SMNB Board of Directors Meeting

June 14th, 2026

SMNB Board office

Present:

SMNB President: Andre Yoston

SMNB Secretary: Linda Mann

Zone 1 Director: Bob Healey

Zone 2 Director, Treasurer: Kevin Savoy

Zone 3 Director: Rene Benoit

Zone 4 Director: Zarla Gorton

Zone 5 Director: Donald Basque

Zone 6 Director: Andre Melanson

Zone 7 Director: Rick Sullivan

Zone 8 Director, Vice President: Kevin Williams

Executive Director: Ralph McBride

Trail Manager: Kyle Good

Office Manager: Janice Bragdon

1.	Call to Order @ 0851 by Andre. - He welcomed newly elected Zone Directors: Donald Basque and Kevin Savoy, explained the use of motion pads at meetings by the Directors. -Directors Code of Conduct (DIR-003) and Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest (DIR-007) were signed and witnessed by all Directors and Executive.	Andre Y
2.	*Motion was made by Andre M and seconded by Bob to accept the agenda as presented*. All in favor, Motion carried.	Board
3.	*Motion was made by Rene, seconded by Andre M to approve the minutes of the March 20th and 21st Board meeting*. All in favor, motion carried. *Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Kevin Williams to approve the minutes of the elections of directors held on April 26th*. All in favor, motion carried.	Linda

4.	President's Report: Andre has been busy with work so doesn't have much but there will be more to report in the meeting in September. There is potential of federal government money coming, will know more in September. He did not attend Congress in the spring.	Andre Y
5.	Treasurer's Report: -Kevin S. and Janice presented the A/R, Restricted Cash Summaries, Permit Sales from 2026(not yet reconciled), 2025-26-year end projection (before the audited statement is ready in October. *-Motion was made by Kevin S, seconded by Rick to internally restrict $24,500 for the Club Reward Program, to be paid out to the Clubs at the 2026 Fall Zone Meetings*. All in favor, motion carried. *-Motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Rick to internally restrict funds for the October 2026 Payout, based on the 2025-26 Trail Permit Sales revenue once calculations are complete. It is to be paid out to the Clubs in October.* All in favor, motion carried. *-Motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Andre M to have any remaining surplus at the end of the fiscal year, June 30th to be paid out to the Clubs when the 2026 Audited Financial Statements are completed*. All in favor, Motion carried. This will be paid out to the Clubs based on the current season (2025-26) kms of trail.	Kevin S / Janice
6.	Executive Director Report: -Fundy Parkway-There was a debriefing this spring after the season was over, it resulted in some changes in grooming and access to certain areas of the Parkway for the upcoming season. -Crown Lands and THC Trail management agreements should be signed soon, 10-year agreement that will expire in 2035. -Grafton Train Bridge in Woodstock will be removed by the province, with work to begin in the next year. -Meeting with the Minister of Tourism, shared our new vision ie web presence and EIS and Business Plan. Will also meet with the Government committee that does their winter promotions to exchange ideas on how to promote the sport in the province. -A plan with QuadNB is in the works to develop the TGI, complete with a 5-year business plan on how we would like to fix infrastructure etc. -have plans to promote Take a Friend snowmobiling week with prizes of some sort. -Would like to make changes to the Lottery with more cash prizes and then the donated lottery prizes, capped at 12. *Motion was made by Andre M and seconded by Kevin S, to accept the ED report as presented*. All in Favor, motion carried.	Ralph
7.	Trail Manager Report: Kyle presented the numbers from the trail counters from the season, Saturday is still the busiest day of the week, but traffic patterns are	Kyle

