

## Minutes of the NBFSC Board of Directors Meeting

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November 24, 2018

NBFSC Board of Directors Meeting held at Adair's Wilderness Lodge, Shepody, NB on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Board Members in attendance:

- NBFSC President, Scott Ralston
- Zone 1 Director, Mario Levasseur
- Zone 3 Director & NBFSC Vice-President, Ronald Lanteigne
- Zone 4 Director, Greg Grant
- Zone 6 Director & NBFSC Treasurer, Marcel Richard
- Zone 7 Director, James Connors
- Zone 8 Director, Dave Garland
- NBFSC Secretary, Paul Robichaud
- NBFSC Trail Manager, Kyle Good

Absent from this meeting:

- Zone 2 Director, Steven Callaghan
- Zone 5 Director, Marc Hannan
- NBFSC General Manager, Ross Antworth
- NBFSC Past President, Brad Mann

1. Call to order.

*Scott called the meeting to order at 7:48.*

2. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda.

9.100 Dave submitted a request from Goshen

9.101 Ronald submitted a request from Club 75 Groomer priority list.

***Ronald moved to accept the Board Meeting Agenda as revised, seconded by Dave.***

***Motion carried.***

3. Approval of Board's Last Minutes.

- October 13th, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

***Ronald moved to accept the Minutes from the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board meeting, seconded by Greg, Motion carried.***

4. President's & GM's Report.

*Scott talked about their meeting with Northern Odyssey, regarding hotel accessibility, online permits, and other related issues. Another meeting was held with Cain Insurance, regarding our liability insurance. Scott also talked about the staff Christmas party, which occurs annually. Dave suggested improvements to the Northern Odyssey website, which displays snowmobiling on ungroomed trails, as well as ATVs on snowmobile trails, as this goes against our image. Scott asked Kyle to investigate.*

5. Treasurer's Report.

*Marcel reviewed the Treasurer's Report as detailed in the enclosure included in the Director's information packages. **Ronald moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.***

6. Directors' Zone Reports.

*Scott expressed his concern that Director's reports should reflect the Director's point of view as opposed to the Club's point of view, in relation to what is occurring within their zone. Subsequent to this discussion, Jim withdrew his previously submitted Zone 7 Report. Mario gave an overview of the Club's participation at the Sign Training seminar held in Zone 1, along with the Zone meeting challenges presented by a snow storm on that particular meeting, for which there will be a second zone meeting in zone 1 for the clubs not able to attend the previous session. **Mario moved to accept the Zone 1 report as presented, seconded by Dave. Motion carried.** Ronald talked about his participation at Club meetings within Zone 3. Scott spoke about some of the financial challenges faced by one of these clubs trying to operate 2 groomers. **Ronald moved to accept the Zone 3 report as presented, seconded by Greg. Motion carried.** Greg gave a brief overview of the activities in zone 4, club by club. As per his written report. **Greg moved to accept the Zone 4 report as presented, seconded by Dave. Motion carried.** Zone 5 Director absent. Marcel noted that one of his clubs in Zone 6, which only has 20 km of trail, has no interest in participating at federation meetings. **Marcel moved to accept the Zone 6 report as presented, seconded by Greg. Motion carried.** Dave reported on the windfall damage from a recent windstorm, along with sign damage in Zone 8. Goshen SC has a number of challenges. Millstream is doing well. Fundy SC has minimal participation creating challenges within their area. **Dave moved to accept the Zone 8 report as presented, seconded by Jim. Motion carried.***

7. Trail Manager's Report.

*Ronald suggested Kyle's participation at Board meetings would be welcomed. Ensuing discussions resulted in Scott saying he would discuss with the GM for future meetings. Kyle then went through his TM's report as included in the Director's information packages. Mario raised the issue of realignment of trails 12 and 17 in order to simplify navigation for tourists. **Mario moved (MP7) that we reroute Trails 12 and 17 with the clubs 44 and 29 now creates a three way intersection in Edmundston city. Limited at the old intersection of 130 & 12 with support of the two clubs mentioned above, seconded by Jim. Motion carried unanimously. Mario to coordinate with the clubs, and Kyle will follow up. Ronald moved to accept the Trail Manager's report as presented, seconded by Greg. Motion carried.***

8. Old & Current Business.

8.1 Winter Tourism Growth Strategy / ACOA / RDC.

*Scott said there is a verbal commitment for 1.5 million in funding from ACOA, as well as positive indications from RDC for continued funding.*

8.2 Mt. Carleton / Christmas Mountains Grooming Hub (MCCM) update.

*Scott said that a conference call on the issue indicated the MCCM project will not go this season. However, park employees will be grooming a portion of Trail 58. There is optimism that the project will proceed next season. Dave gave a background on the timeline for this project from its inception, and that our investment is significantly more than what is in our restricted funds for this project.*

8.3 Club's TIUF update.

*Scott noted that this project terminates at the end of June 2019, along with other details contained in the written enclosure.*

8.4 ~~Trail Bridges / Trail Committee.~~

Meeting rescheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>.

