. Kyle will be working with the clubs and zone directors with specific amounts allotted. Some examples of work to be completed will be bridges, signage, PSS’s and brush cutting.</i></p>	Kyle
	<p><b>2.4 Trail Counter placement – Directors</b></p> <p><i>Kyle showed us one of the trail counters and said there will be one placed in each zone.</i></p> <p><b>Action: Trail Manager asked the directors for their input as to the placement in their specific zones.</b></p>	Kyle
	<p><b>2.5 Media Rides /Photoshoot Update (THC)</b></p> <p><i>Kyle and Dave shared that they are working closely with THC and media to promote SMNB. They informed that media rides are a lot of work, but the rewards pay off. Streaming is the way of the future rather than typical TV. Media rides and THC Photo-shoots are closed events.</i></p> <p><b>Action: SMNB will assist THC with updating their photo selection for Christmas Mountains because it is dated. Scheduled for 26-28 Feb.</b></p>	Kyle / Dave

	<p><b>2.6 DTI Mapping Reconciliation (no staff-no resolve) (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Kyle informed that no staff in DTI to resolve the huge HUP issue. Our pain is that our entire trail segments on DTI pre-HUP have to have HUP's completed and submitted. Kyle started a review and found over 600 segments just from Campbellton to Miramichi.</i></p> <p><b>Action: President has a meeting next week with DTI and will bring up this issue. Trail Manager will send his email to the President to take to the minister with regards to the HUP issue.</b></p>	Kyle
	<p><b>2.7 Snowmobile Accident Reporting (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Kyle informed that when there is an accident that we need to immediately report the incident to Kyle. Kyle will get location of incident GPS'd, create a map, provide pictures, groomer tracking points and any other info that the insurance adjuster might need. SMNB is responsible for the first \$10k of an insurance adjuster's investigation, so with the steps the trail manager has put in place; it saves SMNB because the adjuster uses that information. Kyle expressed that aside from other major federation events the need to always have a demo snowmobile available to our Executive Director in the event an accident is logistically challenged based on Kyle's location of the day/week.</i></p> <p><b>Action: The insurance company is extremely happy with the Trail Manager's process, but is going to meet with him to fine tune it.</b></p>	Kyle
	<p><u><i>Greg motioned to accept the Trail Manager's Report as presented. Mario 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</i></u></p>	
3.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report (enclosures)</b></p>	Greg
	<p><b>3.1 Account Receivables, current</b></p> <p><i>Greg reviewed enclosure to the board. Adair's paid their outstanding sponsorship from last year.</i></p>	
	<p><b>3.2 Profit and Loss Report</b></p> <p><i>Greg reviewed enclosure to the board. The board briefly discussed that some clubs are not applying to the federation for reimbursement of liability insurance.</i></p>	
	<p><b>3.3 Restricted Cash Summaries, current</b></p> <p><i>Greg reviewed enclosure to the board.</i></p>	
	<p><b>3.4 Permit Sales, Final</b></p>	

	<i>Greg reviewed enclosure to the board. Dave mentioned that the price increase in daily permits should have an effect of increasing seasonal permit sales</i>	
	<p><b>3.5 2022-2023 Approved Audited Statements</b></p> <p><i>Greg reviewed enclosure to the board.</i></p>	
	<p><b>3.6 2023-2024 Groomer Funding Update</b></p> <p><i>Greg reviewed enclosure to the board. It was mentioned again that they had to go down 10 on the groomer priority list in order to get 5 clubs to commit to purchases</i>  <i>Stacey brought up the point that with the average price of groomers at \$415k pretax and clubs only getting \$180k; it is really difficult for them to raise over \$200k. Stacey recommended the Board revisit the split due to rising costs of a groomer.</i>  <i>Kyle mentioned our fleet is getting really healthy so it might be better to fund less groomers.</i>  <i>Dave shared that this could be a board member decision when we find out government funding.</i></p> <p><b>Action: Executive Director wants the board to evaluate the ratio of members/grooming hours for each club to see the clubs that are hurting and the clubs that are healthy to come up with a plan to assist those hurting clubs.</b></p>	
	<u><i>Greg motioned to accept the Treasure's Report as presented. Marcel 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</i></u>	
4.	<p><b>President's Report</b></p> <p><i>SMNB doing the Toronto Snowmobile show.</i>  <i>White Gold event, Kyle put a detailed map together with distance for their planned event and answered any and all of their concerns.</i>  <i>Rail bed bridge fire, will be passable for snowmobiles by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Quote for a full fix is \$100k.</i></p> <p><i>CCSO meeting in Oct will be on Ottawa. The host is a huge supporter of snowmobiling.</i>  <i>Brad's term will be up, has done 6 years and he won't be reoffering.</i></p> <p><u><i>Valmond motioned to accept the President's Report as presented. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</i></u></p>	Brad
5.	<p><b>Executive Director Report (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Dave briefed on his enclosed Executive Director report.</i>  <i>He mentioned that THC has had a massive lateral move with their staff but still have a great relationship.</i></p>	

