

**VAST Board of Directors September 26, 2016**  
**Final Meeting Minutes**

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

President: Tim Mills  
Vice President: Jeff Fay  
Treasurer: Tom Baltrus  
Secretary: Jim Hill

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Addison: Lewis Barnes  
Bennington: Vacant  
Caledonia: Ken Gammell  
Chittenden: Pat Poulin  
Essex: Dave Page  
Franklin: Mike Burns  
Grand Isle: Dave Ladd  
Lamoille: Carmin Lemery  
Orange: Absent  
Orleans: Roger Gosselin  
Rutland: Merritt Budd  
Washington: Mark Reaves  
Windham: Roone Gibbs  
Windsor: Dick Jewett

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS PRESENT: Doug Jacobs, Windsor County; Stewart Ahearn, Essex County

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Executive Director: Cindy Locke  
Trails Administrator: Matt Tetreault  
Trails Manager: Shane Prisby  
Office Coordinator: Cyndy Carrier Jones

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 PM

Recognition of Visitors

Approval of Agenda: Lewis Barnes moved to approve, Dick Jewett seconded, so moved.

Secretary's Report – July 25, 2016 BOD Minutes – Dave Ladd moved to approve, Pat Poulin seconded, so moved.

Special Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2016 - Mark Reaves moved to approve, Dave Ladd seconded, so moved.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Baltrus reviewed the month end financials for July 2016 and August 2016.

Mark Reaves moved to approve, Dick Jewett seconded, so moved.

### New Business – Club Compliance

Cindy Locke explained that we have the new Club Compliance Procedures which were handed out. Cindy will be doing the first few meetings with Christina. The meetings are all Saturdays or Sundays. It is not mandatory but it would be helpful for the county directors to attend.

### Canaan Border Riders Grievance

- Tim Mills reviewed this issue and the process so far.
- Lewis Barnes, Mark Reaves and Merritt Budd will be on the Resource Committee.
- Cindy Locke noted that she has made copies of all the documentation on this issue for them.
- Tim Mills explained the process of how the Resource Committee works.
- The Resource Committee has 14 days to come to a finding and then the issue will be addressed at the next BOD meeting. The parties involved will be notified so they can attend the BOD if they want to.

### Rock Maple Racing

- Cindy Locke noted that this racing has come back into being, which is held on private property. This sort of event could be a real draw for Vermont to have this event. My concern is that if they are doing a cross country race. They are looking for another destination, Orange County. Our VAST insurance does not cover anything that happens during a race.
- Jeff Fay – Are they using the VAST Trails for this race?
- Cindy Locke – I reached out to the organizer to get more details, but I haven't heard back from him yet.
- Roone – If the landowner wants to have it on his property, I think we need to do it but it would be quite a project to shut parts of the trail off.

### On Line TMA Update

- Cindy Locke noted that VAST Staff has been training on the back end of the system for this. We hope to go live with the system on or around October 14<sup>th</sup>, which is about the same time all clubs will be receiving their paper TMAs. She reviewed the process of sales force, the financial (Sage) system, etc. We will be creating a dummy club to test the system and run through the processes.
- We talked about security for people that may try to cheat the system. It is not going to be a pdf, it's going to be an actual image, so it's harder to duplicate.
- It is important to point out that the TMAs are the same price, the club/county dues are what has changed.

## VTrans and LVRT Update

- Cindy Locke provided a copy of the transcript with the LVRT Committee.
- VTrans are proposing to take the \$1 million matching money away; they want us to still be the project coordinator for the project. The SOV will pay all 80% of the permitting and construction fees and we will pay 20%.
- The Capital Campaign has just started, the first event is Rocktoberfest.
- Right now any money that we raise through January 1<sup>st</sup>, they will still match the \$450,000.
- Carmin Lemery – When does the temporary contract expire?
- Cindy Locke – October 30<sup>th</sup>. We are getting together with our attorney; he is doing it all pro bono. We will have to vote on a new contract; and will only have about five days to approve it from the time of the meeting.

## Grooming Insurance Issue

- Roone Gibbs – what is going on with the insurance for the groomers.
- Matt Tetreault – I have not yet signed that contract for \$275,000. They want the groomers to have a \$1 million automobile insurance policy.
- Mark Reaves noted that it is standard policy for those requirements but you can get it changed.
- VAST insurance doesn't cover it any longer, this is something new that they are requiring.

## LVRT

- Cindy Locke noted that Zeke is no longer the Chair; Danny Hale has stepped up to the position. The procedure will be at the next meeting to vote him in, if there is a quorum.

## Awards and Nominating

- Dave Ladd – we are working on revamping the scholarship application. We have now added the new application on the website.

## Annual Meeting

- Tim Mills thanked Merritt Budd for a great job on the meeting; good turn out.
- Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Lamoille Union High School Tech Center – 2017 Annual Meeting.

## Snow Bikes

Cindy Locke – Snow bikes are allowed on the VAST Trails, but they need to buy a TMA, have insurance, DMV registration and all the requirements that snowmobiles have for equipment, etc.

## PR & Marketing

- Carmin Lemery - We are continuing to work on the military ride.
- Will be at the New York show his coming weekend.
- Next weekend we are going down to the grass drags in NH; possibly to see if we want to have a VT booth there next year.
- End of October we will be doing the Maine show.

## Governor's Council Meeting

- Dick Jewett reviewed the issue of vintage snowmobiles.
- Roger Gosselin – what was the disposition of law enforcement?
- Dick Jewett – They really didn't have an issue with it.
- Cindy Locke – we can't do the vintage this year, because it has to go through legislature.
- Roger Gosselin - so for this year it will be antique registration?
- Cindy Locke noted that she will be providing law enforcement with information on the temporary TMAs through purchase on line.
- Roger Gosselin – we would like to see the vintage come through because it would be cheaper than the antique.

Next Board of Directors meeting is October 24, 2016.

Motion to adjourn at 7:08.

**It is our goal to provide a statewide snowmobile trails system second to none and to provide a quality snowmobiling experience to our members.**