8.5 Government Files / NBFSC priorities.

*Scott spoke about the various meetings with government agencies, pushing for the concept of a trails bureau, which currently does not exist.*

8.6 Trails Action Plan update.

*Scott reported no change from past announcements towards signature trails.*

8.7 NBATVF proposed agreement for joint-use trails.

*Scott noted positive communication with our counterparts at the NBATVF.*

8.8 SANS – Response to their request for reciprocity.

*Scott spoke about the back and forth communications with SANS, for which we are still waiting for their response.*

8.9 FCMQ – Response to our request for reciprocity.

*Scott said that nothing has been received from the FCMQ.*

8.10 Club 76, request for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Groomer on Priority funding list.

*Scott noted that government funding would not be allotted for a new (additional) groomer not already on the funding list. Dave spoke in support of Club 76's request due to the fact that they have grown and attracted significant tourism from the Quebec market, and thus should have the Board's support. **Dave moved (MP8.10) to seek groomer funding for Club #76 new purchase of a second groomer, seconded by Mario. Motion carried unanimously.***

8.11 Club 5, request regarding Club's Funding under NBFSC By-Laws.

*Jim gave some background to Club 5's request. **Jim moved Agenda item 89.11 be removed from future agendas, seconded by Ronald. Motion carried unanimously.***

8.12 Snowmobile EIS for 2019 – Update & Progress.

*Scott asked the Directors to have their clubs get involved in providing input for our EIS.*

8.13 Trail Checks in 2019 / TM's proposed schedule with Clubs and Directors.

*Kyle outlined his proposed trail check schedule as provided in the enclosure. Scott encouraged the Directors to participate as well.*

8.14 Autumn Zone Meetings completed – update.

*Scott noted these are complete with the exception of part 2 in zone 1, due to a snowstorm on the first session. Overall very well received.*

8.15 Autumn Sign Installation Training completed – update.

*Kyle said all went well with good participation.*

8.16 Autumn ERD/Licensee/Clubs consultations completed – update.

*Kyle noted these sessions went very well.*

8.17 Replacement of General Manager in Future.

***Ronald moved to go in Camera at 0957, seconded by Jim.***

***Ronald moved to come out of Camera at 1015, seconded by Marcel.***

## **9. New Business.**

9.1 Concepts for a 5<sup>th</sup> Club Payout / Operating Budget for 2020.

*Scott noted that the office staff has produced a couple of draft examples of future budgets with respect to having or not having a 5<sup>th</sup> payout. The intent would be to match last year's payout without decreasing the other 4 payouts. The risk is to increase our sales projections in order to meet this expectation, thus removing any buffer in our projections, and also losing any surplus earnings. Recommending a \$5 per permit price increase for the next budget.*

9.2 Input / Ideas by Board to (overall) Operating Budget for 2020.

*Scott asked the Board members to consider.*

9.3 ~~Trail Committee Recommendations for BOD motions.~~

*A previously scheduled TC meeting had to be postponed due to illness and a forecasted snowstorm.*

9.4 Maritime & NB Go Snowmobiling Rides – update.

*Scott mentioned there would be a meeting next week for these rides.*

9.5 Federal, NB Go Snowmobiling Ride – update.

~~Dates and times are being scheduled for this ride.~~

9.6 Club 59 Keswick River SC - Appeal of 2018 Reward Policy.

*Scott gave background on the reward program policy. For the first time since inception 2 clubs have filed appeals. Greg moved (MP 9.6) that we move forward with paying the Club Bonus due to Carl Fox forgetting to sign the sheet Keswick River, seconded by Jim. Motion Defeated. (Nay votes cast by Mario, Ronald, Marcel, and Dave.)*

