

VAST Board of Directors – April 23, 2018 – Meeting Minutes

Approved at the May 21, 2018 Meeting

OFFICERS PRESENT:

President: Tim Mills
Vice President: Jeff Fay
Treasurer: Sonia Koehler
Secretary: Jim Hill

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Addison: Conrad Stewart - Alternate
Bennington: Mike Viggiano
Caledonia: Ken Gammell
Chittenden: Pat Poulin
Essex: Stewart Ahearn
Franklin: Mike Burns
Grand Isle: Vacant
Lamoille: Carmin Lemery - Alternate
Orange: Juliann Sherman
Orleans: Roger Gosselin
Rutland: Curt Marechaux
Washington: Mark Reaves
Windham: Drew Fraser
Windsor: Dick Jewett

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS PRESENT: Ben Robinson, Caledonia County.

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director: Cindy Locke
Trails Administrator: Matt Tetreault
Trails Manager: Ken Brown
Office Coordinator: Cyndy Carrier Brown

GUESTS PRESENT: Ed Hebebrand, Angel Emmons.

Meeting called to order at 6:17 PM.

Recognition of Visitors:

Approval of Agenda: Roger Gosselin moved to approve; Curt Marechaux seconded; so moved.

Secretary's Report: Roger Gosselin moved to approve; Dick Jewett seconded, so moved.

Treasurer's Report: General discussion about TMAs, expenses, etc.

Pat Poulin moved to approve; Roger Gosselin seconded, so moved.

Old Business

LVRT Status

- Cindy Locke – I am going to give you a status update of the LVRT and then Ken Brown has some other information for you.
- The BOD has decided to go ahead with 1C (washout only at this time, unless other funding becomes available soon.)

Ken Brown

- Scenario A – If we get another \$150,000, we can step up from just repairs and complete a small section of the trail, possibly the bridge over the Missisquoi River.
- Checked with VTrans and we can include the big washout into this, and we will get 80 /20 and can use bike pedestrian monies instead of the Northern Border's grant.
- That would free up the Northern Borders grant to use in Caledonia County where it is 80 % instead of 50% which means we could spend all of the NB grant.
- Was hoping that the bridge over Stannard Mtn trail could be fixed now. The estimate has come in high.
- Cindy Locke – We are getting everything started, so that if we get this \$150,000, then we'll be ready to send it out to bid and get things rolling.
- Ken Brown – Washout – if we don't get the money, we could work on the washout.
- We can't start until the fall, but we can start some work, cutting trees, etc., because of bid process timeline.
- There was considerable discussion on this matter.

New Business

Auditing of Clubs

- Cindy Locke – Tonight we will randomly pick the 4 clubs to audit.
- We are using a Random number picking system.
- The clubs picked are: Newbury Border Riders, Lyndon Sno Cruisers, Twinfield Snow Travelers and Middle Valley Polar Bears.
- Letters will be going out from VAST, along with instructions.

County ByLaws

- Jeff Fay – The Policy change probably won't change until all clubs are 100% compliant.
- I've had quite a few clubs contact me to help them.
- We have given ourselves a year to get all of this done.
- We will announce it to the clubs at the annual meeting that they need to get county bylaws done.
- Articles of Association are created by the Secretary of State's office.
- Bylaws are created by the club or county.

Act 250 Update

- Cindy Locke – The Governor has put together a commission to look at Act 250; findings of their results at the end of this year.

VT Reciprocal Weekend/ Free Weekend

- Cindy Locke – I met with Interim Commissioner of VT DMV. She has agreed to do whatever we want, free or reciprocal.
- First weekend in February – 1, 2, 3 will be a Free Weekend in Vermont.
- Mark Reaves moved to approve; Pat Poulin seconded, so moved.

Trail Administrator's Report

- Matt Tetreault – I will send the Equipment Hours for Analysis report out later. There is some information that still needs to be entered.
- If a club wants to upgrade or change mileage they have to get it approved at the May special meeting.
- Grizzly Mountain grooming is done.
- Carmin Lemery - How are you going to keep track of who watches the video for the online construction seminar?
- Ken Brown – We have a program set up to keep track of it.
- Roger Gosselin – How much money has been requested for equipment grants?
- Matt Tetreault – About \$483,000.
- Matt reviewed a number of the requests from clubs.

Committee Reports

Northeast Chapter

- Pat Poulin – The meeting minutes are in the package.
- New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Mass, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire.
- We stepped back from ACSA because of some of their policies.
- New Brunswick is hosting next years' ride / meeting.
- Jeff Fay – Everyone is seeing an increase in off trail riding.
- Some are trying to find areas for off trail riding; gravel pits, etc.

Multi Use Committee

- Roger Gosselin – Our first meeting is May 2nd.
- Our main discussion will be tracked vehicles on the trails.
- How do we help out clubs that deal with summertime ATVs on the trail and how do you share the maintenance issues.
- Between Derby and Island Pond we are trying to get a trail set for ATV tracked vehicles, no side by sides.

Awards & Nominating

- Patty Companik met with the committee and they have chosen all the winners.

Bylaws & Policy

- Jeff Fay – Any county that wants to review their bylaws, send them to Jeff and he will look at them.

Annual Meeting

- Mike Burns – We are reviewing details at The Abbey.

Long Range Planning

- Mark Reaves – The BOD retreat this summer is going to concentrate on how we allocate our resources.

Trails

- Tim Mills – We have a special meeting on May 14th.

Safety

- Pat Poulin – We are working on recertification.
- Pat Poulin and Roger Gosselin are working on a presentation for the trails committee.
- Road crossing signs to help first responders help with emergencies.

Governor's Council

- Dick Jewett – The Committee met and all is well.

Miscellaneous

- Curt Marechaux – We are hosting a first time fundraiser golf tournament.
- August 10th / Raffle / 10 business sponsors so far / \$95.00 fee / Green Mountain Golf Course.
- Merritt Budd called and said his club is dissolving.
- They may reach out to the Pittsford Club and High Ledge Snow Stormers to merge?
- Approximately 55 miles of trails between the 3 clubs.

Next meeting May 21.

Conrad Stewart motioned to adjourn; Ken Gammell seconded, so moved.

Adjourned at 8:07.