

SANS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	
March 21st, 2023	
1:30 PM, Inn on Prince, 437 Prince Street, Truro	
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	Present: Don, Mike, George, Shaun, Jeremy, John, Lisa, Grace
2.0 Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting	
2.1 Additions and Approval of the Agenda	Motion to approve by George, seconded by Shaun
2.2 Approval of minutes of the January 10th, 2023	Motion to approve by Shaun, seconded by Jeremy
3.0 Presentations	none
4.0 Ongoing Business	
4.1 Presidents Meeting (President) February meeting was cancelled due to low snow condition. Considering adding a day to the May meeting that is scheduled and having 1 weekend for both the BOD and Presidents Meeting	President's meeting will be held in Truro on May 6 th in conjunction with the BOD on the 7 th . We will offer a Friday night option to everyone.
4.2 Update on OHV Presidents Meeting (President) Meeting was held at the Debert Hospitality Centre. An update will be given at the meeting.	Don provided an update from the meeting.
4.3 Government Meetings (President) A list of topics for discussion was sent in for our meeting with various departments. 10 topics were covered, and a follow up letter was sent to the Premier with the addition of a reminder on our request for tax free fuel for groomers.	Many topics discussed including selling permits through Access NS, possible increase in registrations, etc
4.4 Smaller Trailer for SANS (President) This matter was briefly discussed at the last EC meeting. Further discussion is required.	We will investigate costs and specs to ensure we purchase the right trailer.
5.0 Reports Please circulate all reports to the	Motion to accept all reports

<p>Secretary by email to save time.</p>	<p>by George, seconded by Shaun</p>
<p>5.1 President's Report (President)</p>	<p>The season is all but over in Nova Scotia except for the Highlands of Cape Breton. It was not a good snow year and most people had to travel to the snow. George Pugsley and I attended a Maritime Go Snowmobiling Ride in Edmundston, NB and a Northeast Chapter meeting and ride in Limestone Maine in February. In March Mike and I attended a CCSO meeting and ride in Quebec City, Lisa also attended in her capacity as Treasurer for the CCSO. We rode from the NB/Quebec border. On the weekend of the Highlander ride in Cape Breton Grace, Jeremy, Mike and I were part of an event called Becoming An Outdoor Women and rode with two groups of 8 , one in the morning the other in the afternoon. Jeremy, John Austin and I also rode with representatives from Destination CB. Events like these are very important and are part of what we must do. The lack of snow did not allow for SANS events on the mainland. There is lots going on as can be seen by reading</p>

	<p>the office report. We cancelled the presidents meeting and ride in February due to the weather and now are in the process of scheduling a meeting for May, the day before the meeting of the Board Of Directors. A meeting of the Trail Committee will be held in April. The staff, Lisa and Mike are excellent and are very good to work with. I also want to thank all the volunteers who work to make organized snowmobiling what it is in Nova Scotia...Don</p>
<p>5.2 Office Report (GM)</p>	<p>Distributed</p>
<p>5.3 Financial Report - (Treasurer)</p>	<p>Distributed</p>
<p>5.4 Zone Reports (Zone Vice Presidents')</p>	<p>Zone 1 – Inverness Capers – We have had some good running on our trails in February, PB and the 180 have done a good amount of grooming considering the snow that we had. Next meeting is March 7th at the Lake Ainslie Fire Hall. Rally is scheduled for March 11th. The rally was very successful. We purchased a Kubota zero turn lawnmower to sell tickets on with a draw date in early July. Crowdis – We have been busy grooming the and a couple of times down the 760 to 710.</p>

Very little snow in and around the Baddeck area. A couple of club members with drags for their sleds have been looking after the Baddeck trails. The PB groomer we bought from Cheticamp is working very well for us. Our new groomer is supposed to be delivered next week but we have been hearing this for two years. We had the first Robert Berk Memorial Rally last weekend with a great turnout. We held a silent auction as well. The club will be donating to a local youth group in Robert's name. We were able to leave a groomer at TNT which has worked out great. There is a small warming shelter being built and donated to the club in Robert's name. It will be placed at the 760/710 intersection. AGM will be held in April.

