

Minutes of the NBFSC Board of Directors Meeting

December 2, 2017

NBFSC Board of Directors Meeting held at the Quality Inn Campbellton, NB.

Board Members in attendance:

- NBFSC President, Brad Mann
- Zone 1 Director, Guy Landry
- Zone 3 Director, Ronald Lanteigne
- Zone 4 Director & NBFSC Vice-President, Scott Ralston
- Zone 5 Director, Marc Hannan
- Zone 6 Director, Marcel Richard
- Zone 7 Director, James Conners
- Zone 8 Director & NBFSC Treasurer, Dave Garland
- NBFSC General Manager, Ross Antworth
- NBFSC Secretary, Paul Robichaud
- NBFSC Trail Manager, Kyle Good (until 10:30 hrs.)

Absent from this meeting:

- Zone 2 Director, Lynn Mann

1. Call to Order (Use of Motion Pads at Director's Meetings)

Brad called the meeting to order at 0805

2. Additions to and Approval of Agenda

Nil additions to the agenda. Scott moved to approve the Agenda as presented, Seconded by Ronald. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Board's Last Minutes

- October 14th, 2017 (enclosures)

Dave moved to approve the Minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting held October 14th, 2017 as presented, Seconded by Ronald. Motion carried.

4. President's & G.M.'s Report

- Staff Trimester Meeting at Woodstock, Dec 5th, 2017
- NBFSC Christmas Party at Edmundston, Dec 9th, 2017

Brad talked about their meetings at CCSO in Ottawa, as well as ACOA, saying they are prepared to make funding available for winter sports. Brad also announced that the minister responsible for ACOA, may come to NB to go snowmobiling. Brad noted how well respected the NBFSC is within the CCSO and ISC organizations. Ross further added the importance of working with our government representatives, on our ongoing projects, such as the MCCM project, as well as others. Ross noted the upcoming trimester staff meeting, as well as the staff Christmas party to be held in Edmundston. **Scott moved to accept the President's & GM's report as presented, Seconded by Marc. Motion carried.**

5. Treasurer's Report (**enclosures**)

Dave

- Profit & Loss, (as of October, 2017)
- Accounts Receivables (as of October, 2017)
- Restricted Cash (External & Internal) Summaries

Dave began by outlining the expectation of our December club payout, which is derived from our trail permit sales up to December 15th. Dave and Ross also talked about outstanding revenues due to a few corporate partners dividing up their payment commitments relative to NBFSC invoicing. Dave then completed his detailed review of the P & L, Accounts Receivables, and Restricted Cash Summaries. Jim moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Marcel. Motion carried.

6. Directors' Zone Reports (**written**)

Ross reinforced the need to have written reports, for the December, and AGM meetings. Dave added that these reports are a venue to which, delinquent clubs can be provided notice, to adhere to NBFSC by-laws. **Marc moved to accept the Directors' Zone Reports as presented, seconded by Ronald. Motion carried.**

7. Trail Manager's Reports

- 7.1 Provincial Trail Planning Committee (PTPC) Appl. (**enclosure**)
- 7.2 T/M's Board Report (**enclosure**)

*Kyle noted that the trail check schedule is in place, trail sign training completed, most of the snow tours, groomer operator training, completed. Kyle further explained the rollout of the groomer operator training, with the suggestion that he undertake future facilitation of this course every 2 years, with the Board's support. Kyle then discussed applications before the Trail Planning Committee. Forestry ops consultations went well, with minimal impact forecasted on our grooming operations. There was discussion on resolving trail access / blockage issues being on private and/or crown land, and also discussion on joint usage of trail bridges. **Dave moved to accept the Trail Manager's Report as presented, seconded by Scott. Motion carried.***

8. Old (current) Business

8.1 *Proposed Groomer Motions; (enclosures) Scott / Board*

- Clubs too Small - Financially
- Clubs with too many Groomers vs. Kms
- Clubs with too many Kms – Trails

Scott began by saying how this issue has been discussed in the past, as a needed policy amendment, in terms of improving the terms so that the fleet did not grow unnecessarily. The Board in the past, did grandfather the clubs, who had more groomers than required. Scott further described the necessary aspects required to protect the fleet, as well as protect the funding process, for which he has prepared some very detailed motions for the Board's consideration. Ross explained the difficulties in approaching government for funding, when some of our clubs have very old groomers, but cannot afford matching funding. Both Ross and Scott continued to discuss the background information for the proposed motions, as related to... Clubs too Small, Clubs with too many Groomers, Clubs with too many Trials, and Clubs "on the bubble". Scott then presented the following motions...

