

VASA Board of Directors Minutes

March 9th, 2020

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Board of Directors Present: Maureen Mosher, Mike Smith, Gordon Pirie, Ken Wetherell, Roland Bedard, Dan Richter, Shanon Friedrich, John Hull, Chris Hill, Tim Joyal, Mark Carpenter, Dave Taft, Bill Ortlieb, Steve Bean, Pete Walbridge, Melodee Caruso, Fred Elliot, Bill Huff, Adam Lane, Lloyd Church, Gary Nolan, Cathy Keller, Doug Wheeler.

Guests Present: Sid Griggs, Landon Joyal, Moses Joyal, Art Reynolds, Kory Woods, Steve Mosher, Carole Canfield.

Staff Present: Danny Hale, Ethan Hill, Emily Hale, Frank Stanley.

Adam Lane calls the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Secretary's Report: Cathy Keller asks if there are any questions or changes needed for the Secretary's Report. Hearing none, *Steve Mosher makes a motion to accept the Secretary's report as written. Bill Ortlieb seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Treasurer's Report: *Mike Smith makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Fred Elliot seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Staff Report: Club website forms need to be filled out completely and returned to the office. It's very important for us to have all the information being requested on the form. Memberships stickers and applications have all been handed out. Ethan is still plugging away at the map and making progress. The office is looking for a new employee to help with the workload. They won't be doing all of Dani's tasks but be more of a team assistant helping everyone in the office. We've tried zip recruiter and putting it on Facebook and haven't received any interest. BLRR is hosting the annual meeting this year and they're still in the planning process but it's going well. Our Mt. Washington ride is July 25th. The mountain is opening to everyone and you can go up with the general traffic from June 1st (M-F) to June 12th. No one has contacted the office about having a safety course. We do still have an instructor if there's a club who wants to hold a course. We've always struggled to find enough kids to take it but it's never an issue with them passing the course. The requirement is 10-12 kids to hold a class. Mark Carpenter asks what ages are required to have a certificate. Danny answers any kid 12-18 must have a safety certificate.

Ethan said he did get some landowner permission forms. Ethan has been working hard on state access and has submitted four club forms. If any clubs want to have state access they need to get paperwork in as it takes a while. Ethan has been working hard on the map and working with the map designer. Ethan and Dan met with consumer fraud about people selling wrong information about trails. We can't stop this from happening we just need to get the correct information. Stacey asked if we would sell our maps and Dan Richter asked about copywrite but Danny explains that we just need to get the correct information out there. Danny has been working with ride command with a goal to stop miss information. Snowmobile Vermont would like to expand in the Stowe area with ATV rentals. They met with Ethan & Danny and they'd like to build off the Burlington area. Danny suggested the Hardwick trail system for this, with class four trails, and a two hour tour time. He told them to put something together they'd like. We're in the early stages with a lot of hurdles. They would like three or four tours a day with Sat/Sun being 60-65% of their business. Their busy days will be the same as all clubs business days. Members and landowners could possibly not be happy about this and we could lose trail. There is a lot to this and we'll need to talk a lot more about it.

Pete Walbridge asked about trail maintenance. Danny stated they have money and we'll see how it works in the first year. Danny mentions he's trying to push them in a different direction, buy some land and get an act 250 permit. \$200 a year is not worth losing trail. There's a vendor in Concord who does about 50 a year and does a great job. Dave Taft asks if it happens if we could charge a user fee. Money is fine but not worth it if we lose trail. They'd like a clause stating that no other company could do the same operation as them. Ethan mentions that the intersection signs have been ordered.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Lost Nation is raffling off a gun that was given to them. Only 100 tickets available, \$20 a ticket.

Legislative Update: Definition of an ATV with weight limit increasing to 2500 lbs passed and is moving to the house. Act 250 passed house floor. Not sure it will pass as it's a big bill with 300+ pages. If in 2-3 weeks it looks like not passing with will have back up plan.

50/50: Steve Bean wins the 50/50 and donates back.

Maureen Mosher makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fred Elliot seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; meeting is adjourned at 7:07 pm.