Margaree – Snow conditions were minimal creating problems with getting into the valley. We were able to hold a successful rally. We had a memorial plaque made for Lauri Cranton which was presented to a club member in zone 1 for dedication, leadership and having a passion for snowmobiling.

Our first recipient was Darrell Taylor. We did a major repair on the 105 trail to Whycocomagh. Port Hawkesbury Paper is considering a bridge and our repair is only temporary. We have an issue with the highway plowing Big Interval Rd down to Salmon Camp. The trail modifications by the Normaway Inn is working well for the groomers and keeping sleds off the road. All in all we did the best we could with thee snow conditions as did all the clubs in zone 1.

Cape Clear – We were heavily involved in the Cape Breton Highlander Ride again this year. There were four clubs involved and the event was very successful raising \$20,000. We completed work on the trail to Humes River, did a bunch of work on the 408, replacing culverts in ditches due to damage from Fiona. A major repair was completed on Rodina Rd. We are still dealing with a lot of damage from Fiona that we will tackle in the spring.

Ceilidh Trails are looking at buying a new groomer and we are looking for permission for the three clubs to have

four groomers. We feel having all them will be an asset.

Zone 2 -Antigonish Sno-Dogs – No snow.... No grooming... Highway underpass is still under construction.

DMSC – Low to little snow this year but it was nice to see sled out. Groomers were out over the past few weeks, we had some mechanical issues with one groomer. Many main trails are still in need of tree clearing and clean up. 4 Club Rally was cancelled due to low snow condition. DMSC will be holding a draw for our sponsors. Club is continuing to focus on the Phase 3 of the Clubhouse Renovation. Next meeting will be held on April 4th.

Pictou County Snow Riders – New Groomer and drag used for the first time on March 6. Block fundraiser is currently underway.

Chedabucto Snowmobile Club – Short snowmobile season. Many trail were open and groomed, a few were closed

because of plowed roads.

Thank you

Shaun MacDonald Zone 2 VP

Zone 3 -AVRR

We had a good week of sledding for the year here and ran the groomers as much as we could, had DNR out every day on the trail and were getting people without passes.

-The club just got provincial funding for new groomer of 75 thousand so that puts us at 204,000 of government funding.

-Possibly of hill climb races this year but next year for sure.

-Hayden

-Crossburn

We finally got snow

. It was nice to see the sledders out. Happy faces!! The groomer finally got out did the trails that were good to do. Some of the trails just didn't have enough snow to do them. But after the sleds went over them with out grooming them, they were a little rough. Better than no

snow. But at least we could get out!! The sponsors signs in the parking lot had been put up. This week is our Toonie drop!!! It has to go!!! Going to be at least \$2800.00 Hopefully the snow gods will give us snow next season. And have our Rally to help out our fundraising. The groomer needed a little bit of welding on the drag and little cleat repair too on the tracks. Need everyone to do the

snow dance next

fall and winter!!

Think Snow !!!



Cheers Dale

Driftclimbers
-Groomers were out a couple weeks ago, minimal snow

conditions. Lots of ATV traffic this season. There have been work parties at Dave Meehan's, installing railings on Macdonald Bridge Panels. East Hants purchased a 43km section of rail line from Stanley to Maitland.
Jeremy / Alex

Hants SnoDusters

-Late winter but all 3 groomers were out a couple times this season. West Hants Purchased 14km of rail line from Stanley to Mantua with proposed multi use trail for the community. Many details to be ironed out but rebuilding on the municipality end has already begun with culvert replacement and removing barriers.

-Associates from the Wind farm development towards falls lake will be attending the next club exec meeting to discuss development plans in the area.

-Ellershouse wind farm is in the process of an expansion. We currently have a great working relationship with them.

-Vintage Snowmobile Show
April 30

At Windsor Exhibition
Grounds.

-Live Auction, Supper & dance
to happen in May.

