

BNS September 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Welcome back Steve !!!
- Susanna will find minutes from June 9th and circulate.
- Steve will draft a letter re Riverport road and shoulder paving

6:30 Welcome & call in other board members

Attending:

- Susanna, Lola, Nat, John, Jeremy, Andree, Jeff, Maryellen
- Staff: Steve

6:30 - 640 Review of Minutes/action items from June 9, 2021

6:40 - 700 Standing items (Budget, New Proposals/Funding, Staff Reports)

Budget:

- Steve and Jeremy are updating the budget, will have an update for the October meeting.
- Question: is it possible to get expenses repaid more quickly for competition, (John);
- Potential for pre-approval of larger expenses if needed and requested in advance.

New Proposals

- Connect2 expression of interest due September 10.
- Larger proposal in limbo with departmental transfer of AT and now new provincial government.
- **Staff Reports:**
- **Steve, presentation**
 - o Discussion on socks, kit
 - o Decision: move forward on ordering more socks, from Canadian company (see Steve's report for more detail).
 - o **Action:** Steve to ensure 2017 changes to bylaws are included in updated bylaws (resubmit) to RSJ. and any more changes are redlined for October board meeting for January 2022 amendments.
 - o Discussion on capacity, events, role of board members and staff wrt racing. Punted discussion to strategic planning session. General support for addressing need for increase capacity but also having goals to better understand what capacity is needed.
 - o Website / newsletter overhaul:
 - Need to update provider and be flexible for staff updates
 - Mailchimp: need to increase capacity. General agreement that putting more effort into communications.
 - Action: Steve will put together a list of what we need in terms of website update and newsletter and circulate, send to John T. to see if CGI will do this pro bono. If that is not a go, then we will put out to RFP and set an appropriate budget.

- **Alison's report:**
- Board feedback: Observations re design and event in Mahone Bay. We might want to learn from the event, why there was poor turnout etc. Some questions on achieving the design. Ride was too short to get a lot of people out. At least half the people in attendance were there because the ride was short not because they had the cycling expertise. Really good to have Darryl there and eye opening for the town officials who were there in terms of accessibility.

700-710 Communications

- Cell phone policy discussion. If they are no longer at BNS, recommend in the policy to block number when using for work purposes. *31# blocks the number if staff prefer to not be contacted via their cell phone. Cell phones will not be posted publicly. BNS office number will be used to forward calls where appropriate.
- **Action: Susanna to send communication policy to staff and board, approve by Wednesday September 15th and then make public.**
- **Action: steve to get in touch with Hebbs and revise lists (staff, board, allbns).**

710-720 New Government Policy and Platform

- platform review and policy review
- Some good support for cycling in Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Public Works
- Speed limit (ATAP), will not reduce speed limits in a designated bike route. Trying to get that changed and did have a discussion with people who are now ministers.
- Focus was health care, want to separate chronic from acute and preventative.
- Opportunity on preventative health care
- Opportunity on tourism, new residents, liveable communities.
- Greg Moreau, replaced Lloyd Hines. Starter of Rob Carter's ride last week. Thinking of possibilities of economic development in Guysborough.
- Other focus, green economy and climate change and reinstating EGSPA.
- Lots of opportunity and some is low cost. Completing regulations for TSA was not important for this election, but hoping that this will change and we need to put some pressure on them to get this done.
- Need to make this an election issue next time. Not identifiable as a constituency.
- **Next steps:** Alison to request a caucus presentation and make key points related to health, environment and economy. House will sit soon and should request and otherwise can do in December. Potential invitation to a ride.
- Discussion of rail bed in Hants County.

720-740 Review of Fall Action Items

- Largely covered

740-750 Sector Updates (red flags, important issues)

- Trail users - Sackville River Association
 - Alison and Steve to follow up re work with NS Trails etiquette and with Trails 101 and proposed signage.

750-815 Short items/Voting items:

- BNS Tent
 - **Action:** Decision made to purchase another tent and develop a booking system through a shared calendar. Expense to come out of general revenues.

- Set date for Race Sector meeting
- Set date for Race Organizer meeting
- Set date for Club/Grassroots Committee meeting
 - **Action:** lola to suggest dates and set them.

815 Meeting Adjourns