

**NBFSC Board of Director's Meeting
Saturday, March 19th, 2022
SMNB Office, Woodstock**

Board Members in Attendance: Dave Garland, Greg Grant, Steve George, Marc Hannan, Jim Connors, Brad Mann, and Ronald Lanteigne (by remote)
Mario Levasseur (Attended remotely by phone when needed)
Staff members present periodically as requested by board Kyle Good, and Janice Bragdon.

- 1) Call to order Dave
- Use of Motion Pads
- Board Code of Conduct/ Confidentiality

- 2) Additions to and approval of Meeting Agenda
-7.8) Amendment to 7.3, Jan. 29th, 2022, Agenda
-8.6) Twenty-four-hour Grooming incentive
-8.7) CSSO Update
-8.8) Future Gas Tax application.

Brad moved to accept the board meeting agenda. Seconded by Paul. Motion Carried

- 3) Approval of last meetings (Feb 25th 22) (Enclosure)
Steve moved to accept the minutes of the February 25, 2022 Board Meeting as enclosed. Seconded by Marc. Motion Carried.

- 4) President's Report
-Snowmobiling continuing to be positive in areas of the province with strong showing of sledders in the Edmundston, Campbellton, and Bathurst regions.
-Government relations committee making progress with positive steps specific to Province of NB.
-There is an acceptance of our government relations committee and an acknowledgement of being positioned to work in a productive manner.
-There is a renewed understanding with GNB, the benefit of our partnership working together on programs.
-Government committee will report back on initiatives and progress going forward.
-Fundy Highlands signature trail number two has been proposed to GNB and accepted with positive feedback on the project being very successful. All parties look forward to next steps.

- 5) Treasurer's Report
5.1) Proposed 2022-2023 Budget (Enclosure)
-Greg reviewed the proposed budget which included incomes related to Trail Permits, Registrations, and other. Further, expenses related to Administrative, and Club operations were revealed.

5)Treasurer's Report cont.

- After discussion related to the proposed Budget the following motion was presented.
Greg moved that we present the Budget with the \$10.00 increase to trail permits and the removal of budget line of board Governance \$2000.00 and put it in the Payout Line DEC./FEB/OCT. Seconded by Ronald. Jim Opposed. Motion carried.

5.2) Trail Permit Decals

-Greg presented proposal to print the smaller size for Daily Seasonal and Antique Trail passes.
-Quoting is ongoing to entertain pricing on revised size with and without the voided option.
-Currently quotes have been received from Data Communications Management Group and Printcom Incorporated.
-Consensus was to continue quotes to include venders from New Brunswick.
-Office to report back with findings to make a final decision including voided or non voided sticker option.

5.3) Groomer Fund

-Greg proposed in the budget the allowance to have a Groomer Fund going forward.
This was met by the Board's approval to allow for this in the future.

6) Trail Managers Report

Trail Signage

Trail Checks Completed for 2022 season

Zone 1

- Club 44, Motoneige Du Nord, weather Need Major TLC Priority for 2023

- Club 39, Victoria County

-Club 76, Riviere Verte (Fatality opening weekend)

-Club 42, Perth PRIORITY

-Trails were in very good condition with 39 being excellent

Zone 2

-Club 12, Restigouche

-Club 69, Super village

-Club 78, Restigouche Timber Trails

-Club 33, St. Quentin, Priority for 2023

Zone 3

-Club 75, Peninsule Acadienne

-Club 9, Club Motoneige Nord Est

Zone 4

-Cancelled – Weather

-Club 47 Northern Lights, Priority for 2023

-Club 55 Aberdeen, Priority for 2023

Zone 5

-Club 22, Miramichi Snow Goers

Trail Checks Completed for 2022 season cont.

Zone 6

-Club 15, St. Antoine-Needs Major TLC! Redo 2023

- Club 19, Safari 2000
- Club 63, Memramcook

Zone 7

- Club 70, Grand Lake, Excellent! All new signage posted.

Zone 8

- Club 30, Fundy. Going to Spend time with the club this Fall to assist. New people stepped forward to make a difference. Attended trail check with us.

Trail Counters

- Trail Counters will be picked up from the field and reviewed, 2nd week of May

Spring Zone Meetings

- Spring Zone meetings set for last two weeks of April prior to AGM.
- Zone Directors attend please if you can.

Club Surveys

- Document sent in mailout
- Schedule sent in mailout
- Everything is booked

- Kyle presented the idea of moving forward with next Signature trail number three concept. It would include all the Provincial Railway Beds.

Brad moved to apply for Signature Trail for all our Rail Beds as the third registered area. Marc Seconded this. Motion Carried.

7) Old (current Business)

7.1) Qualification for Family Permit Discount

- Question was submitted from snowmobiler related to qualifying for family discount by family name verses sled registration.
- This has been tabled for further review.**

7.2) Trails verses Groomers (enclosure)

- There is a lot of detail and possible action related to this file
- Review by breakdown will have to continue to establish appropriate actions
- This has been tabled for Summer meeting.**

7.3) Club #9 ASK to have 2nd Groomer Added to the Funding List

- It was discussed this relates to pending review of Trails versus groomers.
- All agreed to carry this ask to summer meeting.**

7.4) Delegates to the AGM (Enclosure)

-This requires no action given that it was withdrawn.

7.5) Mount Carlton

-Positive meeting with Government members to support the successful operations of the park.
-Groomer maintenance has been addressed on two fronts. First, at the end of season groomers will be shipped to manufacturer for inspection and related required improvements. Second, hiring of third party to inspect and maintain on a weekly basis in season. This will be done onsite at the park.