-DNR has been contacted and
told to step their game up as
a result of wheeled machine
trespassing on groomed trails
on private permitted land.

Thank you

Jeremy Cromwell

Zone 3vp

Stay Safe & Happy Trails

Zone 4 - Zone 4 snowmobiling
appears to be over. We had a
late start, lots of washout
storms, powdery snow, and
other setbacks but the
dedicated groomer operators
and other volunteers set up
excellent trail conditions in
several areas. Clubs cancelled
many fund-raising events
because of poor snow
conditions on their set dates.
Riders were able to see the
devastation caused by Fiona
and the ice storm plus the
result of trail clearing
operations.

The Chignecto Glooscap
Groomer Shed is progressing
and ready for interior work.

They hosted a Soup Supper.

Several clubs had some

problems with the new Atlas Trax units.

Cobequid Mountain Sports is advertising a display of 2024 sleds.

There have been issues with riders going off trail onto blueberry fields to avoid mud and gravel. Clubs are fearful trails will be lost. Some areas report riders are travelling over lots of mud and gravel. Sales of runners and skis should pick up.

Cumberland is awaiting warmer weather to repair a bridge near Springhill.

SLTGA hosted a busy Winterfest and a recent rally. Enforcement was out on the trails in a few areas. Non-compliant riders were out at other times too.

DNR was checking warming shelters for signs of alcohol and other substances. Some riders were more open with their beverages this year.

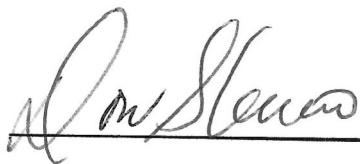
Route Six suffered from low snow on their trails.

A number of local riders report travelling to NB and PQ for sledding recently.

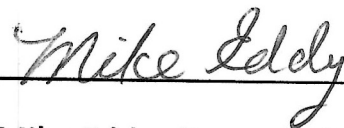
North Shore hosted a Safety Course and are running a weekly lotto. They set the date of Apr 8 for a Ham,

		<p>Salad, and Bean Supper. Fundy held a successful Vintage Show, Shine, and Ride. Their canteen is open most weekends. Their GOOD NEWS is that CCHT has granted them \$150,000 towards the purchase of Grooming Equipment.</p> <p>Thanks, George</p>
5.5	Human Resource Committee Report (President)	None currently.
6.0	New Business	
6.1	<p>Highlander Ride and Becoming an Outdoor Woman Event (President)</p> <p>Several members of SANS EC attended the event and were involved with the BOW event. Overall, both events went very well.</p>	Discussion about the events which were both very successful.
6.2	<p>Wagner Agreement (GM) We received notice that there will be a \$10,000 added cost to the agreement starting this year. It was ATVANS turn to apply for the grant this year. As a non-profit this is a lot to deal with and the intent is to raise the cost by the CPI yearly!</p>	Mike has contacted them to request it stay at the same rate.
6.3	<p>Permits (Online) (President) Online seems to be the way of the future and a specific web-based solution will need to be accessed going forward. May gather more info from areas doing this when at ISC in June.</p>	Shaun discussed that we would need to find a suitable platform that will work and likely a soft rollout.
6.4	Sign Posts, Permits 2023, and Atlas	Signpost costs have gone up,

	Trax Issues (George)	is there a plan to find something cheaper?
6.5	Advertising (Grace)	Should we be looking for advertising opportunities?
6.6	Executive Committee Emails and Conversations (President) A discussion on the protocol for dealing with emails and executive conversations.	Use discretion before forwarding emails.
6.7	Highland Ride (John)	Invited to Cheticamp for a meal
6.8	Atlas Trax (John)	Unit for Ceilidh not required
6.9	Provincial Fund (President)	Discussion about new trailer deferred to next meeting.
7.0	Announcements: Next EC Meeting – April 18th	
8.0	Upcoming Events: May Board Meeting and Presidents Meeting	May 5 th to 7th
9.0	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 5:30



Don Stewart, President



Mike Eddy, General Manager