

VASA Board of Directors Minutes  
June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Call-In Meeting

Board of Directors Present: Mike Smith, Gordon Pirie, Reynold Sicotte, Ken Wetherell, Joe Pelkey, Dan Richter, Mike Cole, Chris Hill, Dennis Goyette, Mark Carpenter, George Barton, Steve Bean, Chris Putney, Pete Walbridge, Fred Elliot, Bill Huff, John Hull, Doug Stone, Gary Nolan, Lloyd Church, Cathy Kellar, Adam Lane.

Guests Present: Doug Wheeler, Chuck Lyman

Staff Present: Danny Hale, Ethan Hill, Emily Hale, Jim Dwinell.

Adam Lane calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** It's asked if there are any questions or changes needed for the Secretary's Report for April. Hearing none, *Mike Smith makes a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Mike Cole seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.* It's asked if there are any questions or changes needed for the Secretary's Report for May. Hearing none, *Mike Cole makes a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Fred Elliot seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

**Treasurer's Report:** It's asked if there are any questions for the Treasurer's Report. Hearing none, *Doug Wheeler makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Mike Smith seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

**Staff Report:** We will no longer have covid protocols after this meeting. VASA will be going back to in person meetings and no longer mail materials to clubs. We still need bank information from many clubs so we can switch to electronic funds transfers for club dues. VASA had to do an amendment to our budget as we do every year. It does not change the amount we get; it just reallocates what line items we use it on. Forest and parks approved the amendment.

The only substantial change for this year's budget is the numbers seem larger because we must show the club dues portion for online sales. Previously we did not see the club dues and now we will be receiving and distributing them, so we had to show the income and expense for that. Reynold Sicotte asks about the split line items for membership dues. If the \$120,000 is for July through December of 2021, and the \$240,000 is for January through June of 2022. Danny Hale responds, yes this year it shows both but next year it will all be one line item. Danny Hale mentions the office addition is not in the budget as an added expense other than money we have in maintenance and occupancy expense. We do not anticipate the monthly payments to change. Doug wheeler asks, since the price of lumber has been rising, is there any money in the budget in case we come across any unexpected high costs. Danny Hale responds, no because he does not see a lot of change in prices of what we are paying now and what it will be next year. *Mike Cole makes a motion to accept the budget as is. Mike Smith seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

We do have plans back from the architect for the addition so we have something we can now get an idea on prices, permitting, and financing. For those that have not heard we are talking about putting a maintenance bay on the back side of the office for equipment and moving some offices downstairs. With online sales and the full-time staff being in the office more and having in person meetings we need more space. We just got the word that the Governor signed the bill that included the helmet language. So, it is finally 100% done. There are two types of helmets that are acceptable,

traditional ATV with a straddled seat and handlebars need a DOT approved helmet. Side by sides need a DOT or a ASTF approved helmet. Fred Elliot asks, how are we going to get this out, so we do not run into all these people out on the trail without helmets. Danny Hale responds, just keep putting it out there. Anyone that has a TAD has already signed an application saying they need a helmet. Helmets have been required for VASA members since the beginning. Danny and Ethan are getting a lot of trail work done. They have had a few clubs contact them about trail work but they are still three or four months out. They end up being at every club location longer than expected to be. If you need work done let them know so they can add you to the list.

The Annual meeting is July 12<sup>th</sup>, in person at the office for the BOD. We ask that only one person from each club attend in person due to space for this meeting. We will have a call-in option for the rest of the members. Mike Cole mentions that his club would prefer that the three of them can come up as usual for the meeting like they always have. Danny Hale responds saying he understands they would prefer that. He asks what the BOD wants to do as it is up to them to decide. Fred Elliot responds, if you let one group have three then another club will want more than one person, etc. and then we will have a lot more people. He believes one person from each club should be fine. Emily Hale mentions, it is a bit of a space issue, we have been out growing the room for a while. Scott Boyce says, if it is a space issue QLAC does not mind just calling in. Danny Hale responds, we do not have a great way to have a call in option if you want to participate. *Doug Wheeler makes a motion to limit it to one BOD member in person from each club at the annual meeting. Ken Wetherell seconds the motion. Roll call vote shows 13 to 4 in favor; motion carries.*

VASA received additional clarification this week from Mike Smith who is the Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Motor Vehicles. There is no such thing as a street legal side by side in VT. He has said everyone is now on board. Dan Richter asks, if it is a quadricycle is it still an illegal ATV on the road? Danny Hale responds, there is no quadricycle in VT, that is what DMV is saying.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Doug stone mentions that if you have any club rides, they have some people interested so shoot them an email so they could join.

**Legislative Update:** None.

*Mike Cole makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Richter seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; meeting is adjourned at 6:55 pm.*