	<u>Greg motioned to accept the Executive Director Report as presented. Mario 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</u>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Permanent Committee Reports</b>	
6.1	<p><b>By Laws &amp; Policy Committee</b></p> <p><i>Stacey and Greg had nothing to report.</i></p>	Stacey & Greg
6.2	<p><b>Fundraising Committee</b></p> <p><i>Mario briefed his enclosure of sponsors and shared that the following upgraded their sponsorship: JDI Woodland and, Royal Distributing. The following came on as new sponsors: Fredericton Inn, Sports Max, Dave's Sports Centre, Kimpex and The Topsy Moose.</i></p> <p><i>Dave shared that it's a team effort from the board to assist with any potential sponsors.</i></p> <p><u>Mario motioned to accept the Corporate Partners as presented. Greg 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</u></p>	Mario
6.3	<p><b>Trail Committee</b></p> <p><i>Marcel had no points from the trail committee.</i></p> <p><i>Stacey asked if any other zones were having issues with getting WAWA's approved. Kyle emphasized to make sure WAWA's are in place before doing any work on water crossing because if a ministerial order comes from non-compliance, the clubs would be financially responsible for digging it back up to meet environments requirements.</i></p> <p><i>Kyle shared that he has no influence with the environment office. Kyle &amp; Dave both recommended finding a contractor that is part of your club that has a provisional permit. Contractors get approvals much quicker than the average citizens.</i></p> <p><i>Valmond brought up a potential issue for trail 19. The town wants to pave 14.7 km of trail that is on DTI property and the town wants to stop the club from grooming it. Kyle informed that the town doesn't have say on DTI property that is under provincial jurisdiction.</i></p>	Marcel & Valmond
6.4	<p><b>Nominating Committee</b></p> <p><i>Andre had nothing to report.</i></p>	Andre
6.5	<p><b>Human Resources Committee</b></p> <p><i>Steve shared he had interviewed all staff to see how things are going. He said the feedback from the staff and board on hiring Dave as new Executive Director is very positive.</i></p>	Steve

	<p><i>He also shared that the SMNB Administrative Assistant has taken great pride in creating articles and asked if she could keep that duty if the Executive Director provides her the information in point form.</i></p> <p><i>Steve said there are a lot of positives and as a team we are moving in the right direction.</i></p> <p><i>Dave mentioned that these HR meeting are time well spent.</i></p>	
6.6	<p><b>Awards Committee (not Permanent)</b></p> <p><i>Linda had nothing to report.</i></p> <p><i>Valmond is looking for more information on Quebec's reward program for volunteers to bring back to the board to see if it's something SMNB could adopt.</i></p>	Linda
	<p><u><i>Linda motioned to accept the Permanent Committee Reports as presented. Andre 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</i></u></p>	

7.	<b>Old (Current) Business</b>	
	<p><b>7.1 Toronto Snowmobile Show</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared a letter that the show is excited to have SMNB participate in the show. He also shared he would be flying out on the Wed prior to the show to meet up with Greg and Kyle. Brad will stop in on his way to the CCSO meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Dave and Brad will be leaving for the CCSO meeting on Sunday afternoon, so Kyle and Greg will be left to pack up.</i></p> <p><i>Dave shared they will have business cards and mouse pads with QR codes to hand out. This will give links to SMNB's website. It will assist SMNB and tourism in tracking where our customers are coming from.</i></p> <p><i>Dave shared that permit purchases outside the province has doubled over the past couple of years and we want to keep promoting to outside NB snowmobilers coming to our province.</i></p> <p><i>Nate from Amsterdam Inn, Florenceville will be attending and Dave said he would like to see Grey Rock attend as well. Tourism not providing any funding but are providing swag. Brad asked to keep a tally of what it costs us this year and we might be able to request funding from RDC for next year.</i></p> <p><b>Action: Executive Director asked if anyone from the board is out there, to stop by and assist.</b></p>	Dave
	<p><b>7.2 TRL-001 Compliance (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that clubs are having payouts held back due to club returns not being submitted back to SMNB. We need to rectify this issue unless it's a problem outside the club's control. IE: the no registration provided from the manufacture Tucker.</i></p>	Dave
	<p><b>7.3 Northern Odyssey Event Maps (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>The actual event is "White Gold". A huge thanks to Kyle in creating the maps for their 3 day event.</i></p> <p><i>Northern Odyssey is going to try to come up with a plan to reward the clubs affected by their event. Dave said as a board, we or the clubs should not get involved in their reward discussions for this event.</i></p>	Brad
	<p><b>7.4 Waiver for Rental Companies (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Dave reviewed the new enclosed SMNB Waiver of Risk form and shared that it has been sent out to all rental companies in the province.</i></p>	Dave
	<p><b>7.5 Letter from Wilson's Lodge (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that the main takeaway in the letter is that he wants to sell the lodge and his revenue is from winter tourism. His point is you can't build a business case based on volunteers. This gives Dave more information to go to the federal minister to have an employment program for groomer operators. This would make it more of a true industry.</i></p>	Dave

