

**Board of Directors
June 27, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present:

OFFICERS PRESENT

President: Jeff Fay

Vice President: Mark Reaves

Secretary: Jim Hill

Patty Companik: Treasurer

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Addison: Absent

Bennington: Carol DeJohn

Caledonia: Bruce Carlson

Chittenden: Pat Poulin

Essex: John Hull

Franklin: Mike Burns

Lamoille: Carmin Lemery

Orange: Juliann Sherman

Orleans: Roger Gosselin

Rutland: Curt Marechaux

Washington: Jeff Halpin

Windham: Absent

Windsor: Doug Jacobs

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director, Cindy Locke

Trails Administrator, Matt Tetreault

LVRT/Trails Manager, Ken Brown

Office & Programs Manager, Mandy Dwinell

Media and Technology Manager, Beth Flint

GUESTS:

Brian Currier, VAST Trails Committee Chair. Ivor Stevens, Resource Committee. Mike Mustacio, Lunenburg Polar Bears, Ed Hebebrand, Caledonia County Alt. Director. Dustin Turner, Smuggler Notch, Barry Messier, Windsor County Trail Master. Stan Choiniere, Windsor County Alt. Director.

Mark Reaves called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

Approval of Agenda

Rutland County: Motion to approve, Windsor County seconded to approve as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Secretary's Report

Windsor County: Motion to approve, Rutland County seconded to approve as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Data thru end of May 2022 - 8 months - 67% of budget season

Income thru May 2022:

- Budget: \$3,310,443
- Monthly Activity: \$27,823 (8k Paid Volunteer TMAs Trails Fund and 3k Paid Volunteer TMAs General Fund - 10k from SSTP for Admin Services)
- Income to date/season: \$ 3,156,288 (\$-154,155 to make budget income expectation)
- Overall income is at 95% of budgeted income expectations - compared to May 2021 we were at 96%

Expense thru May 2022:

- Budget: \$2,769,476
- Monthly Activity: \$351,287(\$273K in Grooming)
- Expenses to date/season: \$1,789,500
- Currently at 65% of budget expense expectations - compared to May 2021 we were at 73%

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Chittenden County: Motion to approve, Washington County seconded to approve as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

Tabled Items

N/A

Consent Calendar

N/A

Old Business

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Funding from State of Vermont discussion/planning - Cindy

Money bills have passed. Money stands at \$750k for VAST club equipment and \$50k for law enforcement. Funds cannot be diverted to anything else, and we must follow all stipulations. It will come into the SSTP budget which is approved by the Governor's Council as well.

Discussion on the stipulations for the grant funds and breakdown of equipment money allocation happened. Further discussion regarding details and specifics on grants during BOD retreat.

Questions and suggestions for brainstorming session at the board retreat in August are encouraged to be emailed to Cindy or Jeff.

FY2023 Budget - Cindy

- Copies of the budget are enclosed with BOD packet. If directors would like a 11x17 printed copy, reach out to Cindy or Mandy.
- FY2023 budget completed. EOY projections updated monthly until October.
- Snowmobile VT magazine reduced from 5 to 3 editions; Travelers Guide reduced to 1 edition, so it continues to pay for itself.
- Confirmed materials for 2023 TMA stickers have been received by VAST
Discussion on FY23 budget and categories.

Congress Update & Report – Cindy, Matt, Jeff, Mark
Reflections on event.

Cindy shared event went well. Was a good opportunity for networking and meetings. Brought back feedback from other states.

Mark mentioned having RRG discussions with other states. Overall conference was okay. Attended off trail riding seminar.

Jeff also attended off trail riding seminar, shared backcountry areas experiencing a similar issue. Connected with other states on riding. Trespassing appears to be coast to coast issue and discussion.

Brief conversations on electric snowmobiles and possible future.

Trails Working Group Update – Matt, Brian, Jeff

- Info from Trails Committee to Working Group to discuss with clubs and county at the July 18 meeting 6pm on Zoom.
- Currently working on a policy manual
- Working on potential changes with the 2023 grooming contracts
- Roger inquired on the deadline for approval of trail policy. Information would go to the Trails Committee first, then to BOD if approved.
- Work group questions can be emailed to Jeff or Brian.

Trail Administrator's/ED Report/LVRT Report – Cindy, Matt and Ken

Information shared in the June BOD packet.

Committee and Other Meeting Reports

Northeast Chapter and USA - Pat Poulin, Jeff Fay at VT Representatives

Annual meeting was in Iowa, officers were re-elected. Upcoming Spring ride in Maine, more information to come. USA annual meeting was also in Iowa. 2 officers were elected, no change for Co-Chair and Treasurer. Topic of Trespassing was discussed.

VT Snow Trails Conservancy – Jim Hill, VSTC President

N/A

Law Enforcement – Gary Nolan, Chair

N/A

Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Committee – Ken Brown

State to take over LVRT as of 7/1. Working on winter lease and re-decking bridges agreements.

Awards/Rec/Scholarship/Nominating Committee – Patty Companik, Chair

- Groomer Jacket - Complete and Delivered to me
- Blue Signs (club, project, groomed, etc) - Ken has the order request
- Awards - Order placed
- 2022 Ribbons/Medals - Order placed
- Working on short speeches for Annual Meeting readout

By-Laws & Policy – Mark Reaves, Chair

Now budget FY23 completed will be reviewing bylaws for changes within the next few weeks.

Annual Meeting, John Hull

Food all set, and caterer secured. Design created for volunteer t-shirts. Essex county club doing well pitching in and tasks are moving along. Pre-registration for meal not required. More information to come.

Executive Committee, Jeff

N/A

Finance - Patty Companik, Chair

N/A

Long Range Planning & Organizational - Mark Reaves, Chair

Awaiting for confirmation within the next week on RRG licensure.

Resource Committee – Ivor Stevens, Chair

N/A

Personnel – Juliann Sherman, Chair

Performance review form for Cindy Locke's was sent to BOD, please complete with detailed feedback as soon as you can to Juliann.

Trails – Brian Currier, Chair

- Last meeting was in May, collaborating with Working Group.
- Packet of info sent to Trails Committee for consideration.
- July meeting date TBD

Safety Committee – Stan Choiniere, Chair

Met in June to get ahead of International Snowmobile week. Cindy drafted an idea for a Military/LE/EMT Appreciation Day with a focus on safety. More information to come. No meeting in July, reconvene in August.

Governor's Council – Pat Poulin, Chair

Off until September

Motion to adjourn by Rutland County: Motion to approve, Orleans County seconded to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hill
Secretary