Scott moved that the NBFSC create two (2) "groomer lists", annually. The first list will be an inventory of every Member Club's trail grooming equipment (groomers and drags) and be titled 'NBFSC – Member Clubs Trail Grooming / Drags Equipment Inventory'. This list will form part of a new Operating Policy of the NBFSC, created by the Trail Manager for final approval of the Board of Directors (BOD), and be updated annually for review by the NBFSC BOD. Seconded by Marc. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott moved that the NBFSC create two (2) “groomer lists”, annually. The second list will be for the purpose of determining those Member Clubs who may qualify for future trail groomer grants from any and all public funding. The list will form an annual ranking, in order of priority for each trail groomer, not member club, to qualify for funding available. This second list will be titled, ‘NBFSC Trail Groomer Priority Funding List – every November, annually. This 2nd list is not part of a NBFSC Operating Policy, rather is linked to the NBFSC – Member Club’s, “NBFSC Trail Groomer Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.)” when public funding is accepted. Seconded by Jim. Brad clarified that this does not change the current list in use. Ross noted this ranks every groomer, and not every club. Scott noted the Board could still deal with special situations, as they arise. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott moved that all NBFSC Member Clubs before purchasing any additional Trail Grooming equipment must have their future purchase, or acquisition or retention approved by the NBFSC Board of Director’s. In the case when a Member Club does not abide by this directive and/or receive written permission the Trail Grooming equipment obtained will not be recognized on the NBFSC Groomer Inventory List or the NBFSC Groomer Funding List. The equipment will also not receive any funding or be awarded any Club Payout’s in the future. Seconded by Dave. Brad questioned the process around political intervention, which Scott and Ross clarified. Ross also noted these motions will create policy. Motion carried unanimously.

**Scott moved that all NBFSC Member Clubs be allowed to ‘keep’ all the trail groomers they currently own. As of December 2nd, 2017, the NBFSC understands & recognizes that the 50 Member Clubs own, finance, maintain and operate 75 Trail Groomers and Drags. These groomers will continue to receive annually;
An NBFSC approved GPS tracking unit at no charge.
NBFSC Groomer fleet liability insurance at no charge.
NBFSC Club Payouts (hours spent grooming) for grooming performed.
Or until the groomer is sold, or comes to the end of its life, or the member Club loses its membership status in the NBFSC.
Seconded by Ronald. Dave questioned the concept of operating an additional groomer outside of that allotted. Motion carried unanimously.**

Regarding the proposed Motion on “Too Many Groomers” Dave questioned the process on accumulated hours of both replaced and deleted groomers. Ross clarified the intent, and suggested moving the same motion, for each of the nine groomers to be considered.

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Scott explained that the NBFSC should recognize, that some clubs have “too many groomers” as it corresponds to current NBFSC Operating Policy, GRM-002. Thus, the Board will remove a number of trail groomers from the historical ‘NBFSC Trail Groomer Priority Funding List’. Using the following list below, immediately after these eight Clubs are offered their next Trail Groomer Grant – whether they accept the grant or decline - their highest-ranking Groomer(s) will be removed from the NBFSC Groomer Funding List and placed on the NBFSC Groomer Inventory List. These motions will match the Member Clubs inventory of measured one-way snowmobile trails to the number of required trail groomers. Clubs with a number of trail groomers that exceed the parameters of NBFSC Operating Policy, GRM-002 are currently blocking other Clubs from being eligible for future trail groomer grants. The eight (8) Clubs in the list (below) will have these nine (9) grooming units eventually removed from the “Funding” list. The 9 trail groomers will no longer eligible to be ranked for future financial grants from either the Provincial or Federal Governments or the NBFSC, and every member club affected will be notified by a letter from the NBFSC President to each Club President.

