

VASA Board of Directors Minutes  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Video Call

Board of Directors On Call: Bill Ortlieb, Fred Elliot, Pete Walbridge, Tim Joyal, Joe Pelkey, Gordon Pirie, Reynold Sicotte, Dan Richter, Joe Berard, Chris Hill, Steve Bean, Bob Connell, Doug Stone, Shannon Friedrich, Ken Wetherell, Dave Taft, Lloyd Church, Gary Nolan, Cathy Keller, Doug Wheeler, Adam Lane.

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

Danny Hale calls the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Danny asks if there are any questions or changes needed for the Treasurer's Report. Hearing none, *Reynold Sicotte makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Shannon Friedrich seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

**Staff Report:** Danny says things are very busy in office and in the field. Liz Foster our new employee is doing a great job. Online sales just reached 900. Last year was 700. Have received 1,000 back from the clubs. We're running low on TAD and Maps and have ordered more. TAD's should be there tomorrow and maps should be in about a week. Reynold asks when we should receive them. Emily said we should have them tomorrow and has a list of clubs that requested them she'll reach out to. We haven't received any requests for VEST safety courses this year, and we most likely won't hold any this year.

Trails very busy, Danny's at Top of the World, other group working out there. Water bars not great cleaned out with shovels. Should only be done every four years and normal maintenance should be done one or two times a year with a shovel. Some clubs have not gotten hold of Ethan or Danny. Danny's working up north and Ethan and David are working in the Barre area. Mike Smith asked if heard from State about RTP grant – all State of Vermont things not great, not done yet.

NH's Mount Washington ride was cancelled but they said we can still do our ride. Do we, VASA, want to organize a large out of state gathering? COVID is spiking in NH and we're still in a self-quarantine state still. Shannon Friedrich mentions we don't want to send the wrong message. *Mike Smith makes a motion to cancel this years Mount Washington Ride. Ken Wetherell seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.* We should start to think about in person meetings again. In the next few months we could start back up in person but it's up to the board. Doug feels September would be okay to have in person meeting, and Fred Elliott agrees. Danny says it doesn't matter when we just need to know for the next upcoming one. Decided to wait few more months and check back on decision every month. Doug Wheeler asks about the budget, it was answered that it was passed last month.

Roads swamped with complaints and issues, Danny is getting asked where VASA stands on road use, not talking about connectors – talking about opening roads (open on all roads in there town). In the past we've supported road for connectors to trails. Landowners, select board, legislators, AOT. Danny mentions he feels we're going backwards for the first time in 20 years. Dave Taft suggests we need something in our laws VASA not responsible for roads / trails for not connecting trails. VASA not responsible, no helmet. Motion that VASA not make town road. Ken says they take to fine. Reynold

Sicotte asks how to police it. Not being a cop, game warden job, gray area game warden won't write tickets on class 4 roads / problem with what is a trail or not a trail. What we have is what we have but what will we do in the future? More town closing road than opened road, but closing road what we need. Advertise what people getting tickets no about tickets is about the use, lots of reason why so many out there. Danny - If club is interested / talk to select. Danny is firm if we open to towns. Anything from State about need TAD – June 19 still may have a chance, still done local, game warden reached out to club to last week. On road class 1,2,3,4 – Llyod Church would like executive board to point the executive director in the right direction. Adam Lane likes the idea but want clubs' ideas, most members like road riding, it's a tough one. Plan going forward 300 – 500 in sells. David Taft suggests keep doing in town but not VASA and club responsibility. Knows what is being said in clubs input and executive board. Gary Nolan says meeting to quick need time for clubs in email VASA with ideas. Mike Smith agrees but a lot of trail rides are, Warden asked what we need to do about this, a lot a of Sat / Sun. Adam Lane says, make something happen, send input from clubs to him. Gary Nolan asks Danny if the ATV death in orange side by side throw off – speed was it on a road opened by town. Dan didn't hear – was around 3 am in morning.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Carol Canfield asked about Ride command, most members found no tails in VT. Bill Ortlieb was on ride command all trail on there, they said they updated. Ethan ride command update did for them Carol, Robin had update thing all good now. Was told need up roads in town, that ancient roads, trails in our book – not sure if that helps not sure. (Works well). Doug when riding with group, both signs and maps was done good. Would like to say good job to both Mikes. Mike says thanks.

**Legislative Update:** None.

*Mike Smith makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Ortlieb seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; meeting is adjourned at 7:07 pm.*