

VASA Board of Directors Minutes  
April 10, 2023  
VASA HQ

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

**BoD Present:** Gordon Pirie, Ted Lane, Steve Bean, Mike Small, Chris Putney, Fred Elliot, Robbie Perdue, Chris Hill, Matt Frechette, Bill Huff, Chad Letourneau, Mike Pero, George Barton, Adam Lane, Lloyd Church, Tim Joyal, Gary Nolan, Katlin Wheatley

**BoD Present Online:** Bart Howes, Mark Carpenter, Dorran Dougherty, John Hull

**Staff (non-voting):** Dani Luce, Ethan Hill, Jim Dwinell, Carson Anderson, Frank Stanley

**Secretary's Report:** It is asked if there are any questions or changes needed. Nothing is brought up, Ted Lane motions to accept the Secretary's Report as written, seconded by Fred Elliott.

All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report and Quarterly Mileage:** It is asked if there are any questions. Nothing is brought up, John Hull motions to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Chris Hill. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

#### **Staff Reports—**

Systems Consultant: To date we have sold 486 TADs for the 2023 season. We are getting close to having the merch store up and running through Granite City Graphics. There will be various 25th anniversary logo merch available as well as the club logos banner. We have also been working on the RSVP for the meeting that includes a place to purchase meal tickets. Clubs really need to start advertising trail cleanup day and statewide green up.

\*please send over some green up or trail clean up photos to the office so we can use them\*

**Trails Coordinator:** Clubs should be getting together the paperwork for any trail work they want done in the 2023 season. When filling out a form please make sure that everything is filled out in detail, this will save everyone a lot of time The sign store is available for anything you need for your trails, let me know if you need intersection signs as those are special order items. We did get 2 of the 3 RTP grants we submitted to FPR and I am working with GMNF on a Polaris grant as an alternative to the Legacy Trails grant we did not receive for SRR. We have trailhead kiosk maps here to pick up and informational landowner liability brochures that can be given to landowners to better explain their coverage. Frank is going to work with Ethan to see if we can get any more info on what he grants. There are new helmet signs that VASA will supply for each trailhead and clubs are able to purchase more through the online store. Clubs need to have trail opening dates to Ethan by the end of the week.

**Project Manager:** My main focus has been to update the VEST course, the plan is to bring back the in person classes with an option of attending online. I have been working with Jim on the issue of administering the test for those who attend virtually. I have been collaborating with

Sgt. Metayer with VSP and Abbie Beerman from UVMMC on advertising classes and getting feedback on some technical questions regarding the hybrid style safety course. I am also going to be working with Carole Smith of NOHVCC and ASI. I got in contact with the previous VEST instructor, Joe Larose who will be working with me on reintroducing the course in it's new format. I have submitted a Yamaha grant to try to secure funding for this. If anyone is interested in setting up a time for a course I am happy to talk to you about it, but this will take time to get going. I would like to start with a course of adults to get some of the kinks worked out before working with kids. We will be looking for 10+ people to commit for attendance for the safety courses, are there a few clubs that want to get together to host this?.The VASA office can be utilized for a course space. You do have to be at least 12 years old to take the safety course and get your certificate, and anyone under 18 needs to be safety certified to ride on VASA. Our Law enforcement contract lapsed and Dani has been working on a contract with them that will provide better reports, more tickets and violations. Dani was also able to change the ticket writing day to May 1st.

**Events Committee Report:** The Events committee has been working hard to get things locked down. We have the caterer, port o potties, tents/tables/chairs all taken care of. Jim has been hard at work on the merchandise and swag bags. We are still in need of donations/prizes. Clubs need to start handing in donations so they can be advertised. We are also in need of business donations. Please work with friends, family or local business to see if they would be willing to sponsor. Next meeting is 4/24 at 6:00PM online.

**Finance and Policy Committee:** Bart volunteered to be the chair of the committee. The discussion about starting a trust for easements/conservancy was started, there should be a separate committee for it consisting of 7 members that do not have to be all board members. We should focus on one or two policies at a time, the first chosen to be looked at was the BoD attendance policy. The committee will meet on the third Tuesday of the month and will keep the meetings to about an hour.

**Other Business:** Chad Letourneau brought information to the board on a new trailhead GMATV is wanting to build. They had a landowner who wanted to build it himself and quoted them \$17,050 for the whole thing. The current trail policy states that VASA will only reimburse up to \$1,500 for trailhead projects and GMATV was looking to get 1/3 of the cost reimbursed. It was decided to table this discussion until more information was gathered.

With Danny's departure, we need to give some other people official permission to be the contacts with the credit card company. Carson and Adam make the most sense as the business manager and president. A motion is made by Bill Huff to make Carson Anderson and Adam Lane authorized agents on all VASA credit cards and remove Emily Hale and Danny Hale from the authorized user list, seconded by Tom Nezzewski. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

Bill Huff motions to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ted Lane. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Adjourned at 7:58PM