1. Club #10, Nackawic SC, (3 Groomers)
2. Club #49, Millville Snowhawks SC, (2 Groomers)
3. Club #59, Keswick River SC, (2 Groomers)
4. Club #7, Miramichi Valley SC (3 Groomers)
5. Club #5, Fredericton SC, (2 Groomers)
6. Club #74, Charlotte Co. SC, (2 Groomers)
7. Club #67, St. Croix Ridge Runners SC, (2 Groomers)
8. Club #20, SENBSA SC (4** Groomers)

Scott moved that Club #10, Nackawic SC (3 Groomers) with 86 kms of one-way trails be offered the next public-Government or NBFSC trail grant, when it is their turn on the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List and when available, only on the highest ranking Trail Groomer in their fleet. If they accept the public grant their remaining two (2) Trail Groomer(s) will be removed from the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they do not accept the public grant, the unit offered funding will be removed from the NBFSC-Priority Funding List and one more. If they purchase a New Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated for the model year from the manufacturer. If they purchase a Used or Demonstrator Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated as a ‘2018’ if purchased on or before June 30th, 2018 and will be dated a ‘2019’ if purchased after July 1st, 2018. Seconded by Marc / **Unanimous**

Scott moved that Club #49, Millville SC, (2 Groomers) with 77 kms of one-way trails be offered the next public-Government or NBFSC trail grant, when it is their turn on the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List and when available, only on the highest ranking Trail Groomer in their fleet. If they accept the public grant their remaining Trail Groomer will be removed from the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they do not accept the public grant, the unit offered funding will be removed from the NBFSC-Priority Funding List. If they purchase a New Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated for the model year from the manufacturer. If they purchase a Used or Demonstrator Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated as a ‘2018’ if purchased on or before June 30th, 2018 and will be dated a ‘2019’ if purchased after July 1st, 2018. Seconded by Marc / **Unanimous**

Scott moved that Club #59, Keswick River SC (2 Groomers) with 109 kms of one-way trails be offered the next public-Government or NBFSC trail grant, when it is their turn on the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List and when available, only on the highest ranking Trail Groomer in their fleet. If they accept the public grant their remaining Trail Groomer will be removed from the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they do not accept the public grant, the unit offered funding will be removed from the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they purchase a New Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated for the model year from the manufacturer. If they purchase a Used or Demonstrator Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated as a '2018' if purchased on or before June 30th, 2018 and will be dated a '2019' if purchased after July 1st, 2018.

Seconded by Ronald / **Unanimous**

Scott moved that Club #7, Miramichi Valley SC (3 Groomers) with 289 kms of one-way trails be offered the next public-Government or NBFSC trail grant, when it is their turn on the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List and when available, only on the highest ranking Trail Groomer in their fleet. If they accept the public grant only two (2) Trail Groomers will remain on the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they do not accept the public grant, the unit offered funding may be removed** from the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they purchase a New Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated for the model year from the manufacturer. If they purchase a Used or Demonstrator Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated as a '2018' if purchased on or before June 30th, 2018 and will be dated a '2019' if purchased after July 1st, 2018.

** Note Club #7 may only be operating with two (2) actual Groomers, the third Groomer being an insurance claim, no longer an actual physical groomer. When verified and if they only have two groomers, they will be instructed to remain at this level. ** Seconded by Jim / **Unanimous**

Scott moved that Club #5, Fredericton SC (2 Groomers) with 125 kms of one-way trails be offered the next public-Government or NBFSC trail grant, when it is their turn on the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List and when available, only on the highest ranking Trail Groomer in their fleet. If they accept the public grant their remaining Trail Groomer will be removed from the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they do not accept the public grant, the unit offered funding will be removed from the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they purchase a New Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated for the model year from the manufacturer. If they purchase a Used or Demonstrator Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated as a '2018' if purchased on or before June 30th, 2018 and will be dated a '2019' if purchased after July 1st, 2018.

