

SMNB Annual General Meeting

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Fredericton, NB

1.	Call to Order Andre called the meeting to order at 0915	Andre Yoston
2.	Establishment of Quorum and Reading of the Notice of Meeting <i>Linda Mann, Secretary, announced the attending numbers, which were 159 delegates from a possible 189. 47 out of 49 Member Clubs were present, with Club Motoneige Rogersville, Club #14, and Grand Lake Sno-Cruiser's #70 not attending</i> <i>Ralph McBride, ED, welcomed the attendees and reminded them of the General Rules of the Meeting.</i>	Linda Mann/ Ralph McBride
3.	Introduction of SMNB's Guests and Corporate Partners Track Inc. – Mike & Nick Desmarais Equipements Plannord - Mario Breton Roger's Lake Lodge – Donald Basque Matthew Derrah – Nicholson & Beaumont Chartered Accountants B&G Motorsports - Brad Mann	Andre Yoston
4.	Approval of General Meeting Agenda <u>Ronald Lanteigne/Club 9 Moved to accept the AGM Agenda as presented, 2nd by Philippe Breau/Club 8.</u> <u>Motion carried.</u>	Andre Yoston
5.	Approval of Minutes AGM April 28th, 2024 <u>Marc Hannan/Club 1 moved to accept the minutes from the 2024 AGM, 2nd by Ronald Lanteigne/Club 9.</u> <u>Motion carried.</u>	Linda Mann
6.	Speakers : None present	Andre Yoston
7.	Recognition Awards 2025 7.1 Howard Doucet Memorial Award (Volunteer of the Year), 2025 - Marty Pinnock, Keswick River Trail Blazers, #59 7.2 SMNB Snowmobile Dealer of the Year, 2025 - Grey Rock Motosports 7.3 SMNB Groomer Operator of the Year, 2025 - Vaughn Witherly, Victoria County Snowmobile Club # 39 7.4 Wallace Kenny Initiative Award (Snowmobiler of the Year), 2025 Bruce Maskill, Mountain View Trailmakers Club # 62	Linda Mann

	7.5 SMNB Club of the Year, 2025 Club des Motoneigistes du Nord Inc, Club # 44	
8.	Annual Reports 8.1 President's Annual Report <i>Andre shared that he attended the Toronto International Snowmobile Show in the fall of 2024, the OSM Media Ride - hosted out of Wilson's Sporting Lodge, the President's Ride at the Grey Rock Power Centre, the Go Snowmobiling! Ride in Cape Breton and the Atlantic Groomer Demo at Mount Carleton Provincial Park.</i> <i>This year, the staff of our organization grew by 2, with the hiring of a new bilingual Administrative Assistant, Suzanne Grant and a new Executive Director, Ralph McBride. There was also a new position created, Marketing and Communications Director, which was filled by promoting long time employee, Lisa MacDougall.</i> <i>He was able to meet with the new Tourism Minister, Isabelle Theriault. Groomer funding has been secured for 2 units at \$270,000 each and the funding was awarded to the Nackawic Snowdrifters and Twin Rivers Club. The Signature Trails, Christmas Mountains, Fundy Highlands and Historic Highlands had great conditions for early and late season riding. We are facing future challenges in infrastructure upkeep, such as bridges and river crossings, low snow levels in some areas of the province, lower than usual permit sales but Andre is very proud of how we are making plans to face these challenges head on and become stronger as an organization.</i> <u>Ronald Lanteigne/Club 9 moved to accept the President's Report as presented, 2nd by Marc Hannan/Club 1. Motion passed</u> 8.2 Executive Director's Report <i>Ralph McBride shared that SMNB faced a few challenges this year, including a very negative social media campaign and fraud complaint that was filed but proved to be unfounded. We are committed to being more transparent to our members.</i> <i>Positive developments from this past season are the completion of the Business Plan and Economic Impact Study. These documents will be reviewed shortly by the board of directors and will help us to move toward increased funding. Despite changing winter weather patterns, the season was successful, with early snow in the south and development of signature trails providing earlier and later riding opportunities.</i> <i>The demo program that we have with our corporate partners allows them to showcase their products to potential partners and government officials. The media rides that we participate in help showcase snowmobiling in NB to tourists outside of New Brunswick. Trade shows also allow us to showcase</i>	Andre Yoston/ Ralph McBride