-In April, a trail manager will be appointed and in turn will report to Kyle and MJ.

-Overall, look forward to working with Government and the team to ensure staff are prepared and successful in grooming operations.

Brad moved to accept the Trail Mangers Report as presented. Seconded by Paul. Motion Carried.

7.6)Signature Trails – Fundy Highlands / Christmas Mountains

-Kyle presented details related to adopting our second signature trail. This included a map detailing proposed trail number changes that will align with Provincial Trail 31.

- Planning and work will be stepped up once the board endorses this project. Government has been informed and supports the idea and acknowledges this area is a very good next step for signature trail.

Brad moved to have Fundy Highlands to be number two signature trail. Seconded by Marc. Motion Carried.

7.7) Quad NB- St Leonard (enclosure)

-Most recent counter proposal to Quad NB includes agreeing to a joint use -Trail 116 of two kms.

-Consensus was positive given that the original ask involved sharing nearly 10 kms of railbed.

Mario moved to approve the two km section of joint use trail proposed by Quad NB on Snowmobile NB Trail 116 for the 2023 winter season after signatures of both federations. Seconded by Brad. Motioned carried.

(Mario participated in this discussion by phone given being absent.... Kyle assisted in preparing Motion on pad)

7.8) Policy Change to Agenda item 7.3 from Jan 29th board meeting. (DIR-007 Policy Change Enclosure)

Ronald moved that the modification of DIR-007 section 3 is going to take out in the word (Off-Road) and replace it by (Wheeled). Seconded by Marc. Motion carried.

8) New Business

8.1) 2023 Presidents Ride Proposed Date – Feb. 11, 2023

- all good related to proposed date
- Location of Presidents ride will be again at Grey Rock
- Additional planning will take place to coordinate the proceedings of the dinner/presentations (ie presidents to be called to stage for individual introduction)
- As in the past, staff will play a key role in the planning and execution.

8.2) 2023 Trail Permit Prices Proposed (Enclosure)

- this item was discussed and motioned at the time of Budget Proposal.

8.3) AGM Agenda

- The Annual General Meeting will be Sunday May 1st
- This will be the return to an in-person meeting.
- Agenda includes roles of board members related to the AGM.

8.4) North Shore SC – Groomer Lien

- Discussion related to attaining funds for the balance of the Groomer Lien from North Shore Snowmobile Club.

Brad moved to sell to the highest offer and send the SMNB a copy of the invoice and cheque for the sale. Seconded by Greg. Motion carried.

8.5) ACOA

- Gov. relations meeting with government resulted in a cooperation to work in partnership to better access initiatives offered by ACOA.

Further discussion on ACOA related to potential funding and interaction with clubs has been carried to next meeting after AGM.

8.6) Twenty-four-hour grooming

- potential ideas related to creating incentives to encourage additional nighttime grooming was discussed.

This has been tabled to next board meeting.

8.7) CSSO Update

- Paul presented an overview of his experience representing SMNB at the CSSO meeting held in Bathurst NB.

-His view included the benefit of meeting different federations from the rest of Canada and in turn sharing challenges and opportunities being offered.

-Continuing to support CSSO by attending meetings is a continued benefit.

-Paul extended his appreciation of President Dave's suggestion to include Paul's name in being selected to attend the meeting.

8.8) Gas Tax Application

- Government will be offering funds for infrastructure related to monies from gas tax.
- Opportunity will be presented going forward to review potential application including drafting a priority list of needs.

This has been tabled to next Board Meeting.

9) Permanent (Board) Committee Reports

9.1) By-Laws & Policy Committee

- All good at this time going into AGM

9.2) Fund Raising Committee

- Kyle presented on behalf of Mario an enclosure detailing Fundraiser Committee report.
- Details included all levels including one, two, three and four corporate partnership packages.
- Takeaways included adding Levels one and two to the Facebook page.
- Level five no longer appearing on the back of map.
- Adding snowmobiles for rent as an icon on the map.
- Overall Corporate sponsorship looking positive going forward.

9.3) Trail Committee

- Greg shared going forward after AGM he would wish to hold the position of treasurer and in turn step away from being trail committee chair.

It was tabled to address trail committee going forward at next Board Meeting.

9.4) Nominating Committee

- Work in progress to align the nominations for the upcoming AGM
- Directors for even number zones are up for re-election this year. Nominations are in place with all four directors reoffering.

9.5) Awards (Internal & External) Committee

- Continued communication in play to encourage club to present their submissions.
- Kyle made a note to remind clubs during surveys and Zone meetings.
- We look forward to great submissions being continued this upcoming year.

9.6) Human Resources Committee

- Interviews are being planned for six candidates who have applied for the GM position.
- Goal is to have these completed by the end of April.

9.7) Government Relations Committee

- Work ongoing with GNB with very positive progress in adopting a partnership in key initiatives going forward.
- GNB will work closely on the federal gov side to ensure opportunities will be reviewed on a timely basis ensuring time windows to participate different programs will be met.

9.7.1 Youth Sleds

This has been Tabled to next Board Meeting.

Paul Motioned to go in Camera at 2:35

Brad motioned to come out of camera.

10) Dates of Future Meetings

- April 30 At Rodd River Resort, Miramichi (before AGM)

- May 28th Adairs Wilderness Lodge

Adjournment

-Greg moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm

Submitted by

Steve George

SMNB Secretary