

VASA Board of Director Minutes
December 11, 2023
VASA HQ

Chris Putney calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

The internet was down at the time of the meeting, so there will be no online presence. There are not enough people present for a quorum so there will be no motions made or voted on at this meeting.

Roll Call

BOD Present: Steve Mosher, Gordon Prie, Spencer Leggett, Chris Hill, Brian Benoit, Tom Nazzewski, George Barton, Mike Small, Fred Elliot, Bill Huff, Chris Putney, Lloyd Church, Judy MacCormack, Melissa LaBounty, Doug Stone and Gary Nolan

BOD Present Online:

-none as Internet is not working

Staff (Non-voting) present: Tommy O'Connor, Jeremy Sneed (new business manager), Ethan Hill & Jim Dwinell

Secretary's Report: It is asked if there are any additions or corrections to the report.

Treasurer's report: It is asked if there are questions on the report.

Chris points out the new format that will hopefully make them easier to understand.

Also, there are some outstanding invoices from Clubs that need to be paid before the end of the year. Please print out your invoices and mail checks to VASA.

There is currently an open position on the Executive Board for Treasurer.

The position will involve the following duties:

- Managing & overseeing the financial activities for VASA
- Assisting VASA office staff with budget needs and grants as necessary
- Assist with preparing the reports for VASA BOD regular meetings
- Assist with Finance & Policy Committee to update policies

He asks that all representatives of clubs go back to their meetings to see if there are any volunteers. We need to have all volunteers present at January's meeting. If no volunteers, Chris will have to appoint someone for the position.

Staff Reports-

Directors Consultant:

A handful of TADS were sold in November, final numbers are included.

We are on track to begin TAD sales as of December 15, 2023 for the 2024 year. Jim has been working with the free Salesforce training software and is putting together a “Ride command for beginners video” to help with the transition from using the paper map.

Trails Coordinator:

VTMP Updates: Clubs will need to get in their VTMP paperwork so that he can work on a spring schedule. 2024 looks to be a busy year for VASA.. **Grant updates:** He is going to close out the Stamford Grant project. He has received word of the wetlands report for RTP - Lowell Wind Tower Project and will be following up on the Sutton powerline project as well. **Equipment updates:** All of the equipment is back to the office that we are storing here for the winter. A couple of pieces are being stored at David's undercover as well. The tracks for the little truck have been ordered and received. The box trailer and tracks have been sold.

Executive Directors report:

The Business Manager position has been filled by Jeremy Sneed, who is present tonight. We are finalizing the VOREC grant for flood recovery. We are asking for \$1.8 million. The process if awarded funds would begin thi spring. There will also be a portion of those funds that will be used to cover work that has already been completed prior to the July floods.

He spoke with members of the Agency of transportation about their electrify your fleet grant. We will not be participating in this grant. It would only get us \$2,500 towards a new truck if we wanted but does not make financial sense for us at this time. It was also discovered that ATV's were not considered with this grant. The main concern given was that some of the ATV's may not meet the current state statute. He reminded them that this information is currently true but full of issues. There are several models of ATV's that meet the width and weight requirements set by the state statute as well as many that don't.

The VASA team has been working on catching up on spring preparations for work that will be needed to our trail systems.

He participated in a VTGC update and will be working towards some ability to have VASA be a part of some of their symposiums / conferences in the spring to bolster our image with state partners.

He has continued with the ongoing meetings with Frank Stanley. The latest was to discuss the recently published legislative policy update related to the environmental movement. They are seeing discussions around conservation, electrification and other topics that are gearing up to be heavily discussed. He will keep us as up to date as possible (along with Frank) when it comes to legislative actions. The main concerns they are watching are the electrification requirements and the conservation act referred to as the 30 by 30 or 50 by 50.

Finance & Policy Commitee updates:

There is no update on this with the absence of a treasurer.

Chris Putney presented the award of appreciation to Gary Nolan for all of his years of service as Treasurer on the VASA Executive board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.