



Annual General Meeting

Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association
May 24, 2009, 10:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Voting Members:

Paul Wamboldt, President, Meeting Chair
Don Bates
Stewart Colquhoun
Shaun Day
Sheldon Deveau
Carmen D'Intino
Robert Geall
Matthew Goulden
Neil Jennings
Scott Josey
Winston MacIntyre
Vince Neville
Steve Parkinson
Rob Philp

Brian Priest
Corey Smith
Steve Smith
Chris Thompson
Michael Traves
Joe Treen
Allan Young

Non-Voting Members:

Cailum Neville

Guests:

Christine James, Executive Director &
Recording Secretary

1.0 Credentialing Report and Call to Order

Paul Wamboldt, President, called the meeting to order at 10:20 am, and welcomed all participants to the meeting. Paul noted that quorum is five members, and 21 members were present.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

It was MOVED by Michael Traves, SECONDED by Scott Josey and CARRIED that the agenda be approved without amendments.

3.0 President's Report and Strategic Plan Update

Paul Wamboldt, President, provided his Presidents' Report and Strategic Plan Update to the membership. Paul noted that 2008 had been a pivotal year for the Association. In particular, the board had focused attention on development of a formalized membership structure, as this is a critical requirement for successful undertakings with the government and other funders.

The Association had also made significant progress in administrative management, training program development, and events. The Drive to Ride was cited as a very successful kick-off event, held in October 2009. Paul reviewed the Association's Guiding Principles and Strategic Plan key objectives, highlighting accomplishments in all areas. Members were directed to the Annual Report for additional details.

4.0 Treasurer's Report

4.1 2008 Financial Statement

Scott Josey, Treasurer, reported on the 2008 year-end financial statement, noting that funding had increased considerably compared to 2007 – a sign of our increasing engagement and credibility with government. Expenditures also increased considerably compared to 2007 based on increased levels of activity, particularly in promotional activities, membership recruitment, meetings, and website development.

It was MOVED by Steve Smith, SECONDED by Allan Young and CARRIED that the 2008 Financial Statement be approved as presented.

4.2 2009 Budget

The 2009 Budget was reviewed, with explanations provided for sources of income and key areas of expenditure planned for 2009.

4.3 Membership Fee Approval – 2009 and 2010

Proposed membership fees for 2009 and 2010 were presented to members for discussion. It was noted that while a paid membership is critical in order to track memberships and provide credibility to government and other payors, the membership fee does not at this time cover the costs of running the Association. The goal is to ensure member participation and engagement in the Association through the implementation of a modest membership fee that encourages members to join. Members discussed the fee, and provided ideas for encouraging members to join. For example, Steve Parkinson indicated that he would be happy to make NSORRA membership mandatory for participation in his hare scrambles.

It was MOVED by Chris Thompson, SECONDED by Neil Jennings and CARRIED that the membership fees for 2009 and 2010 be approved.

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 Membership

Paul Wamboldt, President, and Carmen D'Intino, Membership Chair, provided highlights from the report. It was noted that just over 150 members had been recruited thus far.

5.2 Trails

Chris Thompson, Trails Chair, presented highlights from the Trails Committee report. He noted that the focus has been on gaining access for motorbikes on existing trails. 2009 will see an expansion of this focus into development of new single-track trails and a trails development workshop. Chris noted that trail development is complex and must be done properly with careful environmental consideration, in order to develop our reputation as responsible, effective trail-builders.

5.3 Training

Steve Smith, Training Committee Chair, presented highlights from the Training Committee report. In particular, he noted that four coaches had been certified, five training sites had been certified, and 46 students had been trained. He noted that NSORRA is the only body authorized to provide the training in Nova Scotia.

Steve noted that for 2009, the Training Committee will be looking to certify additional coaches and training sites, with a focus on moving outside of the HRM. Investments in

gear, internal training program development, and potential incorporation of training options into the corporate membership fee are also on the Committee's to-do list.

6.0 Bylaw Amendments

An amendment to the NSORRA bylaws to allow the AGM to take place within six months (rather than three months) of the fiscal year end was presented. It was MOVED by Michael Traves, SECONDED by Scott Josey and CARRIED that the NSORRA Bylaws be amended to allow for a six month time period following the end of the fiscal year during which the AGM can be held.

7.0 Election of 2009-10 Board of Directors and Officers

A slate of directors was presented, and a call for further nominations was made. With no further nominations, the slate of candidates for the 2009-10 Board of Directors was acclaimed.

The acclaimed members are as follows:

President	Michael Traves
Vice President	Paul Wamboldt
Secretary	Neil Jennings
Treasurer	Scott Josey
Director	Don Bates
Director	Carmen D'Intino
Director	Stephen Parkinson
Director	Brian Priest
Director	Steve Smith
Director	Chris Thompson
Director	Allan Young

Following the election, a round-table took place to provide an opportunity for all in attendance to introduce themselves and get to know each other.

8.0 Member Forum/Questions

A member forum was held, during which members asked questions and discussed issues facing the association and riders in Nova Scotia. Individual insurance coverage and the need for a clear description of where riders can ride received particular attention. Paul noted that insurance coverage is a membership benefit that NSORRA is planning to launch in the near future. Regarding riding, it was noted that an anticipated update to the Natural Resources website should help clarify where people can ride.

9.0 Adjournment

It was MOVED by Neil Jennings, SECONDED by Chris Thompson and CARRIED to adjourn the 2009 NSORRA Annual General Meeting at 12:15 PM.