

**Board of Directors
September 12, 2020
Minutes**

Members Present:

OFFICERS PRESENT

President, Tim Mills
Vice President, Jeff Fay
Secretary, Jim Hill
Sonia Koehler, Treasurer

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Chittenden: Pat Poulin
Essex: Mike Daley
Franklin: Mike Burns
Grand Isle: Dave Ladd
Lamoille: Ellis O'Hear
Orange: Juliann Sherman
Orleans: Roger Gosselin
Rutland: Curt Marecheaux
Washington: Mark Reaves
Windham: Drew Fraser
Windsor: Dick Jewett

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director: Cindy Locke
VAST/LVRT Associate: Peggy Whiteneck

President Tim Mills called the meeting to order immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Curt Marechaux moved and Pat Poulin seconded approval of the agenda as submitted. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to be Added to July Minutes

The following motion was made but inadvertently omitted from the July 27, 2020 Board minutes and should be added to the section on online TMAs passed as follows:

MOTION: Pat Poulin moved and Mike Daley seconded that VAST institute a Rider Relief program for one year with a re-evaluation after that. *Motion failed* on a vote of 5 yes and 8 no.

MOTION: Mark Reaves moved and Pat Poulin seconded that the July 27, 2020 minutes be revised to include the omitted motion. ***Motion carried.***

TMA Rates for 2021 Season

MOTION: Roger Gosselin moved and Curt Marechaux seconded that TMA rates for 2021 be approved. ***Motion carried.***

Dedicate Funds into Reserve Accounts

MOTION: Mark Reaves moved and Curt Marechaux seconded approval of the reserve accounts in the budget as printed in the Annual Report. ***Motion carried.***

Trails Committee Signing

Jeff Fay presented a recommendation of the Trails Committee for positioning stop signs 15 to 20 feet from the edge of the road in order to avoid obscuring them by snowbanks that develop from plowing.

MOTION: Pat Poulin moved and Curt Marechaux seconded that the recommendation for stop sign positioning be approved as presented by the Trails Committee.

Discussion ensued about whether that distance is close enough to the trails. Issue was also raised about the possible need for stop signs on both sides of trails leading to major intersections. The consensus from the discussion is that these issues need more research and consideration. ***Motion failed.***

Free Weekend

The free weekend for riders from neighboring states has been recommended as February 5, 6, and 7, 2021, with the understanding that Maine may either hold theirs the same weekend or move theirs up one weekend.

MOTION: Roger Gosselin moved and Drew Fraser seconded that the free weekend be approved as proposed. ***Motion carried.***

MOTION: Curt Marechaux moved and Dick Jewett seconded that the meeting be adjourned. ***Motion carried.*** The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hill
Secretary