



Annual General Meeting Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association

**Traves family farm, Falmouth, NS
June 5, 2010 – 10:00 AM**

Meeting Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

Michael Traves, Chair, called the Annual General Meeting to order at 10:20 AM and welcomed all attendees. The Executive Director reported that there were 47 members in attendance, thereby meeting the quorum requirement.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of item 5A – Thank You's.

3.0 President's Report on 2009 Association Achievements

Michael reviewed the NSORRA 2009 Annual Report, which had been distributed to all members electronically and was posted to the website several days prior to the AGM.

Michael particularly highlighted the trail construction projects that had taken place in 2009, noting the significant volunteer and staff time that had gone into the successful execution of three major projects. Michael noted that while NSORRA will not have the same trail funding opportunities in 2010 now that the National Trails Coalition federal funding program had ceased, there were plenty of opportunities for municipal and provincial funding which are largely untapped. Garnet McLaughlin, NSORRA's trails consultant, noted the importance of local member groups for successfully accessing municipal funding, and that our future opportunity for trail development rests in members sourcing out local land owners who are willing to allow for trail construction on their property.

Training was also highlighted as an important aspect of NSORRA's operations. Despite having only three certified trainers in 2009, over 50 people were trained, bringing the total number trained to just over 100. A 2010 objective will be to identify additional trainers and get them certified. Working with government to ensure the development of a written test is also an important initiative for 2010.

Membership in the association continues to grow, despite a fairly high number of non-renewals from 2009 – likely at least in part related to people joining for the training discount, then not renewing. However it is hoped that as people recognize the work being done by the association, these folks will re-join. Michael noted that a new bike insurance benefit, which should be introduced in the very near future, will provide significant incentive to join the association as members will be eligible for a 35% discount off the premium for bike insurance through the provider we are working with. Members will be advised once the program is available. Recruitment of corporate members has been and will continue to be another focus for membership. Michael noted the potential for companies like Canadian Tire to become corporate members. Finally, activation of our network of regional representatives, who have been identified but not utilized to date, will be important for membership recruitment / development in 2010.

4.0 Treasurer's Report

4.1 2009 Financial Statement

Michael presented NSORRA's 2009 sources of revenue and expenses, including special projects (Trails). The full financial statement, which had been reviewed by a Certified Accountant, was included in the Annual Report.

It was MOVED by Scott Josey and SECONDED by Allan Young that the 2009 reviewed financial statement be approved as presented.

In discussing the financial statement, it was noted that for every member of NSORRA, the board had generated \$1,000 of funding. Given that the membership is only \$15, this was noted as a remarkable accomplishment, and the board was commended on their effort.

When there were no further questions, the vote was called and the motion was carried with none opposed.

4.2 2010 Budget

Michael presented NSORRA's 2010 budget to members, outlining sources of revenue and expenditures. It was noted that trails funding is still largely unknown as this is something that will be applied for throughout the year. It was noted that the \$5,200 from Health Promotion is the only government funding that the association receives. All else is from the fund created through bike licensing fees and manufacturers.

It was MOVED by Stewart Colquhoun, and SECONDED by Scott Josey that the 2010 budget be approved as presented.

In discussing the budget, a question was asked with regard to the anticipated total funds remaining at the end of 2010. It was clarified that of the approximately \$86,000 in surplus at the beginning of 2010, \$25,000 is earmarked for an HRM trail. With the remainder of the 2010 expenditures equalling revenues, that would leave about \$60,000 at the end of 2010. Christine James noted that it is a best practice for associations to have approximately 50% of one year's revenues in reserve, making this amount very reasonable.

When there were no further questions, the vote was called and the motion was carried with none opposed.

5A Thank You's

Michael invited the members of the 2009 Board of Directors to the front of the room to accept a certificate of appreciation, and thanked them all for their hard work and dedication to the association. Michael also was thanked for his tremendous contribution as President, and was presented with a certificate and a gift. Finally, Christine James, the association's out-going Executive Director, was thanked for her contribution, and presented with a certificate and a gift.

5.0 Election of 2010-11 Board of Directors, Officers, & Chairs

A slate of nominees was presented, and a call for further nominations was made. There were no further nominations from the floor, thus the 2010-2011 NSORRA Board of Directors was acclaimed.

The lack of a President was noted as an issue for concern. Recruitment for this position will continue by the board. Any members interested in getting involved in either the Board or committees were asked to please contact the office.

6.0 Member Forum/Questions

There were no additional questions.

7.0 Adjournment

The NSORRA 2010 Annual General Meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.