

Governor's Snowmobile Council
January 6, 2021
Minutes

Present:

Pat Poulin, Chairman
Trevor Carbo, Vermont State Police
Paul Doucette, Southern Vermont Wilderness Search and Rescue
Shannon Fassett, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles
Sean Fowler, Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department
Dick Jewett, Governor Appointee
Cindy Locke, VAST Executive Director
Tim Mills, Governor Appointee
Mike Mutascio, (sitting in for Governor Appointee Kenny Gammel)
Gary Nolan, VAST Law Enforcement Committee
Star Poulin, Governor Appointee
Jessica Savage, Vermont Forest, Parks & Recreation
Brian Smith, Vermont House of Representatives
Michael Smith, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles

VAST Staff Present:

Ken Brown, VAST Trails Manager
Matt Tetreault, VAST Trails Administrator

The meeting was convened at 3:00 PM via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

Motion:

Star Poulin moved and Mike Smith seconded that the minutes of the December 2, 2020. ***Motion carried.***

Agency Reports

Vermont State Police

Snowmobile exhaust legislation as reviewed at last month's meeting of the Council has been added to the Miscellaneous section of the DMV bill.

Fish & Wildlife

Plans for snowmobile enforcement coordination bare moving forward. A training session for the Morrystown Police Department will take place on Monday to be directed by Fish & Wildlife.

Sheriff's Association

Bill Bohnyak had a scheduling conflict and was not able to attend this meeting.

Southern Vermont Wilderness Search & Rescue

Paul Doucette said the team has not yet been deployed due to lack of snow.

Department of Motor Vehicles

Mike Smith reported that, due to an apparent glitch in the system, he has not yet received the latest snowmobile registration numbers. He will send them out when he does get them.

Forest, Parks & Recreation

Nothing new to report for this meeting.

Fish & Wildlife

A training session for the Morristown Police Department will take place on Monday, January 11th, to be directed by Fish & Wildlife.

VAST

TMA Status

Cindy Locke reported VAST has sold 17,555 TMAs to date.

LVRT

Ken Brown reported that VAST and Vermont Forest, Parks & Recreation will be meeting to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding between FPR and the Agency of Transportation.

Law Enforcement Committee

Nothing new to report not already included in Sean Fowler's Vermont State Police report.

VAST Safety Committee

Nothing new to report.

SSTP Trail Report

Matt Tetreault said there is not a lot is going on because of a lack of snow in most areas of the state.

Legislative Report

Brian Smith has been appointed to the House Transportation Committee and asked to be kept in the loop regarding VAST initiatives with which he could assist.

Appointee Reports

Star Poulin from the Northwest and Tim Mills from Central reported that the season start has been stalled for lack of snow. Mike Mutascio reported that some trails in the Northeast are open under caution, but most remain closed

while trail work continues. Dick Jewett reported that the Southern part of the state also doesn't have enough snow: "Real bumner about the big storm that melted."

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM. The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for February 3rd at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Whiteneck
Recording Secretary