NB Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, March 20th and Saturday March 21st, 2026
Adair's Wilderness Lodge
Shepody, NB

Present:
President: Andre Yoston
Zone 2 Director, Secretary: Linda Mann(Saturday only)
Zone 3 Director: Rene Benoit
Zone 4 Director: Zarla Gorton
Zone 5 Director: Ron Scott
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 1 Director: Bob Healey(both Friday and Saturday)

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| 1. | Call to Order- Friday @ 13:15<br>Saturday @09:03 | Andre Y |
| 2. | Additions to the Agenda: (covered during Friday Meeting)<br>10.16- Purchasing Policy ADM-006<br>10.17- ASK, Club 39 – Second Groomer<br>10.18- Room Rates, Quality Inn, Grey Rock<br>10.19 ASK, Club 28- Groomer Funding<br>10.20- TRL-001 Club Payouts<br>Motion was made by Andre M and seconded by Rick to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried. | |
| 3. | Approval of Board's last minutes (covered during Friday Meeting):<br>*Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Kevin to accept the minutes of the February 6th, 2026, as amended. All in favor, motion carried.* | |
| 4. | President's Report (covered during Friday meeting):<br>Andre Y spoke of the CCSO meetings that took place in Saskatoon this year, which included an update of funding for the CCSO. | Andre Y |
| 5. | Executive Director's Report (covered during Friday Meeting):<br>Ralph gave an update on Media Rides held this season and updates from meetings with Tourism and other partners from this past season. | Ralph |
| 6. | Treasurer's Report (covered during Friday's Meeting):<br>Mario explained the Treasurer's Reports in detail. *Motion was made by Andre M and seconded by Ron to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.* | Mario |
| 7. | Trail Manager Report (covered during Friday's Meeting): | Kyle |

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| | Kyle spoke of trail counters being collected soon with the data reports to be ready for the June BOD meeting. Club surveys are ready and the dates with Clubs are booked. He did 8 trail checks during the snowmobile season. The new PSS for Mount Carleton Intersections are ready and will be installed. | |
| 8. | 8.1 Fundraising Committee (covered during Friday Meeting): Mario stated that the Corporate Partnership Program was done for this year, and they were starting to update the documents for next year's program<br>8.2 Trail Committee (covered during Friday Meeting): Nothing to report<br>8.3 Nominating Committee (covered during Friday Meeting):<br>-Discussion of election process for the Annual General Meeting<br>8.4 Human Resources Committee (covered during Friday Meeting): nothing to report<br>8.5 By Laws and Policy Committee (covered during Friday Meeting): An extensive revision of the General By Laws was conducted. Many Articles needed to be updated to capture more modern wording and/or terms that had changed. There are also some Articles that have recommended additions and/or changes. All these changes will be brought for approval by the delegates at the Annual General Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, April 27th, 2026.<br>*Motion was made by Kevin, seconded by Rene to accept the proposed Bylaw changes as amended. All in favor, motion carried.*<br>8.6 Awards Committee (covered during Friday Meeting): A document for Club of the Year for clubs that qualified were distributed to the Directors present. They are to nominate a Club from their zone for the committee to decide who should win the award. Note: Linda noticed on Saturday that the document was incorrect for the Restigouche Snowmobile Club being disqualified for the award (stated that only 1 member present for fall Zone meetings when there was 3 members present) and Lisa was going to update the document to correct the error. | Board/ staff |
| 9. | Old Business:<br>9.1: Policies DIR-003 and DIR-007 Review (enclosure, covered during Friday meeting): These policies were condensed and summarized. There are no changes in the meaning of the text. *Motion was made by Rene, seconded by Andre M to accept the revised Policies as presented. All in favor, motion carried.*<br>9.2 Anderson Bridge (covered during Friday Meeting): The File on the Anderson Bridge is closed.<br>9.3 Trailer/Snowmobile Update (covered during Friday Meeting): | Board/ staff |

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| | SMNB purchased a new snowmobile and trailer as per BOD approval at the Feb 6th, 2026, meeting. With trade-ins, the net cost came in at approximately $29,000 of the $35,000 pre-approved by the Board.<br>9.4 Infrastructure Funding Survey Update (covered during Friday Meeting): SMNB was tasked to come up with an Infrastructure Program as per discussion from the Club Presidents at the Saturday session of the AGM in April 2025. There were 17 of 49 Clubs that responded to the survey sent to them regarding this issue. This file will be closed due to a lack of interest in creating an infrastructure program. | |
| 10 | New Business<br>10.1 All President's Meeting: Topics to be covered: Bylaws, budget, permit prices, presentation/education session for Go Snowmobiling App, presentation of volunteer insurance policy.<br><br>10.2 AGM Agenda and Format: Confidentiality form not being signed at the meeting, but it will be referenced on the registration form that Clubs send in for their delegates.<br><br>10.3 Proposed Budget: *Motion was made by Andre M and seconded by Rick to accept the proposed operating budget for 2026-27. All in favor, motion carried*. This will be voted on by the member Clubs at the AGM<br><br>10.4 Proposed permit prices for the 2026-27 operating year: *motion was made by Ron, seconded by Kevin to accept the proposed permit prices for the 2026-27 snowmobile season. All in favor, motion carried*. This will be voted on by the member Clubs at the AGM.<br><br>10.5 ASK made by Club 15, Moncton St. Antoine: *Motion was made by Andre M, seconded by Rene, to allow Club 15 to purchase a used groomer and allow them to have a 2nd GPS unit because of river crossings and recent reroute of trails that makes them have more milage for their network. They are a hub on the eastern side of the province that connects northern and southern NB. All in favor, motion carried*. Note: This groomer will NOT be on the funding list but will have its own GPS unit.<br><br>10.6 ASK from Club 71, Caribou Snowdrifters: *Motion was made by Rick, seconded by Rene to allow the Club to replace their JD groomer, with another unit that has much less hours with the same price as it would take to repair the current JD that they operate. They may not actually go ahead with the purchase; it depends on the price of parts to fix the current one. All in favor, motion carried*. | Board/ Staff |