	<i>our product to new markets. The cost of these is offset by the benefits of increased memberships.</i> <i>For future plans, the Crown Land and Park Leases, Snowmobile NB Trail Manager and Tourism NB agreements will be signed this year. We are exploring the possibility of qualifying for tax exemption on groomer fuel. We are re-opening the discussions on License Plate placement on snowmobiles and with the new Business Plan and Economic Study, we will have more meetings with government to hopefully land more funding. We have developed a Mission and Vision for SMNB: Mission: To Provide a safe and well-maintained snowmobile trail system for people to enjoy. And our Vision: to be recognized as a leader in the snowmobile industry throughout Canada.</i> <u>Marc Hannan/Club 2 moved to accept the Executive Director's report as presented, 2nd by Brad Mann/Club 12. Motion passed</u>	
9.	Financial Reports 9.1 Audited Financial Statements, 2024 <i>Matthew Derrah from Nicholson & Beaumont gave his review of the Audited Financial Statements for 2024, as per his presentation included in the delegates packages.</i> <u>Ronald Lanteigne/Club 9 moved to accept the audited financial statement as presented, seconded by Marc Hannan/Club 1</u> <u>Questions from the floor: Current liabilities, there has been a big change from last year's report. Matthew replied that the financial statement is a snapshot from that day and the difference is just from the timing of disbursements to the Clubs.</u> <u>There was a question about current cash from the report and Matthew replied that the cash was a disbursement that hadn't yet been made to the Clubs, but had since been paid out to them.</u> <u>Motion Passed.</u> 9.2 Treasurer's Report- 2025 Financial Highlights Presented by Janice Bragdon, Office Manager, due to Mario's absence due to illness. <i>Permit sales were lower but the board had made a conservative budget so we did make budget and had a little surplus which will be paid out to the Clubs once the year end has been reached.</i> <u>Motion was made by Marc Hannan/Club 1 to accept the budget as presented, 2nd by Ronald Lanteigne/Club 9. Motion passed</u>	Nicholson & Beaumont Janice Bragdon
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10.	Recognition of SMNB's Corporate Partnerships 10.1 2025 Corporate Partnerships – Presentation <i>Kyle presented the Corporate Partnerships on Mario's behalf due to his(Mario) illness. He recognized those in attendance</i> 10.2 2025 Lottery – Presentation 13,665 Tickets Sold = \$95,300 made by Clubs, \$ 38,004 made by SMNB <i>Linda presented a cheque of \$1000 to Club de la Riviere Verte for top selling Club with sales of 2387.</i> 10.3 Corporate Partner Speeches (those Present) None given	Kyle Good Linda Mann
11.	Present (Old Business) No old business from 2024 AGM	
12.	New Business 12.1 Trail Permits: Proposed Pricing, 2026 <u>Moved by Kevin Williams, 2nd by Ron Scott to keep the trail prices as presented in the delegate packages. Motion carried.</u> 12.2 Operating Budget Proposed, 2025-2026 <i>Presented by Janice Bragdon, Office Manager, due to Mario's illness.</i> <u>Moved by Ronald Lanteigne/Club 9, 2nd by Marc Hannan/Club 1 to accept the proposed budget as presented. Motion carried</u> 12.3 Proposed Bylaw Changes 12.3.1 Article 51- Access to Books and Ledgers <u>Moved by Brad Mann/Club 12, 2nd by Marc Hannan/Club 1 to accept the changes as presented. Motion carried.</u> 12.3.2 Article 33- Election of Officers <u>Moved by Rene Benoit/Club, 2nd by Marc Hannan/Club 1 to accept the changes as presented. Motion carried.</u> 12.3.3 Article 53- Removal, Modification or Amendment <u>Moved by Ronald Lanteigne/Club 9, 2nd by Marc Hannan/Club 1 to accept the changes as presented. Motion carried.</u> 12.4 Business Plan/ Economic Impact Study 12.5 Appointment of an Auditor, 2025-2026 <u>Moved by Andre Y and 2nd by Kevin Williams to appoint Nicholson & Beaumont Chartered Professional Accountants as the auditor for the 2025-2026 Fiscal year. Motion carried.</u>	Board Board By Law Committee Chairs Ralph McBride Board
13.	Permanents Committee Reports 13.1 By-Laws & Policy Committee 13.2 Fund Raising Committee 13.3 Trail Committee see enclosure in delegate package	Kevin Williams/ Zarla Gorton Mario Levasseur/ Brad Mann Rene Benoit/ Ron Scott

	13.4 Nominating Committee 13.5 Human Resources Committee 13.6 Awards Committee	Brad Mann/ Linda Mann Zarla Gorton/ Mario Levasseur Linda Mann/ Andre Melanson
14.	Director's Reports – Written Enclosures	Directors
15.	Election – SMNB Board of Directors, 2025-2026 15.1 Zone One(1): Bob Healey 15.2 Zone Three(3): Rene Benoit 15.3 Zone Five (5): Ron Scott 15.4 Zone Seven(7): Rick Sullivan 15.5 Executive Officers President : Andre Yoston Vice President : Kevin Williams Treasurer : Mario Levasseur(non voting position) Secretary : Linda Mann	Nominating Committee Chairs
16.	Speeches - New Directors/ New President Award was given to Brad Mann, Past President, for his years of service on the board.	President
17.	Adjournment <u>Motion was made by Marc Hannan/Club 1 to adjourn the meeting.</u> <u>Motion carried.</u>	President