Board of Directors
August 29, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:
OFFICERS PRESENT:
President: Patty Companik
Vice President: Mark Reaves
Secretary: Ruth Halpin
Treasurer: Stephen Conti

DIRECTORS PRESENT:
Addison: Jennifer Lucia
Bennington: Carol DeJohn
Caledonia: Bruce Carlson
Chittenden: Richard Spitzer
Essex: John Hull
Franklin: Mike Burns
Grand Isle: Wade Lockerby (not present)
Lamoille: Dustin Turner
Orange: Juliann Sherman (not present)
Orleans: Roger Gosselin
Rutland: Mike Stewart
Washington: Jeff Halpin
Windham: Ivor Stevens
Windsor: Doug Jacobs

STAFF PRESENT:
Executive Director: Cindy Locke
Trails Administrator: Matthew Tetreault
Media Manager: Beth Flint
Programs & Trails Manager: Mandy Dwinell
Office Manager: Tina Bedard
Finance Manager: Sheila Fenoff-Willett (not present)

GUESTS:
Stan Choiniere; Windsor County Alt. Director, Greg Rouleau; Washington County Alt. Director, Ed Hebebrand; Caledonia Alt. Director, Mike Mutascio; Essex County Alt Director, Jeff Fay; Chittenden County Alt. Director, Andy Thibault; Orange County Alt. Director, Jim Hill; Parliamentarian of Annual Meeting, Kim Kolvek; in-coming Secretary of VAST.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
President Patty Companik called the meeting to order, in person, following the Annual meeting at The Barn At the Top Of The World in Orleans County at 2:54pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Lamoille County moved, Bennington County seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED

- 2027 Promotional Weekend Dates- Traditionally the last weekend in January.

Lamoille County moved, Franklin County seconded, to set the promotional weekend for January 29,30 & 31 2027. MOTION CARRIED.

- GPS Pilot Program- Trail Intel- Approval for VAST to enter and execute a contract with Trail Intel.

Cindy explained the GPS program, Phase One and overwhelming support from the 6 Pilot Clubs agreeing Trail Intel outperformed the other Vendors. Questions and discussion for Matt, Patty and Cindy. Phase Two to be discussed at the September BOD meeting.
Essex County moved, Lamoille County seconded, to approve moving forward with a contract for Phase One with Trail Intel. Orleans County abstained. MOTION CARRIED.

- 2027 TMA Pricing- Board sets the annual TMA fees/dues based upon the membership approved budget.

Feedback about discussion and Motions brought forward at the Annual meeting. With the vote at the Annual meeting to increase the Grooming Line Item by $200,000 there was discussion about classes, what the Trails Committee is already working on and where the $200,000 will come from.
Discussion about what $5/$10 & $15 increase would look like, etc.
Essex County moved, Windsor County Seconded, to raise the TMA price $10 for the 2026/2027 season. Lamoille County opposed, MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

Lamoille County moved, Essex County seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 3:27pm. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Halpin, Secretary.