Governor's Snowmobile Council
November 4, 2026

Present:
Cindy Locke (Chair)
Patty Companik – VAST President
Stan Choiniere - Governor Appointee
Dustin Circe – Fish & Wildlife
Gary Nolan – VAST L/E Committee
Mike Mutascio – Governor Appointee
Matt Tetrealt – VAST Trails Administrator
Paul Doucette – Chief's Assoc. & Southern Vermont Wilderness Search & Rescue
Greg Rouleau – Central VT Rep
Marc Poulin – Vermont Sheriff's Association
Shannon Fassett – Vermont MV
Jacob Metayer – Vermont State Police

VAST Staff Present:
Tina Bedard, Office Manager
Mandy Dwinell, Programs & Trails Manager
The meeting was convened at 3:02 PM via Zoom by Cindy Locke.

Approval of Minutes
Marc Poulin moved to approve the October minutes as presented; Stan Choiniere seconded.
MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of SSTP Financial Report
The SSTP Financial Report for October and November will be approved in the next meeting.

Agency Reports

Vermont State Police (VSP), Jacob Metayer
Safety course numbers: 8 In-Person and 26 online.
Train the Trainer will be on November 11 at 5 pm.

Fish & Wildlife, Dustin Circe
3 Wardens finished at the Police Academy. There will be a Winter Wardens school in January.

Sheriff's Association Marc Poulin – VT Sheriff Association & Washington County Sheriff
Everyone got re-elected and is in the same position.
They are working on collaborating to attend in-person safety courses.
Jim Wells is taking over the entire Snowmobile Program.

Police Chiefs & Southern VT Wilderness Search & Rescue, Paul Doucette
Ready and waiting for the season to start.

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Department of Motor Vehicles, Shannon Fassett
Shannon reported: As of 11/2025 8,894 snowmobiles were registered with a revenue of $230,426.

As of 11/2026 9,631 snowmobiles were registered with a revenue of $247,465.

Forest, Parks & Recreation, Claire Polfus
Not Present.

Legislative Report

House Report - Jim Casey
Not present.

Senate Report – Pat Brennan
Not present

General VAST Updates
The Trail app is still being worked on. So far everything looks good. Good communication with Trail Intel. Matt has been working with them to put together training for clubs. Caledonia Sherriff has reached out interested in supporting the season for patrol with Essex County.

Law Enforcement – Gary Nolan
LE Contracts are all set.
The same funding as last year has been approved.
Morristown Chief is going to Lamoille County meeting to support and hopefully they will be teaming up.

VAST Safety Committee, Stan
The Adventure Readiness tent was in CT. Patty and Glenn were there. Saturday it will be at Land N Sea.

SSTP Trail Report, Matt
A lot of projects are being completed and re-routes. Youth hunting weekend is this weekend so no one should be in the woods working on trails.

Northwest, Jim
Not present.

Northeast, Mike
A lot of projects are being completed, and signs are being put out. A social media audit for the clubs in the Northeast shows that Caledonia is doing great.

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Central, Greg
Not present.

South, Stan
Clubs are doing active trail prep as well as debrushing and projects are being finished up. Clubs are working on getting trail projects done early.

The meeting concluded at 3:38 PM.

Next Meeting: The next Governor's Snowmobile Council scheduled meeting will be on December 2, at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Bedard
VAST Office Manager

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