

VASA Board of Directors Minutes

September 14th, 2020

Call in Meeting

Board of Directors Present: Mike Smith, Gordon Pirie, Reynold Sicotte, Mike Cole, Chris Hill, Dave Taft, Bill Ortlieb, Steve Bean, Bob Connell, Doug Stone, Gary Nolan, Doug Wheeler, Joe Pelkey, Lloyd Church, Tim & Cathy, Adam Lane, Ted Lane, Peter Walbridge

Guests Present: Reggie

Staff Present: Danny Hale, Ethan Hill, Emily Hale, Liz Foster

Adam Lane calls the meeting at 6:00 pm

Secretary's Report: It's asked if there are any questions or changes needed for the Secretary's Report. No changes being made. *Bill Ortlieb makes a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Ted seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Treasurer's Report: Reynold comments regarding income, Danny mentions net income not meaning anything. Getting more money, still have outstanding bills to pay. We are not a business. We are a non profit organization. *Lloyd makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Bill O. seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Staff Report: Dave brought up Closing Dates, we are still trying to get them from all of the clubs and will be posting on website no later than 9/18/20.

Membership still seems to climb a little bit every day. We are currently at 5362 members.

Talk about winter riding.

Needing to pick the color for next years TAD's. Emily says purple is the one we have not used in the longest amount of time. Some chime in about not having the same color as NH, Adam says we have used the same colors, but formats are entirely different. So Purple it

is. Will be ordering those asap so that we have them for 1/1/2021. Emily says unless you plan on selling them for winter months to hold off getting the TAD's from the office.

Emily mentions that some clubs having outstanding sign invoices to pay. If you don't know if you owe or not, please reach out to Emily. If not, you will hear from her 😊

Annual Meeting, Adam has decided that it's time for an in person meeting, too many new faces not to have one. It will be held at the Canadian Club November 9th at 5:30pm. The clubs will be allowed two BOD's to attend. All covid precautions will be in place. We will be sending out RSVP's for board members asap. The first week of October we will send out a mailing that will be sent to every member to invite them to join us virtually if they would like to we can add them to the agenda. Question brought up about Canadian Clubs internet capacity, we are looking into that. The only agenda needs are Vice President, Treasurer and Member at Large. Lloyd (Vice President) and Gary (Treasurer) will be running for those positions for another 2 years.

Doug nominates Mike Cole for Member at Large

Welcome to Pownal Regulators ATV Club, they sure did their homework before joining us. We are very excited to have them, they have a great relationship with Bennington County Sherriff's Department, which is great because we have never had a good relationship with Southern Vermont's police. Should have a contract in place this year going forward. Asked who he dealt with, Lieutenant Howard.

Trials: Ethan, Danny, Kyle and David have been working like crazy trying to button up some projects this fall before snow flies. Folks have about a week to reach out before we won't be accepting anymore projects for the season. As far as our mapping systems, Polaris Ride Command is only as accurate as clubs tell us they have added new trails. As far as the physical map, people are not happy with this years map. Ethan chimes in and saying we didn't have the same company that we have had in the past and will look into something else for next year. Adam and Ethan both agree that Ride Command has never let them down, but fact is, we need better physical maps for next year.

Legislative Report: Frank in legislative is trying to get the Helmets and TAD required while ice fishing removed. That was never our intent. Gary mentions for everyone to get involved and get out there and VOTE!

Old Business: Douglas asks if there are any new helmet updates, Danny says no, we will be involved in that process when it comes time. Just wear a helmet, “what kind?” any kind, if you need more of an answer than that, than DOT helmets will be acceptable always.

New Business: Octobers meeting will be another call in/video meeting. Adam starts off by saying JPP’s Poker run was a great event, having a wonderful time. Tim Joyal chimes in saying to check out Facebooks page Street Legal SideXSide Laws, let’s get on the band wagon and stay in front of it. Danny says that we are a Trail Organization and push come to shove VT will always pick trails over roads.

Adam Lane makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike Cole seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; meeting is adjourned at 6:56