Seconded by Marc / **Unanimous**

Scott moved that Club #74, Charlotte Co. SC (2 Groomers) with 122 kms of one-way trails be offered the next public-Government or NBFSC trail grant, when it is their turn on the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List and when available, only on the highest ranking Trail Groomer in their fleet. If they accept the public grant their remaining Trail Groomer will be removed from the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they do not accept the public grant, the unit offered funding will be removed from the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they purchase a New Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated for the model year from the manufacturer. If they purchase a Used or Demonstrator Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated as a '2018' if purchased on or before June 30th, 2018 and will be dated a '2019' if purchased after July 1st, 2018.

Seconded by Ronald.

Jim questioned the problem of having a watercourse divide the trail system, thus creating logistical problems for the club in question, if reducing their grooming fleet. Yay Votes 3 (Ronald, Marcel, & Scott), Nay Votes 4 (Guy, Jim, Marc, & Dave), **Motion Defeated.**

Scott moved that Club #67, St. Croix Ridge Runners SC (2 Groomers) with 150 kms of one-way trails be offered the next public-Government or NBFSC trail grant, when it is their turn on the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List and when available, only on the highest ranking Trail Groomer in their fleet. If they accept the public grant their remaining Trail Groomer will be removed from the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they do not accept the public grant, the unit offered funding will be removed from the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they purchase a New Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated for the model year from the manufacturer. If they purchase a Used or Demonstrator Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated as a '2018' if purchased on or before June 30th, 2018 and will be dated a '2019' if purchased after July 1st, 2018. Seconded by Marc / **Unanimous**

Scott moved that Club #20, SENBSA SC (4 Groomers) with 360 kms of one-way trails** be offered the next public-Government or NBFSC trail grant, when it is their turn on the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List and when available, only on the highest ranking Trail Groomer in their fleet. If they accept the public grant their remaining they will have three (3) Trail Groomer(s)*** on the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they do not accept the public grant, the unit offered funding will be removed from the NBFSC Groomer Priority Funding List. If they purchase a New Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated for the model year from the manufacturer. If they purchase a Used or Demonstrator Trail Groomer, the unit will be dated as a '2018' if purchased on or before June 30th, 2018 and will be dated a '2019' if purchased after July 1st, 2018.

*** Note Club #20 is operating with 4 Groomers but one (1) Groomer they chose to keep was against the directive and instructions of the NBFSC. This identified groomer will be moved to the "Inventory List" immediately, because it has already been funded by a previous public grant. Seconded by Marc / **Unanimous**

8.2 Proposed Groomer M.O.U. changes - Future

Scott moved that the historical “NBFSC Trail Groomer Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.)” be developed into an Operating Policy for final approval by the Board of Directors in the future. Seconded by Jim. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott moved that all Member Clubs from this date (December 2nd, 2017) forward must have their addition of any more kilometers of one-way trails (Provincial and/or Local) approved by the NBFSC BOD. This will apply to the following proposed growth of snowmobile trails;

Trails on private (individual’s) lands.

Trails on private Industrial lands.

Trails on PNB, Park Lands.

Trails on PNB, Crown Lands.

Trails that touch a boundary or enter a provincial Protected National Area (PNA).

Trails that touch a boundary or enter a federal National Park.

Trails that are to become a ‘Joint-Use’ winter trail with another winter activity at the same time snowmobiles or groomers will be on the trail.

All Trails that exceed a club’s responsibilities for trail grooming, ie. all clubs Trail Groomers are to be responsible for no more than 150 km of one-way snowmobile trails, plus or minus 5%, thus no more than 158 km.

Seconded by Marcel. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott moved that the staff develop a new Operating Policy for final BOD approval. The policy will include the boundaries around adding proposed snowmobile trails to a club’s one-way inventory as well as, i.e., “Clubs who add trails without approval will have their annual grooming hours reduced, be ineligible for groomer grants and risk their membership in the NBFSC.” Seconded by Ronald. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott moved that any clubs with current trail applications before the GNB’s - Provincial Trail Planning Committee (PTPC) or an application before any industrial private landowner are allowed to proceed with their application prior to BOD’s motion of December 2nd, 2017. This is no guarantee of approval by the landowner(s). Seconded by Ronald. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott moved that the following 8 member clubs, with “too many trails” as it corresponds to current Operating Policy, GRM-002 enter into;

Zone 1

Club #76, Riviere Verte SC / (1 Groomer) & 236 kms of trails.