<p><b>7.6 Letter from Dan Cain: Joint Use, Water Crossings, Groomer Training (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>As per Dan Cain’s letter, he was good with joint use areas for infrastructure and believes water crossing on the maps a good thing but should still have signage posted “cross at own risk”.</i></p>	Dave
<p><b>7.7 JPS Exhaust Noise (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that he plead the case. Dave was told by JPS that it is presently under review. JPS asked if SMNB is asking for a legislative change because they want us to own it. Dave explained to them that we are losing private land owner trails because of loud exhaust noise.</i></p> <p><u>Stacey motioned “to ask to have exhaust noise legislation changed from OEM exhaust to modified exhaust”. Marcel 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</u></p>	Stacey
<p><b>7.8 Youth CC’s &amp; Adhesive Plate</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that he plead the case with JPS on youth CC sizing and we are not making much progress. Do we want to ask to have legislation changed for the CC’s removed for youth so families can enjoy as families. Industry has evolved past provincial legislation. Brad said to ask for it.</i></p> <p><i>With regards to the adhesive plate, Dave shared that JPS informed we cannot use sticky numbers and are having a hard time finding material to create a sticky plate that replicates the metal plate. Codiac said it’s too big a job for them but will reach out to a printing company in NS to see if that material would be suitable. No issues what so ever to put the plate on the tunnel or cowling.</i></p> <p><u>Stacey motioned to ask to have displacement legislatively removed from snowmobiles for youth to align with other provinces. Marcel 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</u></p>	Stacey
<p><b>7.9 Adair’s Update (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Steve shared that the trail into Adair’s doesn’t qualify for a Signature Trail. There have been lots of discussions with Adair’s to try and rectify the trail to Adair’s, but in the end no agreement could be made. SMNB offered to help but Adair’s wouldn’t accept. Dave drafted a letter on behalf of the board of directors to be signed by the president and to be sent Larry Adair, THC, MLA’s for the area and the Premier.</i></p> <p><u>Greg motioned to send out the drafted letter to THC Minister, the area MLA and the Premier. Marcel 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</u></p>	Steve

<p><b>7.10 Tourism Weekend (Fee)</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that the fee for Tourism Weekend is new to us and that SNB will be processing the out of province weekend passes. The ask was, do we want to advertise this to other provinces? The board agreed.</i></p> <p><u><i>Greg motioned to that we set aside up to \$3k to promote tourism weekend. Marcel 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</i></u></p>	Dave
<p><b>7.11 Increase to Registration – License Plate Fee</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that there has been no action as of yet.</i></p>	Dave
<p><b>7.12 Legal Update</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that the insurance made a settlement for the accident in Zone 6. He also shared that the only outstanding legal file is a past accident in Zone 5. This is the best legal report the Federation has ever had.</i></p>	Dave
<p><b>7.13 Groomer Best Practices</b></p> <p><i>Dave was at the CCSO meeting in June discussing this topic. He is going to check with Saskatchewan to see if they will share their Fresh Air Educator course content and we can massage it to meet SMNB’s needs. Going to check with Cain Insurance to see if there are any potential liabilities. Cain did say they don’t see any insurance savings with groomer operators having a course or qualification. It was mentioned that some groomer operators don’t know how to use or have a computer. This could be rectified by the clubs organizing and setting up a central location with computers for the not so computer savvy operators.</i></p> <p><b><i>Action: Executive Director is going to look into the cost and content to move forward in groomer operator certification.</i></b></p>	Dave
<p><b>7.15 Upsalquitch Bridge</b></p> <p><i>Kyle shared that DNR and DTI combined are paying to have a temporary repair in order to have it open for snowmobiles for this season. They will do a full repair of the bridge next year. Communication with government has been good.</i></p>	Linda / Kyle
<p><b>7.17 PSS Signature Trails (You Are Here)</b></p> <p><i>The “You Are Here” maps have been made and will be installed on the PSS’s along the Fundy Highland, Historic Highlands and Christmas Mountains Signature Trails.</i></p>	Greg

