

VASA Board of Directors Minutes
August 10th, 2020
Call in Meeting

Board of Directors Present: Mike Smith, Gordon Pirie, Reynold Sicotte, Chuck Lyman, Mike Cole, Chris Hill, Dave Taft, Bill Ortlieb, Steve Bean, Bob Connell, Doug Stone, Gary Nolan, Doug Wheeler, Joe Pelkey, Lloyd Church, Tim & Cathy, Adam Lane, Ted Lane, Peter Walbridge

Guests Present: Chris Putney, Doug Wheeler, Robert Williams, Reggie, George Barton

Staff Present: Danny Hale, Ethan Hill, Emily Hale, Liz Foster

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

Secretary's Report: It's asked if there are any questions or changes needed for the Secretary's Report. No changes being made. *Bill Ortlieb makes a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Tim seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Treasurer's Report: *Reynold Sicotte makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Doug Stone seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Staff Report: Danny Hale brings up the "skinny budget" that the state of Vermont is following which only gives us one quarter of our yearly budget. The state budget is really just a pass through budget for VASA so we shouldn't be waiting on the rest of the money. It's written into statute that VASA receive that money. We are getting a legal team involved to review and making sure it's a pass through and not a normal budget. Emily adds, all contacts and updated club information needs to be updated on a form and submitted that way. Then we can update contact information on our end as well as the website information. Danny chimes in that the clubs are to have no more than 3 contacts that the clubs refer to. If more people want that information, clubs can then email that information to them. The office will not be handling extras that have been asked of them. Club memberships are up to 4,575 members, which comes with complaints and headaches.

As of now, with Covid-19 we will not be having safety classes in person. Anyone that is interested can go to our website and click on Safety, that will redirect you to the safety courses that are offered online. Should the Annual Meeting be in person or a call in meeting? It was decided an in person meeting Monday October 12th, 2020 at 6:00pm at the VASA office. Danny suggested we make it a RSVP only invite. That way we can offer food or not, and have a head count, so that we can make sure social distancing is being practiced. September meeting will still be a call in meeting. After our in person October meeting we can see how it goes and figure it out from there.

Trails have gotten a lot of work done this season, Ethan and Danny are waiting on new trail work forms to get started on the next phases. If your club needs work, get back to us asap. We need to stay ahead of where the VAST trails cross over VASA trails and stay ahead of any foreseen issues with VAST getting their trails ready for snow to fly. Highway Use/Roads/AOT grew faster than anticipated. They are pulling back a little while getting a team of 5 to get better ready for Spring 2021. Highways not open yet, State must have signage up and posted before they are open to ATV's. Danny and Ethan think that Polaris Ride Command app is working very well. The app can only be good as the information given to Danny or Ethan to update the data on the software. If you are seeing something that should or should not be on the maps, say something. We

can't fix what we don't know is not working.

Legislative Report: People are mad about new helmet laws, Law not defining what is considered a legal helmet to ride. We are suggesting DOT helmets when asked. As well as insurance will now be required to legally ride in VT. What we hadn't anticipated was the State also included that you would need a TAD for ice fishing, we are working on getting that changed. Danny has been working with Frank regularly to get these issues figured out.

Old Business: None.

New Business: JPP is having their porker run this weekend if you are looking for something to do.

Adam Lane makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Cole seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; meeting is adjourned at 6:50.