

January 13, 2020
VASA Board of Directors Meeting
14 Don Camp Drive
Barre, VT 05641

Board Present: Maureen Mosher, Steve Mosher, Mike Smith, Doug Wheeler, Ted Lane, Ellen Friedrich Joe Berard, Mike Cole, Chris Hill, Tim Joyal, Mark Carpenter, Scott Boyce, Dave Taft, Carole Canfield, Bill Ortlieb, Steve Bean, Pete Walbridge, Bob Connell, Fred Elliot, Bill Huff, Adam Lane, Lloyd Church, Gary Nolan, Cathy Keller.

Staff Present: Danny Hale, Dani Luce, Emily Hale, David Gilderdale, Ethan Hill, Frank Stanley.

Guests Present: Sidney Griggs, Art Reynolds.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Gary Nolan goes through each of the reports as presented. Danny reminds everyone that mileage checks will not be mailed as per the policy; we have recently had some trouble with people requesting for us to break protocol for them. This will not be happening. *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: Dani explains that we are attempting to put more forms up on the website to help the Board find everything they need. It is also a great time of year to check the accuracy of the club pages. Send any corrections or updates to the office. 2020 Membership material will be ready at the February meeting but the maps are severely delayed and will not be ready at the same time. We finished the year with 3895 memberships which is exactly 400 more than last year. The new applications will include the newly ratified increase to non-Vermont registered TADs. Dani explains that staff participated in a meeting with BLRR regarding the annual event and that their planning process is going well. The only hang up is that there was some difference of opinion on where the ride should go; the club wants to utilize some city roads in Newport City and VASA thinks it may be a better idea to not overload the streets because BLRR was only granted a trial period for this opportunity and we don't want to start any controversy. Apparel is available, and the staff has certain items to show. There is an order form on the back of your agenda packets. We have successfully submitted the final applications for three 2020 RTP grants and are nearly ready to submit a reimbursement for the SVTR Mitnick project.

Trails: Staff participated in a Polaris Ride Command conference call; we are considering utilizing Polaris Ride Command to assist us with mapping and so we can obtain Polaris Trails Grants once again. Also, if we participate we will be ensuring that the data presented is accurate and we will have some control. The current Vermont trails on Ride Command are not even legal. At this time we cannot see any negatives and will proceed cautiously but with a positive mindset about it. Ethan is working very diligently on redoing our maps and explains the new trail numbering process and the numbers that have been assigned to each club. He stresses to everyone to keep the numbers to ATV trails only; not road junctions. Danny states that the new map is becoming quite the process because we are in need of a

larger format as clubs begin to connect. Danny and Ethan both explain the new landowner policy that is included in the agenda packets. The point is to cover all bases and encourage and keep strong connections with landowners. Discussion occurs regarding the new policy. The board would like to remove the line "VASA will receive white copy. Club will keep yellow copy. Landowner will keep pink copy" from the policy so they are able to use the non-carbon copy versions of the permission form. *Ted Lane makes a motion to accept the policy as amended. Shannon Friedrich seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Lobbyist Report: Frank explains that Act 250 is becoming a time consuming and concerning issue that he and Danny have been working on for over a year. We previously weren't affected by Act 250 but now there is language that will directly affect us. We are trying to work on an exemption for trails as without one we are subject to lose many landowners. Currently the trail groups are sticking together to form a unified voice but we do not want to be left alone when push comes to shove. Frank is trying to make the best deal possible for us and Danny is trying to prepare for the worst case scenarios. Frank explains that he will be meeting with the Governor to discuss helmets, insurance and raising the weight limit to 2500 pounds, but the width restriction will remain the same. These issues will most likely be in the transportation bill. The ATV world is receiving a lot of attention (positive and negative) from the Newport situation.

Old Business: There is one kiosk left. Contact the office if you are interested. Discussion occurs regarding winter riding and TAD dates. Emily suggests that to solve this issue we have the TADs and membership materials ready for January 1 from now on.

New Business: Dani announces that she will be leaving VASA after 13 years. The board wishes her well on her new journey.

50/50: Lloyd Church wins the 50/50.

Steve Mosher makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ted Lane seconds. All in favor, none opposed; meeting is adjourned at 7:11 pm.