<p><b>7.18 Spare Groomer (Lamtrac)</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that we could potentially have government support.</i></p> <p><b>Action: Executive Director will meet with Lamtrac to see if they can provide.</b></p>	Dave
<p><b>7.19 New Director Orientation</b></p> <p><i>Feedback from directors is that it is a really great product that has never been done before. A thank you to the staff for creating this orientation for the new directors.</i></p>	Dave
<p><b>7.20 1000 Mile Challenge</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that this event has nothing to do with SMNB. Department of Natural Resources is going to own it.</i></p> <p><b>Action: No board member should not be supporting or be in discussions on this event. Just say “No comment”.</b></p>	Dave
<p><b>7.21 Zone 8 Crooked Creek Bridge update</b></p> <p><i>Steve shared that the local club and government partnered to have a bailey bridge installed. This gap was very important to government and will be ready for this year’s snowmobile season.</i></p>	Steve

8.	<b>New Business</b>	
	<p><b>8.1 Tourism Web Stats (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that tourism is sharing info with SMNB and have been working great with the staff. SMNB staff tweaked tourisms photo selection to make sure they are in line with SMNB's image.</i></p> <p><i>Tourism now has their web page set up that when a click redirects to the SMNB website that they are able to track the clicks whether hitting permits, interactive map, etc.</i></p>	Dave
	<p><b>8.2 Economic Impact Study (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Brad shared that besides the economic impact study, we should have a business plan included with it this study.</i></p> <p><i>Dave emphasized that when we are grooming and building a trail system, that it is recorded infrastructure improvements. The reason for this is because Quad NB uses their TIFF for infrastructure improvement, we use ours for groomer funding so it looks as though we are not doing any trail infrastructure improvement. The Department of Tourism agreed with Dave that whether a road is being graded for Quad NB or a trail being groomed for SMNB, it should count as trail infrastructure improvement.</i></p> <p><i>We have to wait for approval and funding from RDC before we can start providing information for the new economic impact study.</i></p>	Brad / Dave
	<p><b>8.3 2024 Trail Permits – Sample (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Board members reviewed the sample trail permit.</i></p>	Dave
	<p><b>8.4 2024 Provincial Lottery – Sample (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Board members reviewed the sample provincial lottery ticket.</i></p>	Dave
	<p><b>8.5 RDC Directors</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that we are not to contact the CEO's of RDC. We can only contact the local RDC representatives.</i></p> <p><i>RDC can potentially help local clubs with funding for needed projects. RDC does appreciate that clubs info them if the club is also engaging their local MLA.</i></p>	Dave
	<p><b>8.6 Autumn Zone Meeting Agenda (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Dave reviewed the Autumn Zone Meetings</i></p>	Dave
	<p><b>8.7 Premier's Cabinet – Update (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Dave reviewed the new cabinet announcements.</i></p>	Dave

<p><b>8.8 Canada 365</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that this is a Federal initiative. Brad said they are trying to make a cross Canada trail but are running into some issues. The minister thought SMNB was getting funds for their trails, but we weren't They have offered to give SMNB \$3k to complete the mapping across Canada. Dave said Federal Tourism initiative is to promote to the world that Canada is a tourism destination for 365 days. This could be a huge funding opportunity for trail infrastructure.</i></p> <p><b>President asked, does the board want the Trail Manager to create the cross Canada snowmobile trail map? No decision was made.</b></p>	Brad
<p><b>8.9 Canadian Communities Building Fund (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>This gas tax fund from the Federal Government is funneled through the Province. SMNB didn't know this was available. Quad NB has received funding from this fund for their infrastructure. Presently there is no funding in this fund as of yet for this year. Clubs will need to be mentored on applying for this funding.</i></p> <p><b>Action: Executive Director and President will be meeting with government on this to try and access funds when they become available.</b></p>	Dave
<p><b>8.10 Clubs in Unincorporated Areas</b></p> <p><i>Brad shared that this could be LSD (Local Service Districts) When applying for funds for areas in these unincorporated areas, they will most likely be funneled through the LSD's.</i></p> <p><b>Action: Executive Director to meet with government to see what we need to do to be compliant in requesting funding in unincorporated areas.</b></p>	Board
<p><b>8.11 AGM Meet &amp; Greet</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that staff members are busy getting ready for the event and asked the board for it to be optional for staff to attend the AGM meet and greet.</i></p> <p><i>The board was in agreement with this request.</i></p>	Dave
<p><b>8.12 Go Snowmobiling</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that this is an event where a group from Atlantic Canada get together for a fall meeting. The meeting this year will be at the SMNB office and they will start the ride from there. Instead of taking politicians, they want to take local business representatives. The board was in agreement with this.</i></p>	Dave

