

VAST Board of Directors Meeting
Date December 21, 2020
Meeting Minutes - Final

OFFICERS PRESENT

President, Tim Mills
Vice President, Jeff Fay
Secretary, Jim Hill
Treasurer, Patty Companik

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Addison: Lewis Barnes
Bennington: Absent
Caledonia: Bruce Carlson
Chittenden: Pat Poulin
Essex: Mike Daley
Franklin: Mike Burns
Grand Isle: Damien Henry Lamoille:
Carmin Lemery
Orange: Juliann Sherman
Orleans: Roger Gosselin
Rutland: Curt Marechaux
Washington: Mark Reaves
Windham: Drew Fraser
Windsor: Dick Jewett

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director: Cindy Locke
Trails Administrator: Matt Tetreault
LVRT/Trails Manager: Ken Brown
VAST Operations: Cyndy Carrier Brown

GUESTS:

Raymond Rodrigue, Doug Jacobs – Alt Director for Windham County,
Stan Choiniere – Safety Committee Chair
Ivor Stevens – Alt Director for Windham County, Scott Daniels, Ed Hebebrand,

President Tim Mills called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Rutland moved and Lamoille seconded approval of the agenda as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Secretary's Report

MOTION: Essex moved and Rutland seconded approval of the agenda as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Treasurer's Report

MOTION: There was no report as Patty was not able to make the meeting. Will need to approve in January

Tabled Items: None

New Business

Snowmobile Exhaust Laws: Pat Poulin reported out that the Governor's Council has been reviewing this and we are seeing changes to the statute to refer to the plate attached or the tattoo on the muffler to show law enforcement that approved mufflers are on a machine and the muffler is not "after market." This would alleviate the need for decibel language in statute or decibel meters.

TMA Program Update: Cindy reported out that everything was going well. It has certainly been a lot of work and some staff have been working seven days a week, but with that and some help from volunteers we got through the busiest part. We have been making notes along the way to help us refine the program moving forward.

COVID Restrictions and Planning Update: There is nothing to really report. Everything has stayed the same and updates are on our website.

Vermont Snow Trails Conservancy: Jim asked for BOD approval for a slate of trustees. All current trustees have agreed to stay on. **Motion made to approve by: Rutland and Lamoille Seconded, motion approved**

Staff Reports (ED, Trail Administrator, LVRT Manager) Nothing to add.

Committee and Other Meeting Reports

Northeast Chapter and USA

VT Snow Trails Conservancy

Already taken care of

2 Law Enforcement Committee

Morristown will be getting training by F&W on January 12.

Awards and Nominating Committee Nothing

Annual Meeting Nothing

Long Range Planning & Organization Committee

We have been meeting about online TMAs, Act 250 and Ice Crossings

Resource Committee

They will be sending out a list of questions to county clubs and asking the county to speak with local clubs. The committee will be hosting meetings and following up.

Trails Committee

Nothing to report. Setting a meeting for January 18.

Safety Committee

Hand signal signs are a hit.

Governor's Council Already covered.

MOTION: Rutland moved and Orleans seconded that the meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hill
Secretary