	starting to show that weekday traffic is still experiencing higher and higher amounts of travellers Club surveys from the spring show that PSS structures are starting to need replacing, Clubs are happy with what we are showing on our social media, Clubs are in favor of phasing out the paper maps by 2028, and 11 clubs needed GPS hour adjustments. -SMNB and QuadNB are still working on Mapping Reconciliation -PSS in Mount Carleton- 8 structures are ready and will be in place with signs by the start of the season, all wooden structures will be replaced soon. -Paper maps, ordered approx. half of the maps from last season since there was so many left over. -attended a debrief at Mount Carleton (April 2nd) and Fundy Highlands (April 20th) DTI Mapping Reconciliation: Finally have some movement on this file on the government side. -Atlantic Groomer Demo- Scheduled for Jan 29-30th at Mount Carleton Park, all manufactures have confirmed that they will be there, will also include snowmobiles, ATV and SXS plus clothing from a few dealerships. Flyers will be ready soon, and invitations sent out to neighboring provinces and states to attend. Provincial Trail Planning Committee: Old connection between Stanley and Juniper is awaiting approval from DNR again. *Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Kevin W. to approve the Trail Manager's report as presented*. All in Favor, motion carried.	
8.	Permanent Committee Reports: after the AGM, the first meeting is usually when Committees are chosen. Please see the following: 1. Bylaws and Policy Committee: Kevin S and Rick 2. Fundraising Committee: Bob and Don 3. Trails Committee: Rene and Kevin S 4. Nomination Committee: Linda and Andre M 5. HR Committee: Zarla 6. Awards Committee: Linda and Andre M Various staff members will assist the different committees.	Board
9.	Old Business- None	
10.	New Business: 10.1 2027 Tourism Weekend- Feb 12 to 15th 2027 International Snowmobile Safety Week Jan 9-17 2027 Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week Feb 6-15th 10.2 President's Ride is Saturday Feb 6th- Board meeting date and time will be finalized 10.3 Go Snowmobiling Ride- Happening in NS Feb 1-4th	

	10.4 2026-27 Mailout Schedule- enclosure included in each Director's package with details of what is included in each mailout for each month. 10.5 Updated Business Partnership folders: Ralph explained the folders and the updates that were made, and each Board member was given one. 10.6 By-Law 52 Bonding- Financial Officer Bonding Insurance Proposal-each board member was given correspondence for an insurance quote from Cain Insurance to look over. This will be addressed further in the September Meeting. 10.7 Policy ADM-005 Lottery: update of the language of the policy plus make changes to section VII- Return of tickets and VIII Announcement of winners to reflect that it is now a live draw at the AGM. Section IX B) was changed to only one set of gloves being given to the person who sold the grand prize ticket. *Motion was made by Rene and seconded by Andre M to accept the proposed changes*. All in favor, motion carried. *Motion was made by Kevin S and seconded by Rene to add a $5000 and $2500 cash prize to the list of prizes for the 2026-27 Lottery draw.* All in favor, motion carried. *Motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Rene to go "in camera."* *Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Rene to come out of "in camera."* 10.8 Policy GOV-002 Dismissal Policy: Addition to the Process for reinstatement to SMNB events. *Motion was made by Rene, seconded by Kevin W to accept the changes as presented*. All in favor, motion carried. 10.9 Policy GRM-002 Groomers per KM of trail- Concern about # of groomers in System: please see enclosure that was in the director's packet. 10.10 ASK Club 28 Goshen- *Motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Don to remove the 1990 Tucker from the funding list and add the 2014 John Deere to the funding list in last place with 0 hrs of operation.* Motion could not be carried out due to the John Deere not being able to be funded twice, it cannot go back on the funding list. Goshen will be able to keep a spot on the funding list until they have the funds to fill that spot. 10.11 Policy DIR-001 Review requirements for Officers, Directors and staff- Tabled to September meeting. 10.12 Policy CLB-004 Club Request- Budget Line (contingency Funds)- tabled to September meeting. 10.13- Wall of Fame- The ceremony for the Wall of Fame is coming up in 2027 and the following members are on the committee to choose	

	the 5 people who are chosen from the applications that are sent in: Ralph, Andre Y., Kyle, Andre M, and Zarla. An email will be sent out shortly to the member clubs on how to send in nominations. Next board meeting is the weekend of Sept 12, in Tracadie. Meeting adjourned by Rick at 1233	