

SMNB Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 25th,2022
Grey Rock Quality Inn, Edmundston NB.

Board Members in Attendance: Dave Garland, Steve George, Greg Grant, Mario Levasseur, Marc Hannan, Jim Connors, Paul Robichaud. Ronald Lanteigne was present by remote. Absent Brad Mann, Kyle Good (present when requested by board)

1) Call to order Dave

- Use of Motion Pads
- Board Code of Conduct/ Confidentiality

2) Additions to and approval of Meeting Agenda.

- 6.1 Xmas Mountain
- 8.9 Federation sled
- 8.10 Government relations Comm.
- 9.7 Legal

Marc moved to accept the Board Meeting Agenda as amended. Seconded by Paul.
Motion Carried

3)Approval of last meetings minutes (Jan 29th) (Enclosure).

Marc moved to accept the last minutes as enclosed. Seconded by Paul. Motion Carried.

4) President's Report

- Snowmobiling continues throughout the province with challenges resulting from Rain and mild conditions throughout different times in Feb. This is evident more in the south. Hope is to have March show improvement on snow and frost conditions.
- President's ride and Wall of Fame planning has gone well and as a result the Grey Rock Quality Inn and Grey Rock Casino will prove to be great facilities for the event weekend.
- Very pleased to have Premier Blaine Higgs join us for the Presidents Ride and be present Throughout the weekend including the Awards Ceremony.

5) Treasurer's Report (Enclosures)

- Profit and Loss--Current
- Account Receivables--Current
- Restricted Cash (External & Internal) Summaries--Current (Enclosure)
- Permit Sales to Date

Greg reviewed summaries of the enclosures related to the Treasurer's report.

Paul moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Marc. Motion Carried.

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6) Trail Managers Report

- trail checks are continuing with three left to complete the season.
- Due to limited snow conditions in areas, the schedule has been adjusted to allow time to support Xmas mountains.
- Zone meetings and club surveys being coordinated.

Ronald moved to accept the Trail Managers Report as presented. Seconded by Mario. Motion Carried

6.1) Xmas Mountains.

- Kyle shared some challenges related to staff and their work related to groomer maintenance and operation.
 - Presently a groomer is out of commission because of lack of knowledge and interest related to proper maintenance.
 - Kyle is going to adjust his schedule to spend a week at Mount Carleton to offer continued support.
- This includes having neighboring clubs groom further to the Xmas Mountain trail network
- In the bigger picture, a meeting with gov. players will be needed to discuss ongoing challenges related to the snowmobile product suffering in the park.

7) Old (current) Business

7.1) No Director offered from Zone-Bylaw (Enclosure)

- 24.2 Replacing a director. Enclosure lists details to related to zone director not being replaced by zone and in turn existing director will be appointed to hold office until the next Annual General meeting.

Ronald moved to present this Bylaw Amendment at the next AGM to be voted on by the Club Delegates. Seconded by Marc. Motion Carried.

7.2) Club #73 – Southwest Snowmobilers – Groomer Funding

- update related to status of groomer.... Documentation correct and groomer is registered in Club name.

7.3) Policy GRM-005 Update (Enclosure)

- This update includes deleting drags from wording associated with buying or leasing of drags. In short available funding will be applied to the purchasing of groomers and not drags.

Ronald moved to accept this change. Seconded by Greg. Motion Carried

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7.4) Qualification for Family Permit Discount (enclosure)

- proposed to have family members qualifying for family discount by proof of address verses Snowmobile registration having to be in one person's name to qualify.

It was motioned by Steve to accept this change seconded by Marc.

After discussion related to possible issues related to proof of address, it was agreed additional review was required. As a result, Steve retracted the motion, and this agenda item has been tabled to be carried forward.

7.5) Qualification for Late Classic Permit Discount (enclosure)

-Mario presented this enclosure to include a motion to be tabled for the next AGM.

Mario moved that when a Classic sled is sold at a dealership after Dec 15th, they would qualify for a Late Classic Permit at early Classic price. Seconded by Marc. Motion carried.

7.6) Permit Size (Enclosure)

-Paul presented a sample size of a potential new permit sticker.

This option proves to be much improved verses the current larger size.

Paul moved to adopt a new trail permit size of 2 x 2.25 inches (without the void security feature), as presented. Seconded by Ronald. Motion carried.

8) New Business

8.1) Club Survey & Zone Meeting Schedules (Enclosure)

-Kyle presented details associated with schedule related to club surveys and Zone Meetings

-This includes a three-week plan for surveys and a two-week plan for Zone meetings.

-Zone directors to discuss with Kyle if any dates may conflict with being able to attend.