9.7 Club 53 Sackville SC – Appeal of 2018 Reward Policy.

*Marcel spoke on Club 53's behalf regarding their appeal. **Marcel moved to retract a previous (unpublished) motion regarding Club 53's appeal, seconded by Dave. Motion carried unanimously. Marcel moved to table club 53's appeal, subject to further research on policy, seconded by Dave. Motion carried unanimously.***

9.8 CBC Article – November 2018.

*Scott spoke about a recent CBC item, which focussed on snowmobile fatalities.*

9.9 New Proposed Operating Policies:

9.9.1 Club Request for Exceptional Financial Assistance.

9.9.2 Appeals of Board Decisions, Policies, Finances, Etc.

*Scott spoke about the need for policy around funding for special projects and appeals. Directors were asked to give this serious consideration, and bring any constructive ideas forward for implementation.*

9.10 Canadian Tire Presentation / New Corporate Partnership in 2020.

*Scott noted that Ross will be meeting with CTC to determine if they will continue as an exclusive corporate partner.*

9.11 Canadian Tire enquiry for “free” Trail Permits.

*Scott canvassed the Board and the consensus was no.*

9.12 Club 7 Miramichi Valley SC, exceptional request regarding Groomer Priority List.

*Kyle provided some of the statistical and logistical background information, which is the basis for Club 7's request. Discussion occurred on the pros and cons of funding a groomer out of turn. **Marcel moved (MP 9.12) that we switch priority of the Groomers of Miramichi Valley SC on the Groomer Funding List, seconded by Jim. Motion carried unanimously.***

9.13 Annual Survey questions to Clubs for April, 2019.

*Scott reminded everyone to provide input.*

9.100 Goshen SC request.

*Dave provided background on Goshen's request, which is very similar to that of Club 7 in 9.12. Subsequent discussion revealed it would be more advantageous to wait until funding is imminent for this Club, and to request the switch at that time. It was also noted to simplify the policy surrounding groomer purchase / sale.*

9.101 Club 75 Letter to the NBFSC

*Ronald provided details from a letter received from the Club (See Appendix "A") concerning groomer replacement. **Ronald moved (MP 9.101) to allow Club 75 to buy the John Deer Gilbert rental, moved by Jim. Motion carried unanimously.***

10. Permanent Committee Reports.

10.1 By-Laws & Policy Committee (Ronald)

*No Report*

10.2 Fund Raising Committee (Scott)

*Scott proposed a Club of the year award, for those who comply with all By-laws, policies, and have gone over & beyond. This would be based on their accomplishments, and reviewed by the Staff and Board. Scott also suggested calling this the Bob Walsh Club of the year award.*

10.3 Trail Committee (Paul)

*Next meeting December 14<sup>th</sup>.*

10.4 Nominating Committee (Marc)

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*No Report*

10.5 HR Committee (Brad)

*No Report*

10.6 Awards; Internal & External (Dave)

11. Dates of Future Board Meetings.

*March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Knight's Inn, Miramichi*

12. Adjournment.

***Marcel moved the meeting adjourned at 1218 hrs.***

Submitted by,

Paul J. Robichaud  
NBFSC Secretary

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## APPENDIX "A"



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La Fédération des Clubs Motoneige du Nouveau Brunswick

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Date: 22 Novembre 2018

Objet: Surfaceuse hors service

Monsieur Lanteigne,

Suite à la perte d'une de nos surfaceuses Lamtrac LTR 5200 Quad 2013, nous avons reçu de l'argent des assurances tel que vous le savez déjà. Celle-ci à été considéré comme étant une perte total alors je crois qu'elle devrait-être enlevé de sur la liste de priorité.

Cependant, vous connaissez la situation géographique de notre réseau de sentier ayant plusieurs cours d'eau. Nous devons donc se procurer une surfaceuse aussitôt que possible. Je vous ferai part de la décision du comité exécutif du club concernant le choix d'équipement que nous allons privilégier puisque vous avez clairement communiqué qu'on doit vous informer et/ou avoir votre approbation avant l'achat d'un équipement.

J'aimerais aussi profiter de cette lettre pour vous communiquer notre déception relativement au rejet de notre club uniquement dans le parc d'assurance. Sachez que nous avons pas défoncé cette machine intentionnellement et nous trouvons la décision de l'assureur inéquitable.

Est-ce que ce serait possible de nous confirmer que la machine Lamtrac de la région de Lamèque à belle et bien été enlevé de sur la liste de priorité de la NBFSC?

Je vous prie d'agrèer, Monsieur Lanteigne, l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.

M. Wesley Stewart, Président  
Club Motoneige Péninsule Acadienne