

**Board of Directors
November 16, 2020
Minutes**

Members Present:

OFFICERS PRESENT

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Addison: Lewis Barnes
Bennington: Jeffrey Hayes
Caledonia: Bruce Carlson
Chittenden: Pat Poulin
Essex: Mike Daley
Franklin: Mike Burns
Grand Isle: Damien Henry, Alt Director Jeff
Lamoille: Carmin Lemery
Orange: Juliann Sherman
Orleans: Roger Gosselin
Rutland: Curt Marechaux
Washington: Mark Reaves
Windham: Drew Fraser, Alt Director Ivor Stevens
Windsor: Dick Jewett, Alt Director Doug Jacobs

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Stan Choiniere
Ed Heberand

President Tim Mills called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Addison County moved; Lamoille County seconded approval of the agenda as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Secretary's Report

MOTION: Chittenden County moved; Grand Isle seconded approval of the October 26, 2020 minutes One correction from Windsor Count. *Under staff reports second to last line on page three "class four roads" should say "class four groomers."* No more changes. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Patty Companik presented financials through the end of October 2020 that **MOTION:** moved; Lamoille County and seconded; Rutland County that the treasurer's report from November 2020 be approved as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Tabled Items

MOTION: Nothing Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Lifetime Membership – Lenny Howe. A few members of the Deerfield Valley Stump Jumpers presented the leadership from Windham County to present to the VAST Board of Directors that they were seeking a VAST Lifetime Membership. Windsor County made a motion to offer Lenny Howe a lifetime membership and Rutland County seconded.

Discussion ensued and a question was asked if he had any county leadership history. Others spoke up about the write up from the club described what Mr Howe has done for them. Then there was discussion about the vote since it has to be unanimous as the VAST bylaws require.

Voting took place. Twelve board members voted yes, one abstained and one was not present, so the result was that no Lifetime TMA would be given because it was not unanimous that the lifetime TMA be given.

TMA Update

The online system is working well. To date we have sold 3,532 TMAs. The report I just sent you guys. 2,076 have out of state addresses and 1,456 have in state addresses. Some in state will also be second homeowners. We are getting questions, but they are simple. Volunteers TMAs will begin to be processed soon. Jeff asked for the breakdown of Family and out of state and in state registrations.

COVID-19 Restrictions and Planning

The Long-Range Planning Committee has been meeting and talking about options if restrictions increase. The committee discussed when or if VAST may

refund folks. The board decided to wait until after the season to decided what to do since none of us really know right now if we will have a full season or because of COVID-19 and may be asked to limit trail access or out of state folks may be restricted and not allowed to travel to Vermont.

There was also discussion about extending the Early Bird Season and the Board decided to keep it as it is.

It was also discussed briefly that there were two additional lines added to the grooming contract for their year:

- 1) VAST reserves the right to reduce grooming frequency or funding in the event VAST membership or trail use are significantly impacted by COVID-19
- 2) Grooming equipment shall not be operated on any body of water.

MOTION: moved; Orleans County and seconded; Addison County that the newly added language in the grooming contract be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

Staff Reports (ED, Trail Administrator, LVRT Manager)

Nothing to add.

Committee and Other Meeting Reports

Northeast Chapter and USA

Pat: There is a USA meeting Wed night. Other than that have not met recently. Chapter ride may be off for this year.

VT Snow Trails Conservancy

Nothing

Law Enforcement Committee

Nothing

LVRT

Nothing

Awards and Nominating Committee

Nothing

By Laws and Policy

Nothing

Annual Meeting

Nothing

Executive

Nothing

Finance

Nothing

Long Range Planning & Organization Committee

Already reported. Mark mentioned that Johnny Lynds passed away and talked about him. Note, there is a write up in the winter magazine.

Resource Committee

Ivor reported that they were getting ready to email counties'

Trails Committee

Jeff: Just announced next meeting De 9th. Construction seminar information is up on the website now. No test, but we want folks to review it.

Safety Committee

Stan: We have a meeting next Monday. Thank you, Ken, for getting the GPS signs ready.

Governor's Council

Pat: Found out legislation did pass last season. So, moving forward law enforcement could accept a photo of a safety card in the future. Also, we are proposing some language around changes to the muffler sound statute. More to come on that.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hill

Secretary