

SANS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 18th, 2023		
11:00 PM, Inn on Prince, 437 Prince Street, Truro		
1.0	Welcome and Introductions	Present: Don Stewart, Shaun MacDonald, Jeremy Cromwell, Mike Eddy, John Austin, George Pugsley, Lisa Butcher
2.0	Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting	
2.1	Additions and Approval of the Agenda	Motion to approve by George, seconded by John
2.2	Approval of minutes of the March 21, 2023	Motion to approve by George, seconded by John
3.0	Presentations Jeremy Cromwell	Safety presentation, talked about signage or lack of it in many areas. Discussion around ongoing issues. Try to encourage clubs to coordinate with other clubs in their zone on groomer strategy. This will be discussed further at the presidents meeting. Update the trail opening form before next year to include more details.
4.0	Ongoing Business	
4.1	Presidents Meeting (President) Meeting is scheduled for May 6th with meet and greet on the evening of the 5th.	Plans are in place for the upcoming event. Meet and greet will be 7 pm on Friday night. President's meeting will be on Saturday from 9 am. Pizza party Saturday night. BOD on Sunday at 9 am.
4.2	Permits-Online (President) A meeting was held with the Permit Review Committee, and they have	The EC was provided an update of the recommendations that came

<p>a recommendation for going forward on this initiative.</p>	<p>out of the meeting. Much discussion ensued.</p> <p>Amended Motion Motion by Shaun MacDonald that full season, 3 day, classic and vintage permits will be sold online by SANS only. Early bird permits will be sold online by SANS and at the club level (volunteers, local businesses, and clubs with an online presence. Family permits will be available until Dec 15th for early bird permits and full season after Dec 15th. You may not combine early bird and full season to create a family package. This motion was seconded by Jeremy Cromwell and the motion carried.</p>
<p>4.3 Highland Ride (President) An update on the event held in Cheticamp sponsored by the HTGA.</p>	<p>It was a great event and had great conditions.</p>
<p>4.4 Trailer for SANS (President) Discussion on acquiring another trailer for SANS. Info will be provided at the meeting.</p>	<p>Don presented prices from Adventure Motors on a couple of new trailers. Motion to keep the existing trailer for the time being and purchase a second 3 place trailer that can be hauled safely by a half ton truck made by Jeremy, seconded by John.</p>

5.0 Reports, please circulate all reports to the Secretary by email to save time.	Motion to accept all reports by Shaun, seconded by Jeremy.
5.1 President's Report (President)	As reported.
5.2 Office Report (GM)	Distributed by email.
5.3 Financial Report - (Treasurer)	Distributed at meeting.
5.4 Zone Reports (Zone Vice Presidents')	Zone 1 - -Margaree - Not much change since last report. Groomer activity reports are due end of April. Maybe this could be changed to end of May. We are still grooming in April not giving us much time to complete them. Cape Clear - Even though we had low snow, this winter, we had a real good March and two weeks in April. Our club is getting ready to do some more trail work for spring due to Fiona damage. Overall, I think our club has very similar problems to a lot of clubs, ageing population, and no youth coming up in the sport. I think we really must work hard at getting the youth more involved. I attended a permit review meeting, that went very well. Yes, we're still snowmobiling in Cape Breton. Cabot - We are coming to the end of our half descent season, yes, we had a slow start but fairly good ending. Hope we kept our trails in

pretty good conditions. We took the groomer down Sunday April 16th after grooming over 480 hrs with the 2 groomers. We are very please to have received the green light to start building the Mary Barker Trail to Cape Smokey & Ski Hill (12km) . I am glad that the decision was made to keep the sales of Early Bird & family pass with the clubs. The alternative would have resulted in clubs lost of passes & memberships sales, also potential great lost to the suppliers which are great supporter to our clubs. Looking forward to improved trails for next year.
President Clifford Aucoin

Highland Trail Groomers - We would like to start by thanking all of you meeting today, nobody gets enough recognition and its not always a rewarding job, so thank you all for the time you put into SANS for helping our product be what it is today!!! An update on winter use of trail 935 (Rocky Brook Trail) would

be nice, to see where we are at. Has anyone gotten money from FIONA disaster fund? We have left 2 separate issues on their system with NS Trails and have heard zero back...Our season started late, like everyone else but that didn't really stop us from having a great season. Our trail system was as good as ever once it got going thanks to our new 'temporary bridge' installed after Fiona swept by. The plan B trail ended up only being safe to cross in mid to late Feb. therefore the bridge gave us 6-8 weeks extra. All our trails were in decent shape for snow we were having. In late Feb. or early March, we could finally say we felt zero rocks with our groomers and drags. The lowlands were hit hard with very outings from the house, and few spinoffs from sledders coming into our motels and restaurants. Both our groomers worked great, our 2021 logged 112 hrs. and the older one had 79 hrs. for a

total of 191 hours. It was a lot, but we kept our trails smooth when they were getting rough. We also only got on trail 900 and 104 very late therefore logging less hours. Both have minimal work to do for next season. Tax free fuel hopefully for next season. We will continue to improve our current trails and have ideas for making huge improvements if ever there is big money available for non volunteer trail work. Thanks again to all.... HTGA, Cheticamp & Grand Etang areas....