<p><b>8.13 McAdam Re-route</b></p> <p><i>Dave shared that he had a discussion with the McAdam Mayor on this re-route. He emphasized that its McAdam's responsibility to complete the new trail and then SMNB will sign off on closing the existing trail.</i></p>	Dave
<p><b>8.14 Jennifer Campbell letter (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Brad and Greg gave some background information and briefed the enclosed letter.</i></p> <p><b>Action: Executive Director to reach out to Jennifer Campbell and have a cautious discussion to ask her to stop the attacks on SMNB.</b></p>	Brad / Greg
<p><b>8.15 CCSO Meetings October 23-25</b></p> <p><i>This will take place in Ottawa by the Prime Minister's office. They will be setting up snowmobiles and gear etc. This gives CCSO members a chance to lobby ministers. Brad and Dave will be in attendance.</i></p>	Brad / Dave
<p><b>8.16 ASK – Zone 5 Groomer Replacement (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Andre presented Club #7's ask as per the enclosure.</i></p> <p><u><i>Andre motioned that Miramichi Valley Snow Club #7 be allowed to sell their 2007 BR-180 and replace it with their 2000 BR-180. Marcel 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</i></u></p>	André
<p><b>8.17 ASK – Zone 5 Trail 58 (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Andre presented Club #22's ask as per the enclosure.</i></p> <p><u><i>Andre motioned that Miramichi Snow-Goers Club #22 will cease grooming to Smith Forks and will only groom to Leggie Landing. The board asked to table this until the next board meeting.</i></u></p> <p><b>Action: Executive Director to send letter to Club 22 asking them to reconsider their ASK and advise on potential ramifications.</b></p>	André
<p><b>8.18 FYI – Zone 4 Groomer Replacement (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Greg presented the enclosed letter from Club #23 as an FYI on the previously approved request to purchase a new groomer without government funding.</i></p>	Greg

	<p><b>8.19 Quickbooks Accounting online – on hold</b></p> <p><i>Greg gave some background info on the benefits if the SMNB switched to Quickbooks. One of the main benefits would be electronically signed cheques that will speed up and reduce staff time in completing.</i></p> <p><u><i>Greg motioned to move our accounting software to Quickbooks online to allow us to use EMT's and all other benefits. Andre 2<sup>nd</sup> and the board unanimously agreed. Motion carried.</i></u></p>	Greg
	<p><b>8.20 OSM Articles (Types of permits and \$50 Tourism Weekend? Lisa)</b></p> <p><i>Dave said Lisa had a good idea of advertising and promoting permits and tourism weekend when she is completing articles for OSM. It's all in place to start.</i></p>	Dave
	<p><b>8.21 Event Dates 2023-2024 (enclosure)</b></p> <p><i>Dave had the board members review the enclosed event dates for 2023-2024 to identify if there are any conflicts.</i></p> <p><i>The only conflict was the November board meeting which will be moved to Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.</i></p>	Dave
	<p><b>8.22 Terry Toner Land Use</b></p> <p><i>Brad shared that this is the land by Tim Horton's in Grand Falls. A snowmobiler got injured in the parking lot and wants to sue, so he is concerned for his liability protection. He also owns the land to access the trail by Danny's Inn (Bathurst) and is threatening to cut it off. SMNB sent a letter to inform him SMNB will support his case, but if he wants the trail shut down to his business that SMNB will do that.</i></p> <p><u><i>Brad asked if there was a work around if the trail did get closed.</i></u></p>	Brad
	<p><b>8.23 Jacket River Bridge Trail 285</b></p> <p><i>Government has engaged about the need for a bridge over the Benjamin River there but it's not a top priority on our provincial gap analysis, but we don't want to miss out on this fully funded government initiative. This bridge is a regional priority.</i></p> <p><b><i>Action: Executive Director to submit a letter to DNR and THC that SMNB and the Zone 2 Director considers this a regional priority for Zone 2.</i></b></p>	
9.	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p><u><i>Greg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1406 hrs.</i></u></p>	