

**VAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 25, 2021**



SNOWMOBILE VERMONT

OFFICERS PRESENT:

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Addison: Lewis Barnes
Bennington: Carol DeJohn
Caledonia: Bruce Carlson
Chittenden: Pat Poulin
Essex: John Hull
Franklin: Mike Burns
Grand Isle: Damien Henry
Lamoille: Carmin Lemery
Orange: Juliann Sherman
Orleans: Roger Gosselin
Rutland: Curt Marechaux
Washington: Mark Reaves
Windham: Michael Garber (Absent)
Windsor: Doug Jacobs

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Windham: Ivor Stevens
Windsor: Stan Choiniere
Chittenden: Richard Spitzer

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director: Cindy Locke
Trails Administrator: Matthew Tetreault
Trails Manager: Ken Brown
Technology & Media Manager: Beth Flint
Office and Program Manager: Katie-Ann Thompson

GUESTS:

North Country Mountaineers, Mike Mustachio, Ed Hebebrand, John Orlowski, Real Cyr

MEETING

Tim Mills called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION:

Rutland County moved and Windham County seconded approval of the agenda as circulated.
Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Cindy Locke asked to cross off slot B's the letter of credit issue to be put on next month's agenda. Rodger Gosselin asked to move his report of the safety program to slot B. Jeff Fay made addition for the landowner issue in Poultney.

MOTION:

Addison County moved and Rutland County seconded to approve the secretary report.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Summary of Financial Report: general budget, trails budget, scholarship budget:

- September 2021 - 12 months - last month of the budget or we are at 100% of the budget season.
- Income thru September 2021:
- Budget: 3,255,180
- Monthly Activity: 42,885 (12,796 SSTP, 11,0894 Media Sales) - 15k Transfer to GF should be moved to Economic Study Reserves Account
- Actual: 3,384,193
- \$129,013 exceeding budget income expectation or we finished the year at 104% of expected income. Once the 15k moves to the correct acct = our actual income becomes 3,369,193 - and we will be at 114,013 exceeding budgets (vs 129k).
- Expense thru September 2021:
- Budget: 2,816,998
- Monthly Activity: 156,298 - 49,120 in Trails (36,916 GMNF and 6397 Trail Signs), 11,965 for Annual Meeting,
- Actual: 2,472,258
- \$344,470 of expense budget balance – 88% of the approved expense budget was utilized.
- After the annual meeting the board voted to move money into the reserve accounts based on percentages of balance at year end reporting.
- Grooming .067%
- Equipment 7.68%
- Building 7.68%
- Emergency 15.37%
- Disaster Relief 10.25%
- Special Projects 7.68%

- 100k - new insurance (51.24%)
- Economic Impact Reserve Acct - 15k

MOTION:

Washington County moved and Windsor County seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted.

Motion carried.

New Business

Mark Reaves spoke about the Long-Range Planning Committee. Rodger Gosselin gave a presentation on safety committee plans. Jeff Fay spoke about water crossing signage being put in place by December 1st and sending out contracts for clubs.

MOTION:

Washington County moved and Windham County seconded that the ice crossing policy pass.

Motion carried.

Landowner Issues

Jeff Fay spoke about the incident of a landowner's butternut tree, raspberry bushes, and bee balm being cut down without her knowledge or permission. Reparations will be made to the landowner.

Committee and Other Meeting Reports

- *Northeast Chapter and USA – Pat Poulin and Jeff Fay:* The Northeast Chapter reports their meeting coming up this Thursday night. VAST is hosting the spring ride this year at Island Pond.
- *VT Snow Trails Conservancy- Jim Hill:* Nothing to report.
- *Law Enforcement Committee- Gary Nolan:* The new safety app for cell phones coming out soon.
- *Awards and Nominating- Patty Companik:* Nothing to report.
Awards: Annual Mtg acknowledgement of award recipients. "Volunteers At Work" - continue to collect photos etc. for magazine
- *Financial: - Patty Companik:* Audit - Cindy Locke and I reviewed and updated notification letter to clubs - distributed to 8 clubs who were previously selected - offered 2 zoom meeting options for Q&A - updating Audit ppt for reference.
- *By-laws and Policy- Jeff Fay:* Nothing to report.
- *Executive Committee- Tim Mills:* Nothing to report.

- *Finance Committee- Patty Companik: Audits have gone out.*
- *Long Range Planning Organizational Goals- Mark Reaves, Chair: Nothing to add.*
- *Resource Committee- Ivor Stevens: Nothing to report.*
- *Personnel- Jeff Fay: Nothing to report.*
- *Trails- Jeff Fay: Nothing to report.*
- *Safety- Stan Chioniere: Nothing to report.*
- *Governor's Council – Pat Poulin, Chair: Nothing to report.*

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business, Rutland County moved, and Windsor County seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.

Tim Mills adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.