8.2) Youth sleds, ORVA, and insurance (Enclosure)

-Discussion related to Off-Road Vehicle Act Requirements not being up to date related to snowmobiles now being offered to youth with larger CC Size.

-Current limited size also creates conflict related to insurance requirements.

Greg moved to get the Government Relations Committee to approach the Government of NB and ask to have the insurance and ORVA to open and reclassify a youth sled to a modern CC displacement. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

8.3) 2022-2023 Budget-Legal Fees

- Ronald presented that costs are being tabulated by insurance adjusters for visits to accident scenes when warranted.

-Given this may be becoming a new trend, our budget should include allowance for these costs.

-Greg to verify and include in budget as required.

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8.4) Signature Trail Fundy Highlands/ Parkway

-It was presented that a review is currently being conducted to create a second signature Trail to include the Fundy Highlands.

-This would involve expanding trail 31 to include trails in Southeastern Club to proceed to Southeastern clubhouse, Goshen clubhouse, Adair's Wilderness Lodge and Fundy Trail.

-The renumbering of specific 800 trail numbers to include 31 will be part of the plan.

Steve moved to proceed with the work of adopting this as a Signature Trail. Seconded by Jim. Motion carried.

8.5) Trails VS Groomers (Enclosure)

-It was presented a detailed review of five zones entailing eight clubs that currently have too many trails verses groomers.

-Included were recommendations to support the trail system and in turn offer clubs potential solutions.

- Directors have been asked to review suggestions related their specific zone for future discussion.

8.6) Club #9 ASK to add 3rd Groomer to the funding list (enclosure).

-Club 09 is asking to have third groomer (paid for by club with no assistance) be added to the groomer funding list.

-Rationale includes future challenges given increased costs will prove too difficult to replace by club funds alone.

-This ask has been tabled.

8.7) Quad NB Bridges

-reports of Quad NB invoicing snowmobile clubs for repairs/improvements for bridges.

-Kyle will review areas that Quad NB can establish ATV bridges only or are shared with Snowmobiles.

-Monitoring of trails will continue to ensure status of trail i.e. DTI, Irving roads to ensure compliance by Quad NB.

8.8) Delegates to the AGM (Enclosure)

-A discussion resulted in a proposal that for the 2022 SMNB Annual General Meeting, each club send no more than 2 delegates to the event. The club would be awarded its full amount of votes; the delegates in attendance would be allocated ALL the votes allotted to the club. New voting cards would be prepared, which would indicate the number of votes allotted to that club.

-- This has been tabled to our next meeting.

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8.9) SMNB Snowmobile (Bearcat)

- A discussion surrounding the Bearcat relating to its status resulted in concern related to current miles and the possibility of limited parts being available for future repairs.
- Kyle presented an offer by a BRP Dealer to trade the bearcat on a snow check Expedition. The value of the trade would be \$4200.00.
- A discussion amongst the board resulted in a good business decision to accept this offer.
- Marc moved to have Kyle proceed with ordering a 2023 BRP Expedition to his specifications to include trading in the Bearcat. Seconded by Jim. Motion carried.**

8.10) Government Relations Committee

- planning is going forward to work closely with various government groups to ensure we are in the best position related to government relations.
- Specific concerns i.e. Christmas Mountain grooming results are in the communication stage with key players to ensure improvements going forward.
- Continued updates will be presented as we go forward.

9)Permanent (Board)Committee Reports

9.1) By-Laws & Policy Committee

- Review ongoing related to potential By Law policy change recommendations
- Currently we have tabled changes to be presented at the AGM.

9.2) Fund raising Committee

- All going well related to current sponsors and supporters.
- Next seasons planning is about to start to secure support going forward.

9.3) Trail Committee

- Nothing to report at this time.

9.4) Nominating Committee

- All good currently

9.5) Awards (Internal & External) Committee

- Plans are also going forward related to further submissions on upcoming awards.
- Deadlines are fast approaching to submit candidates for the next round.
- Directors are asked to encourage clubs to bring their candidates forward.

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9.6) Human Resources Committee

- Committee work ongoing related to recruiting next General Manager.
- Next round of interviews to be schedules for mid March.
- There are potentially two candidates that will be applying soon that may meet the GM profile.
- Will continue to update in our next meeting.

9.7) Legal

- We have one potential lawsuit going forward.
- Dave has offered to represent us for discovery and will continue to update on the status of legal proceedings going forward.

Marc motioned to go in Camera at 4:35 pm.

10) Dates of Future Meetings

- The scheduled meeting at Adair's Wilderness Lodge on March 18th has been rescheduled to a date in June.
- The March 18th Meeting will now be held at the Woodstock office boardroom.

Adjournment

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Submitted by
Steve George
SMNB Secretary