

VASA Board of Directors Minutes
May 18th, 2020
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Barre, VT 05641

Board of Directors Present: Mike Smith, Tim Joyal, Dave Taft, Bill Ortlieb, Steve Bean, Fred Elliot, Adam Lane, Gary Nolan, Cathy Keller, Jeff Curtis, Doug Stone, Reynold Sicotte, Scott Jenness, Dan Richter, Mike Cole.

Guests Present: None.

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

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. Hearing none, *Mike Smith 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. Bill Ortlieb seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Staff Report: Danny thought it'd be a slow year due to the COVID, but as of May 18th 2020 online membership was up to 491 and climbing. The budget was adjusted a little for this coming year. A little less than this past year and more accurate on what should be spent. *Reynold Sicotte makes a motion to accept the budget for the upcoming year. Mike Smith seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.* VASA's new hire, Liz Foster, started today and has hit the ground running. Seems as though she'll be a good fit. Online sales had a few bugs but Emily has worked with the website contact to get those fixed. Emily has only received 12 website forms back from 21 clubs. The office is getting a lot of phone calls from members who have purchased a TAD and not received a map when doing so. All points of sale should have their maps by now and if not need to ASAP. It's not the office's job to send these members a map and they will be getting referred back to the club/point of sale. Emily has not received an email form some clubs on where to mail their club dues checks. Emily still has not received from some clubs there mailing address to mail out the online sales checks. The clubs will receive an email excel work sheet instead of the individual l copies. Ethan did a great job on maps with what was handed in. The maps are on Ride command which is a free app. Which we receive a \$10,000.00 grant which was used on maps.

Ethan and David have been working in Central VT while Danny, Carson, and Kyle worked on CATT's trails. Please submit to Ethan for any work that needs to be scheduled. All State highway that was submitted is on hold due to the COVID-19. Opened trails and roads led to a very busy weekend and in turn led to a lot of calls, from sheriffs, town people, citizens. We need to look hard at VASA's position on road use, hard line on original mission. One road (Connector) to two trails, road use could be more problems in the future. Adam stated don't open a road unless they are connecting. Tim Joyal said should be so much trail per road section. Road that are state highway (Paved roads) Chris states 75% are class 4 roads. State, class 2, class 3 roads that don't connect we need to think about this. Need to come out with statement on VASA (helmet in side by side). Trail committee should have meeting and complete letter and get approved.

Mike Cole brings up online sales. Online sales need to be one fee for all clubs. Their club has raised their membership fee to \$30 and website is only \$20, he would like VASA to change it to make their online the same \$30. Dave mentions we voted to keep them at \$20 for the year. Gary stated it would need to be voted on to raise fees but can't change this year. It was decided to finish that discussion at a later date.

We have paid off our excavator and we've amended a grant so that over the next three years we'll get money toward payments on a new ASV we hope to purchase. *Mike Smith makes a motion to approve the purchase of the ASV. Dan Richter seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.* Ethan states that VASA has (1 x 1 x 5) grade stakes available for purchase. They're \$.50 each. We also have gas/food signs now available. If you have trail work you need done then you need to get the paperwork filled out and sent to Ethan so he can get you on the schedule.

Old Business: Dave and Ethan – thank you for the work done on Lost Nation. Bill O has inspected - Dan has worked hard, looks great.

New Business: None.

Legislative Update: Frank discusses with Covid19 Senator Trail Committee / AOT must pass bill, language is to be put back in. New date is legal wrap up June 19 but could change and come back in August. Mandatory TAD / Ins / Helmets on road in the transportation bill. Act 250 bill dead in the water to move to trail. Dave asked about helmets / ins is that when would become law Jan 1, 2021. 50% not wearing helmets / lead by example.

Ted Lane makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Ortlieb seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; meeting is adjourned at 7:04 pm.