

VAST Board of Directors – December 17, 2018 – Meeting Minutes

1st Draft to be approved at the January 28, 2019 Meeting

OFFICERS PRESENT:

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Addison: Absent
Bennington: Scott Westlake
Caledonia: Ken Gammell
Chittenden: Pat Poulin
Essex: Stewart Ahearn
Franklin: Mike Burns
Grand Isle: Dave Ladd
Lamoille: Ellis O'Hear
Orange: Juliann Sherman
Orleans: Roger Gosselin
Rutland: Curt Marechaux
Washington: Mark Reaves
Windham: Drew Fraser
Windsor: Dick Jewett

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS PRESENT: Merritt Budd, Rutland County; Ivor Stevens, Windham County;
Doug Jacobs, Windsor County; Milo Day, Orleans County; via phone, Jason Luneau, Lamoille County.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Ed Hebebrand

Meeting called to order at 6:12 pm

Recognition of Visitors:

Approval of Agenda: Curt Marechaux moved to approve; Stewart Ahearn seconded, motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Pat Poulin moved to approve; Dick Jewett seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A brief review of the financials was presented.

Mark Reaves moved to approve; Stewart Ahearn seconded, motion carried.

Old Business

LVRT Status

- Ken Brown - Trail 136 is on the railbed now instead of in the field.
- The contractor will start to build the bridge deck in January.

Act 250

- Cindy Locke – We are still in the process of working with the working group regarding trails.
- There is a final draft from the commission to the legislature.

Grafton Club Groomer

- Matt Tetreault – A report was given to the Board. The club put in for a grant to buy out a groomer from the contractor.
- They said the machine is a 1989, but to be honest the only part that is original is the frame; it's been totally redone.

Mark Reaves moved to approve the grant money for the club to purchase the groomer; Curt Marechaux seconded, motion carried.

Trail Counters

- Ken Brown – Last year we had an intern to put trail counters out for us, but this year we don't.
- We normally put them out at the start of the season and pick them up at the end of the season.
- Occasionally a few will not work during the season. It's tricky to check on them throughout the season.

Other

- Curt Marechaux brought up the Operation Veteran Off Road organization. He is donating a helmet, bibs, etc., as some of the veterans that are riding don't have the proper clothing.
- Cindy Locke – VAST is donating TMS to them.

Trails Administrator

- Matt Tetreault - GPS for groomers – about 85% are up and running. We are running 33.

Northeast Chapter

- Pat Poulin – We received an email from Utah, they are joining us also.

Awards & Nominating

- Patty Companik s refurbishing the awards process with her committee.

Trails

- Jeff Fay – We had a meeting last week. Lots of workers out there getting the trails ready.

Safety Committee

- Cindy Locke - Ambassador Program – We had the training course last Saturday; 33 in attendance; it went well.

Governor's Council

- Matt Tetreault - We are working with law enforcement on the contracts – 2 of the 3 are done.
- If there are landowners having issues; have them reach out to the state police / wardens.

Miscellaneous

Merritt Budd – Hoping that BEST is going to restart. We will be meeting to discuss this.

Ivor Stevens – Windham county meeting; there is a club down there with some issues. Thanks to VAST for their help.

I am now the Windham County trails coordinator.

Matt Tetreault – I am encouraging clubs to update their trails information for the website.

Motion to adjourn - Curt Marechaux moved to adjourn; Pat Poulin seconded, so carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.