Zone 2 - Antigonish Sno-Dogs
– No report

DMSC – Final Meeting held April 4. Tine Cock Crawford has completed her term as President of DMSC. She was very grateful of all the work DMSC was able to accomplish over her term as president. Shaun MacDonald will step into the President role until DMSC AGM. Next fundraiser will be May 6th, the annual Mudfest Rally. Other important fundraising events are being planned, Ivan Cock

memorial Gold Tournament
June 14th. DMSC has received
a grant from NS Trails to
repair damaged trails with a
focus on the trail 551, as well
as a cheque from the Province
of NS for a generator to be
installed as part of our Phase
3 renovations of the
Clubhouse.

Pictou County Snow Riders –
No report.

Chedabucto Snowmobile Club
– No report

Zone 3 – Crossburn is having a
side by side/ ATV scavenger
hunt/poker fun run day on
April 29th, registration at Alton
Rd parking lot from 10 to 11.
Pizza party at 3:30 pm, \$5 per
slice.

Hants Co Sno' dusters –
Vintage Show on April 30th,
auction and dance is May 27th
at the Falmouth Hall

AVRR – continue to sell tickets
on an enclosed snowmobile
trailer.

Zone 4 - I am sending you a
copy of Fundy Club notes sent
by Marsha Eddy.

1 note is there have been several emails about the trail closure on private land near Hwy 311, It appears there is an alternate Route. Mike may have more specific Info.

Upcoming

Events: 1. North Shore Snowmobile Club – 2nd Annual Live & Silent Auction – Belly Up Bar & Grill, Truro

May 6th 2-4 pm viewing from 1:30Payment cash or etransfer

2. Sutherlands Lake Trail Groomer Association – ATV, SxS Bike Rally May 13 Registration 9-11, hot dogs & prizes

3. FTSC Clubhouse Private Event - Salomon Wascally Wabbit Running Group - 31K & 62k race May 13, 2023

4. FTSC – Muddy Arse SxS & ATV Rally – May 20th, Registration 9am Cash prizes for top 3 hands - Free BBQ on the Trail – lots of



fun

5. SAVE THE DATE: 1st FTSC Club Opener/Groomer-

fest Oct 14,2023 Details to follow – guaranteed to be fun

Next Meeting: Friday
Sept 8, 2023 @ 7:00pm @ the clubhouse....everyone is welcome....Hope to see you there!!!!.

Trails:

Important!!!!!!: North Shore Snowmobile Club : Trail Closure by Owner – Trail 104 at intersection 410 to Hwy 311 near salt shed

Route Six: Assisted Cumberland Trails and Sunrise ATV to clear trails fro Fiona damage. Cumb Tr worked wit NS Trails to cover immediate trail repairs in order to open Tr 360.

The groomers were out with compactor bars but were unable to maintain any sustainable sledding on their system. They got some complaints looking for pass refunds but once engaged...all were reasonable and understand we do not control the weather.

The Oxford groomer needed a lot of work and the costs

doubled, for example a track that was \$7500 is now \$15,000.

Rte 6 thanks the sponsors that supported the Sledhead Rally. It was postponed and eventually cancelled.

Sponsors provided much needed funds.

The Club hopes to get a failing culvert near Wallace replaced this summer. the work failed last year due to delays with permits. Rte 6 is waiting for funding announcements and hope to access Small Project Grant funds to move a trail due to landowner requirements.

Chignecto Glooscap: CG plans a closing supper at the restaurant in Parrsboro on May 6. The Club continues to move forward with a new Groomer Shed in Parrsboro. The Club is selling \$50 tickets on a Sea Cruise (or \$1000) again this year. They are also selling \$10 tickets on a Chain Saw donated by a generous sponsor.

CG supported the Parrsboro Winter Carnival at the new Groomer Shed property.

	<p>A few Clubs had to deal with automobiles stuck on the Trail system. This creates a safety problem and 1 Club was told by Police they could remove the auto.</p> <p>Sutherlands Lake: I must apologize to Gordon. He sent me Club info 2 weeks ago but I have had both computer and email problems and lost his email.</p> <p>Thanks, George</p>
<p>5.5 Human Resource Committee Report (President)</p>	<p>None currently.</p>
<p>6.0 New Business</p>	
<p>6.1 Small Grant Policy Update (President) The SG amount available to SANS has been raised to \$150K from \$100K. The available amount is now \$7500.00 per project.</p>	<p>Don provided a brief update; more information will be to be provided on the grants.</p>
<p>6.2 President's Meeting Agenda Review (GM) A list of topics to be reviewed that have been submitted for discussion at the meeting.</p>	<p>Briefly reviewed the list of topics that will be discussed at the meeting.</p>
<p>6.3 Loss of 104 Trail-North Shore Club Trail (President) A section of 104 trail has been signed "No Trespassing" by a family. This</p>	<p>We received another email yesterday, closing another trail crossing 3 PIDS in the Sutherlands Lake area.</p>

	section links the NSSC trails with DMSC. The President of North Shore is reaching out to the family after GM tried his best for a resolution.	Shaun discussed the area of the 104 where it crosses the highway, it is now blocked with cars belonging to a local junk yard.
6.4	Advertising of SANS and Bursaries (Grace) A discussion on these topics to take place.	Grace was absent, topic carried over until next meeting.
6.5	Extension Date on Paperwork	We can extend the date until May 15 th for groomer logs and activity reports.
7.0	Announcements: Next EC Meeting – May 16th	
8.0	Upcoming Events: May Board Meeting May 7 th and Presidents Meeting, May 5 th and 6th	
9.0	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Don Stewart, President

Mike Eddy, General Manager