

VASA Board of Directors Minutes
02/10/2020
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Board of Directors Present: Mike Smith, Gordon Pirie, Reynold Sicotte, Ted Lane, Roland Bedard, Dan Richter, Shanon Friedrich, Dave Taft, Carole Canfield, Steve Bean, Chris Putney, Fred Elliot, Adam Lane, Gary Nolan.

Board of Directors On Phone: Mike Cole, Joe Berard, Chris Hill, Tim Joyal, Mark Carpenter, Scott Boyce, Pete Walbridge, Bill Huff, Cathy Keller.

Guests Present: Dani Luce

Staff Present: Danny Hale, Ethan Hill, Frank Stanley (called in).

Adam Lane calls the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Secretary's Report: Cathy Keller asks if there are any questions or changes needed for the Secretary's Report. Hearing none, *Ted Lane makes a motion to accept the Secretary's report as written. Fred Elliot seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Treasurer's Report: Reynold Sicotte asks what the amount is under other income. Danny explains it was the sale of equipment. *Reynold Sicotte makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Mike Smith seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Staff Report: Danny explains that there are now landowner permission forms on the website for use. When using you must print three, one copy for the club, one copy for the landowner, and one copy for VASA, each with a signature. Memberships are available tonight minus the maps. All old applications need to be thrown away. If you use old applications than you will be responsible for the new cost of the trail access decal fee. Maps are very delayed. We have high hopes of having them before riding season. New tasks we're working on are trail numbering intersections. Layout is proving difficult. Interconnecting clubs mean bigger layouts. Ten clubs haven't responded about map changes. VASA annual meeting and MT. Washington are scheduled. Apparel ordered. RTP RANKING

We have one outstanding grant reimbursement. Dani left a manual to help us through moving on without her. Our plan is to hire an executive team assistant. Please send emails with any input. Ethan explains he's been working on mapping. He mentions that there aren't many trail projects scheduled yet. Kyle and David will return come spring. The equipment is all set to go for the season. We plan to purchase an ASV with grant money. From the sale of the equipment from this fall/winter we will purchase new equipment with. All state highway access must go through Ethan. You need to respond and communicate with Ethan to get things done. We're in need of safety instructors. Ethan's willing to help. We need new ASI and ATV/Side by Side instructors. This is a great opportunity to earn extra money. If you're interested in teaching email Danny and Ethan. We plan to offer this to Vermont fish and wildlife, electric companies, and sheriffs as well. Danny allowed call in for this meeting as the weather was not great. Many people called in. There was discussion about future call in's and if we allow in the future due to weather will the call be considered in attendance. If we continue we will need to spend some money on a proper set up. Shannon mentions it should be case by case basis. Adam proposes it being an excused absence but you must be present to vote. Danny explains we can check emails day of the meeting and call ins can count as excused absence but people still need to attend the meetings. No policy change just an operational change. Snow day call ins are available.

Discussion was brought up about the club minimum fee, \$15, \$20, or \$25. Danny's goal is to move all the membership completely online. The discussion was tabled for the membership committee meeting on March 3rd, at 6:00 pm. As for the trails committee there was discussion of changing the membership year back to be inclusive of winter riding.

Old Business: None.

New Business: VASA presents Dani with a thank you gift for her many years here at VASA. Possible new club in Brandon.

Legislative Update: Frank was not able to attend in person but was on the phone. He discussed what he's been working on. The dealerships want to raise the weight limit from 1700 to 2500 lbs. It will be in the DMV miscellaneous bill. The width will remain. Helmets and insurance required on all public roads or where trail access decals are required. Open to ATV use means you need a trail access decal. Danny will testify Thursday. Helmets and insurance should be easy. The mandatory trail access decal on roads might be an issue but we need to push it. Other change is about public highway (unmaintained) it's confusing. Working with Louis Porter and legislative council to make it happen. Will report more next month. Frank is optimistic this will all work out. We're hoping to have all items in House T-Bill. Meeting with Governor tomorrow to go over this plan. Act 250 still in limbo. We'll have a better update next month.

50/50: Fred Elliot wins the 50/50 and donates back.

Fred Elliot makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ted Lane seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; meeting is adjourned at 7:29 pm.