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| | 10.7 ASK from Club 75, Club Motoneige Peninsule Acadienne: *Motion was made by Rene, seconded by Rick to allow the Club to sell the 2022 Lamtrac M series groomer, trade in the Pisten Bully PB130 to purchase a new 2026 Pisten Bully and add it to the Groomer fleet list due to the ongoing issues with the Lamtrac. Later, when the Club has more funds available, they plan to purchase a third machine since the Club currently has 3 GPS units. All in favor, motion carried.*<br><br>10.8 ASK made by Club #39, Victoria County Snowmobile Club: *Motion was made by Bob, seconded by Andre M, under Policy GRM 006, for SMNB to pay for the cost of floating another Club's groomer to their trail system to groom trails while their groomer was broken. All in favor, motion carried.*<br>10.9 ASK from Club 10, Nackawic Sno-Drifters Inc: *Motion was made by Zarla to allow the Club to keep the 1967 Tucker that was funded this past season (and replaced on the list) and sell the 1980 Tucker instead. No seconder on the motion, motion was defeated.*<br>10.10 Lisa prepared the 2025 Annual report for the membership, and it gave a very good breakdown of all the SMNB happenings etc. during that year. This will be sent out to Clubs, Corporate Partners, and Government departments.<br>10.11 Western NB Tourism: Ralph presented a copy of the Tourism Campaign conducted by Western Valley Tourism. All Regional areas have Tourism Coordinators, and he encouraged all Directors to reach out to their local entities to encourage snowmobiling in their Tourism Campaigns.<br>10.12 Explore Outdoor Magazine: Ralph presented the Board with Data Analytics from marketing with the Explore Outdoor Magazine<br>10.13 Porter Airline Magazine: An article will appear in the Porter Airline Magazine(on every flight) about snowmobiling in New Brunswick.<br>10.14 Acadie Nouvelle Article: There was a very in-depth article in the Acadie Nouvelle newspaper about one of the media rides that happened in that area.<br>10.15 Outreach Media: Ralph presented a season report of analytics that Outreach Productions provided us on our marketing campaign. The numbers are very encouraging and the viewer's support<br>10.16 Purchasing Policy ADM-006: Ralph presented a proposed revision to ADM-006 Purchasing Policy. *Motion was made by Andre M and seconded by Rick to accept the changes to Policy ADM-006. All in favor, motion carried.*<br>10.17 ASK, Club 39, Victoria County Snowmobile Club: *Motion was made by Andre M, seconded by Ron, to allow the Club to purchase a* | |

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| | *second groomer. They have over 200 kms of trail and only 1 groomer, which is not sustainable, especially since they are a hub between 2 signature trail areas. All in favor, motion carried.*<br>10.18 Room Rates at Quality Inn, Grey Rock: Ralph announced that he was able to secure a fixed rate with the Quality Inn Grey Rock for room rates for the SMNB Board and staff.<br>10.19 ASK, Club 28, Goshen: Groomer Funding. In the past, the Goshen Club had asked to have their Lamtrac groomer replaced instead of another groomer on the funding list, and this was approved. They are now asking to not make this change. The groomer list will revert to the previous.<br>10.20 TRL-001- Club Payouts<br>TRL-001 was revised to include the May and November Payouts. *Motion was made by Andre, seconded by Rene to change the November payout (surplus funds) to be paid out to Clubs based on kilometers of trails, instead of grooming hours. Motion carried, Linda and Zarla were Nay votes for this motion.*<br>*-Motion was made by Andre M and seconded by Rene for SMNB to lobby the government for an increase in the registration cost from $41 to $60. All in favor, motion carried.*<br>The youth legislation on CCs of engine size is drafted and will be ready to present to government at the same time as the price increase of registration will be presented (included in the laws of the province, ORVE, so needs to be voted on by the legislature). | |
| 11 | 11.1 Director's Zone Reports: See enclosure.<br>11.2 Linda Asked about GPS malfunctions and if Clubs will be paid for hours not reflected in the Atlas Trac program. Kyle said that if Clubs thought they were not paid for certain hours that they should reach out to get it changed. | |
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Friday Meeting was adjourned at 1642 by Rene
Saturday Meeting was adjourned at 1334 by Andre M