SMNB Board meeting
February 6th, 2026 @1300
Grey Rock Hotel

Present:
President: Andre Yoston
Zone 1 Director: Bob Healey
Zone 2 Director, Secretary: Linda Mann
Zone 3 Director: Rene Benoit
Zone 4 Director: Zarla Gorton
Zone 6 Director: Andre Melanson
Zone 7 Director: Rick Sullivan
Zone 8 Director, Vice President: Kevin Williams
Treasurer: Mario Levasseur
Executive Director: Ralph McBride
Trail Manager: Kyle Good
Office Manager: Janice Bragdon
Absent: Zone 5 Director: Ron Scott

1.	Call to Order: 12:58 by Andre Yoston	Andre
2.	Additions to (Omissions/deletions) and approval of the meeting agenda: 10.4 Messenger *Motion was made by Andre M and seconded by Rene to approve the agenda with changes. All in favor, motion passed.*	Board
3.	Approval of Board's last meeting minutes: *-Motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Bob to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2025 Board meeting. All in favor, motion carried.* *-Motion was made by Rene, seconded by Kevin to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2025 Board Meeting. All in favor, motion carried.* *-Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Rene, to approve the minutes of the January 7th, 2026 Board meeting. All in favor, motion carried.*	Linda
4.	President's Report- Verbal: Andre has been busy with many meetings, including one with Premier Holt.	Andre
5.	Executive Director's Report-verbal: has been in many government meetings, including Tourism Department; preparing for the NE chapter ride, and there is a series of 10 articles in the Acadie Nouvelle about different topics in snowmobiling.	Ralph
6.	Treasurer Report: Mario and Janice presented the A/R, budget vs actuals, Restricted Cash, and Trail Permit sales reports for the year to	Mario/ Janice

	date. *Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Andre to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.*	
7.	Trail Manager Files: -2 accident reports -5 trail checks completed to date -To come: 1 weeklong media ride that coincides with the NE Chapter visit. -Ride with Parks Canada to come. -Mount Carleton and Sugarloaf Park have a new media director.	Kyle
8.	Permanent Committee Reports: 8.1 By Laws and Policy Committee: There will be a meeting later this month with Janice to discuss which changes will be brought to the Board for their March meeting and then the membership at the AGM. 8.2 Fundraising Committee: Grey Rock power Center will be the Exclusive Partner for 3 more years. This includes $13000/3 years plus hotel prices locked in for those 3 years at a very discounted rate. *Motion was made by Rene, seconded by Linda to approve the Exclusive Partner deal, all in favor, motion carried.* 8.3 Trail Committee: Nothing to report at this time but at the March meeting, they plan to have ideas for the Infrastructure Survey/Funding ready to present. 8.4 Nomination Committee: With the bylaw change for Officers, March 11 is the cut off for people to put their name forward for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. 8.5 HR- Nothing to report 8.6 Awards- Nothing to report	Board
9	Old/Current Business: 9.1 Anderson Bridge: Anderson Bridge: After much consultation with various government officials and engineers, it has been decided by SMNB and QuadNB not to pursue the Anderson Bridge file due to environmental and structural issues. It is the staff's recommendation to close the file. *Motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Andre, to accept this recommendation. All in favor, motion carried.* 9.2 President's Ride: 2 groups to Baker Lake, 2 groups to Moose Valley and 1 group to Grand Falls. Each group leader will have vouchers for food and the Baker Lake and Moose Valley groups will each rider will receive a top up of 20 L of fuel.	Ralph/ Kyle
10	New Business: 10.1 Big Salmon River Bridge: Ralph wanted to touch on this topic. The bridge was originally going to be redone as a 8' bridge by the ATV	

	Club in the area. With that design, there was no way to get a Snowmobile groomer across it, and there would have most likely been a break in the trail system since there wasn't room to turn a groomer on either side of the bridge(groom down to the bridge and then turn and go back). The $30,000 spent by the Fundy Club to expand the bridge by 4 feet to make it wide enough for a groomer to pass through is for the good of the trail system. 10.2 NE Chapter Ride: Feb 18-19th based in Florenceville. There will be over 25 riders from various US states, NB, NS and PEI. Western Valley Tourism will be hosting a meet and greet with food and entertainment. 10.3 Snowtrax TV Kyle will be hosting this group at the same time as the NE chapter ride, and will meet up with them for lunch. 10.4 Messenger: Rene thought it would be a good idea to have a group chat/text amongst the BOD and staff to communicate details so that everybody can be informed of things happening. 10.5 Fundraiser: Andre Melanson shared a fundraiser idea that his club does and thought that other directors should share that with the clubs in their zone. 10.6 Inventory: The 2022 Expedition that the Federation owns is up for replacement while it still has a resale value. JT All Season Motorsports is interested in buying it and have given a quote of $11,000 to purchase it. The current thought is that the demo, a 2026 Expedition, would be purchased to replace it. JT also gave a quote of $21,000 for us to purchase it. The second point for inventory was about the 2018 trailer. It has a spongy floor in spots and the bearings in the axles have to be replaced after the season is over. Quotes for a new trailer were presented to the board from 3 separate companies. *A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Rene to allow the replacement of the Expedition and replace the 2018 Trailer with a total budget of $35,000 to cover the cost of both, including the trade in of the 2022 Expedition and 2018 Trailer. All in favor, motion carried*. Ron also made a point that a policy should be made to address equipment replacement so that the board has future guidance with this issue. Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1515	