Club #39, Victoria Co. SC / (1 Groomer) & 221 kms of trails.

Club #31, Mad-Vic SC / (1 Groomer) & 176 kms of trails. **

Club #44, CM du Nord / (1 Groomer) & 167 kms of trails.

Zone 2 / efficient

Zone 3 / efficient

Zone 4 / efficient

Zone 5

Club #1, Nepisiguit Lodge SC/(2 Groomers) & 320 kms of trails.

Zone 6

Club #45, Bouct-St. Marie SC / (1 Groomer) & 164 kms of trail.

Zone 7

Club #70, Grand Lake SC / (1 Groomer) & 332 kms of trail.

Zone 8

Club #66, Millstream SC / (1 Groomer) & 270 km of trail.

the following negotiation with the NBFSC;

Meet with their Zone Director and the NBFSC Trail Manager before the NBFSC Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May, 2018.

From the meeting each Club is to submit a plan to the BOD for a realignment of their trails before the NBFSC's summer BOD meeting in June 2018.

Begin the 2019 winter season with an approved trail plan for the quantity of Trail Groomers owned- operating versus their inventory of current trails.

And every member club affected will be notified by a letter from the NBFSC President to each Club President.

Seconded by Guy. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott withdrew the proposed Motions, on Page 5 of Agenda item 8.1.

Dave moved that when a M. C. purchases any Grooming Equipment, the unit will be shown on the NBFSC Funding List as 2017 – Unit – with “0” hours; in the year 2017. Seconded by Ronald. Motion carried. Scott voted Nay.

Scott withdrew the proposed Motions, on Page 6 of Agenda item 8.1.

Dave moved Groomers to be replaced from “The List” to be credited 1000 hours towards the New Groomer. Seconded by Marc. Motion carried. Scott voted nay.

8.3 Winter Tourism Growth Strategy - Update

Ross noted a meeting with ACOA with expected positive results.

8.4 Mt. Carleton / Christmas Mountains Grooming Hub – Update

- Xmas Mtn. Signage Structures – Blank (**enclosure**)

Ross said no funding commitments as of yet, for trail 58. Marc spoke about the lack of trail signs in the MCCM area. Ross reminded everyone of our policy “That if a trail is signed, it has to be groomed, and if a trail is groomed, it has to be signed”. In this case we are not grooming the MCCM area, and thus, for liability reasons, there is no signage. Ross did say arrangements were made for firewood at the shelters on Trail 58. Scott suggested we follow through on trail 58 infrastructure.

8. Old (current) Business (cont'd)

8.5 Club’s President’s Ride, Zone 7, January 26th, 27th, 2018

Brad spoke about the president’s ride in Fredericton, with Board meeting to follow.

8.6 Club’s TIUF – Update (enclosure)
(see also Agenda item #8.23 / Zone 7)

Dave said 7 clubs have already used their allotted funds, and he expects further participation province wide. Ross has concerns about one club in the south of the province, and one in the north, due to their not attending the zone meetings.

8.7 THC – meeting on October 18th, 2017 w/ Minister Ames (**enclosure**)

- Trails Action Plan
- Tourism Growth Strategy
- Future Marketing

Brad noted their meeting with Minister Ames on the 3 points above. A subsequent meeting is planned for January.

8.8 Hymie Surkis Lawsuit – Update

Dave said he had good correspondence with legal council regarding this file. Dave read correspondence received from Mr. Surkis, which was derived from the Nepisiguit webpage. End result, “No means No”.

8.9 Government Files; *What are the NBFSC's Priorities?* **(enclosures)**

- ERD;
- DTI;
- JPS;
- ELG;
- THC;

Ross pointed out 2 enclosures saying the Board needs to be united on what is being asked of government departments. Ross also said we need to partner with the other 2 trail groups, in order to revise the ORV Act. A document with priorities, will be presented at the next Board meeting.

8.10 Club Files

- Club #14, Rogersville SC, re; General By Law #6.2.3

Ross noted Rogersville has a Club President, Roger King who has signed the club agreement.

