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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 20, 2026

6:45pm to 8:15pm

Our Vision: Trails for all, trails forever.

Our Mission: We are a volunteer-driven non-profit organization dedicated to caring for a sustainable trail network within the community.

Board Members

Meeting Chair: Steve Lionais

Meeting Secretary: Rob Donovan

Directors Present: Rob, Anjulie, Eleri, Brent, Penny, Jeff, Mike, Rachid (by Google Meets)

Staff Present: Cynthia

Regrets: Raj, Nara,

Proceedings

Called to order at: 6:50pm

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Rob

Seconded by: Eleri

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Agenda

Maximum 90 minutes

1. Approval of Minutes (5 mins)
2. Offline Updates (10 mins for any discussion)
3. Board Priorities/Committees (60 mins)
4. General Business -in camera (15 mins)

A. Approval of Minutes (Max 5 minutes)

01. Directors Agenda/minutes - Dec 16 2025 **Moved:** Penny **Seconded:** Anjulie

Approved minutes are available by request. The NSMBA publishes a quarterly summary.

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B. Offline Updates (Max 10 minutes)

Any updates from committees or staff that can be referenced offline should be linked here. If there's anything that needs to be discussed, please flag it under here.

A. Draft of the Fundraising Committee's terms of reference is available for review/feedback by end of week.
B. Executive Director Update
C. Any other committee updates (Trails Working Group?)
    a. Finance Committee met on January 14.:
        i. Budget can be reviewed here: **2026 NSMBA Budget**.xlsx
        ii. Quarterly financial update to be provided at the February meeting.
    b. Trail Working Group
        i. First Nations comms update
        ii. Strategy update:
            1. NSMBA Trail Planning Map

C. Board Priorities Part 2 - Set Committee Mandates (Max 1 hour)

In a continuation of the discussion from last month I'd like to agree on the committees and their objectives for the year:

A. Agree on priorities the board wants to pursue
    a. Volunteers / Community
    b. Finances
    c. Trails
    d. Board operations
B. The priorities turn into committee objectives we'll use to measure progress
    a. sustainable database of volunteers, build community trust, new people at events.
    b. Diversify funding, raise $50K, match with values
    c. Further develop trail strategy, further develop apprenticeship program (Henry)
    d. Reach out to other recreation organizations and build relations. Streamline meetings.

C. Nominate/appointment chairs
   a. Eleri
   b. Brent
   c. Rob
   d. Jeff
D. Board members assigned to each committee
   a. Events: Eleri, Penny
   b. Fundraising: Rachid, Raj, Brent, Steve
   c. Trails Working Group: Rob, Mike
   d. Board Ops: Jeff, Anjulie, Nara
E. Identify Recruitment needs/skills
F. Agree on key committee responsibilities (agendas, minutes, etc)
   a. Some ad-hoc committees exist as and are tasked with activities as needed
      i. HR - ED performance reviews and other support for HR issues
      ii. PR - Crisis management/external comms support

D. General Business - in camera (Max 15 mins)

Adjournment of Meeting at:

Next Meeting: February 17, 2026 (Third Tuesday of the month)