8.11 *Proposed General By Law Changes* **(enclosures)**

- Past President Term / Article #38

Dave presented background on the term for past-president, for approval. The proposal is to change the term, and change the voting status. The intent is for 3 years, and voting, to be moved forward.

- Delegate Qualification / Articles #11, #12, #21, #23, #24

Ross gave background on delegate qualification, with an example from the last AGM. To be moved forward.

- Zone Realignment / Article #7

Jim spoke on the size of his particular zone, saying it would be wise to realign, so as to even out the number of clubs.

- Elections at AGM / Article # 16, #21 and "Appendix " A

Ross explained no change required to the by-law. Brad recommended the elections be moved ahead in the AGM agenda to noontime, thus allowing the membership to be present for the results. The consensus among the Board members is to proceed with this concept. Scott brought up the issue of including Director elections in the By-laws.

8.12 Acadie Snow Fest in March, 2018 – Update **(enclosures)**

*Brad spoke about the enclosures, which state permission was received from the NBFSC and FCMQ to provide free trail access, for this event. In actual fact, this is not the case. Ross further explained subsequent correspondence regarding this issue. **Dave moved that the Request from Acadie Snow Fest be rejected, reciprocity of March 15th to 18th Permit “Free”. Seconded by Ronald. Motion carried unanimously.***

8.13 Snow Bikes – Board requires a position statement re; Permits

Brad noted this was brought up at the recent CCSO meetings. Ross said the other provincial associations were surveyed on this issue. The Board agreed that these are not snowmobiles.

8.14 Youth (120cc & 200cc) Snowmobiles – Position on Permits / Trails

Ross gave background on these two types of snowmobiles, as they relate to the ORVA. These do fall into the definition of a snowmobile.

8.15 JPS - New youth operator Training Available **(enclosure)**

Ross noted there is training now available for youth, as per the enclosure.

8.16 Insurance Claim – Grooming during the Daytime **(enclosure)**

Marcel moved to go in camera at 1333.

Marcel moved to come out of camera at 1335.

8.17 Trail #19 Bridge / Pokemouche at Inkerman; Board's position on \$\$ **(enclosure)**

Ross noted repairs on some of our Provincial trail bridges are required, and that the Board should expect requests for funding. Ronald gave some information on the status of their trail bridge, on trail 19.

8.18 Trail #12 Washout at Streets Brook; Board's position on \$\$ **(enclosure)**

As noted above.

8.19 Prov. Go Snowmobiling Ride, Jan 20th, 2018 – Update

Brad spoke about the two rides, one provincial, and one federal. Ross noted their expected participation; in other Maritime go snowmobiling rides.

8.20 Federal Go Snowmobiling Ride, Jan 22nd, 2018 – Update

As noted above.

8.21 *Potential Ride*, National Minister for ACOA – 2018

Ross said this is in the works, as previously noted.

8.22 Polaris – Rider Command Request (enclosure)

Ross noted that Polaris began offering GPS trail maps, about 4 years ago. Polaris has requested permission to access our GIS database. Ross said 3 other provinces have provided their data. Ross recommended that we say no for now, and to partner with other provinces, as to how to approach Polaris with a proposal. Consensus is to proceed as suggested by Ross.

8.23 TIUF Update – Zone 7 Club’s concerns

Jim said most of the clubs in his zone do not agree with the concept.

9. New Business

9.1 Input / Ideas by Board to Operating Budget for 2018-19

Ross advised the board for ideas.

9.2 Trail Committee Recommendations for BOD (motions)

Paul gave a briefing on the proposed motions before the Board, as recommended in the enclosed Trail Committee Report of November 14th, 2017.

Scott moved that the NBFSC Board of Directors fully support the Trail Manager’s assessment, of what is considered to be acceptable signage during Trail Checks, and file his Trail Check Reports accordingly. Seconded by Marc. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave moved that NBFSC Trail Signage Guidelines include, installation at 100 to 120 meters for Water/Ice Crossing pre-warning signage, which would be keeping in line, with other pre-warning signage placement. Seconded by Marcel. Motion carried unanimously.

9.3 THC – Release of Tourism Growth Strategy

Ross suggested to table this item, to the next Board meeting.

9.3 Request – Satellite Phone for Trail Manager (**enclosure**)

*Ross requested support for non-budgeted funding for a satellite phone, in the event of emergency use, while on the trail. **Dave moved to approve non-budgeted funding for a satellite phone, at the cost of \$475.00 for purchase of the phone, and \$960.00 for annual service plan. Seconded by Scott. Motion carried unanimously.***

9.4 New CA – Audit for 2018 Fiscal Year

Ross requested Board consensus on obtaining quotes from other accounting firms, for this type of service. Scott and Ross both spoke on pros and cons.

9.5 Daily Trail Permit Sales – update on new platform with THC

Ross talked about the weakness of our daily trail permit system. Ross also said we are looking at the concept of embarking on an online purchasing system. For example, OFSC sells all of their permits online, exclusively.

9.6 Forest NB – Update on support for funding for Budworm **(enclosure)**

Ross said we have been asked for support from Forest NB.

9.7 Trans Alta – Update on Kent Hills Wind Farm Expansion **(enclosure)**

Dave said there is an expansion of the Wind Mill Farm taking place, in the Kent Hills area.

9.8 (MNEP) Maritime North East Pipeline at Kent Hills – Update **(encl)**

Ross noted this entity has not communicated directly with the NBFSC, but has sent correspondence to some Directors.

~~9.9 (FTDA) Fundy Trail Development Auth. authorization – Update **(encl)** – Ross~~

9.10 Proposed new Powersports Show in Moncton (2019)

Ross noted a new powersports show, for March 2019, may be a possibility, from a new promoter.

9.11 Club #73, Request to reroute NBFSC Trail #32 (**enclosure**)

Jim said that this club is looking at shortening a portion of Trail 32, as a proposed reroute.

Jim moved that the Board approve the request of Club 72 for the proposed reroute of trail 32. Seconded by Scott. Motion carried unanimously.

9.12 Trail Permits for Emergency Vehicles

Marc said that there have been requests from First Responders, for free trail permits. Ross said, these departments should send in a formal request in writing, to the NBFSC office.

9.13 Annual Survey questions to Club's for April, 2018

Ross said we need to receive the data back from the clubs, as well as, potential suggestions / questions from directors.

9.14 SANS – Request for ISC Sponsorship (enclosure)

*Brad spoke about the request for funding for ISC. Ross detailed the funding request from SANS. Brad noted we should support this, but the question is how much. **Scott moved that we fund the Bluenose bronze groomer sponsor package of the proposed 2018 ISC. Seconded by Jim. Motion carried unanimously.***

10. Permanent (Board) Committee Reports

10.1 By-Laws & Policy Committee. *Marcel / Nothing to report.*

10.2 Fund Raising Committee *Lynn / Nothing to report.*

10.3 Trail Committee *Paul / As detailed in the enclosed TC Report, as submitted.*

10.4 Nominating Committee *Scott / Nothing to report.*

10.5 Human Resources Committee *Brad / Reported on upcoming Trimester Meeting and Staff Christmas Party to be held in Edmundston.*

Ad Hoc (Board) Committee Reports

- Awards (Internal & External) Committee *Marc / Nothing to Report.*

11 . Dates of future Board of Director's Meetings

- On January 28th, 2018 at Ramada, Fredericton (*after President's Ride - Sunday*)
- On March 17th, 2018 at Best Western, Edmundston (*Director's Ride on Friday?*)
- On May 5th, 2018 at Rodd Resort, Miramichi - NBFSC AGM.
- *Proposed for June 23rd, 2018 at Atlantic Host, Bathurst*
- *Proposed for October 13th, 2018 at Wilson's Lodge, McNamee*
- *Proposed for December 1st, 2018 at Adair's Wilderness Lodge, Shepody (Sussex)*
- *Proposed for January 2019 at Hampton Inn, Moncton (President's Ride - Sunday)*
- *Proposed for March 2019 at Quality Inn, Campbellton*

Ronald moved to go in camera at 1439.

Marcel moved to come out of camera at 1458

12 . Ajournement

Dave moved to adjourn the meeting, at 1459.

Submitted by,

Paul J. Robichaud
NBFSC Secretary