

VASA Board of Directors Minutes

October 12th, 2020

Call in Meeting

**Board of Directors Present:** Gordon Pirie, Reynold Sicotte, Chris Hill, Dave Taft, Steve Bean, Bob Connell, Doug Stone, Gary Nolan, Doug Wheeler, Joe Pelkey, Lloyd Church, Tim & Cathy, Adam Lane, Ted Lane, Dan Richter, Chris Putney, Fred Elliot, Peter Walbridge

**Guests Present:** Reggie, Ellen Stone

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

Adam Lane calls the meeting at 6:00 pm

**Secretary's Report:** Cathy asks if there are any questions or changes needed for the Secretary's Report. No changes being made. *Adam Lane makes a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Dave Taft seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Reynold, questions September P&L Page 2, is Payroll Service outsourced and is payroll paid bi-weekly? Danny states yes, we use Quickbooks and it is paid bi-weekly. *Reynold makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Fred E. seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

**Staff Report:** Danny says he was in charge of the Staff Report this month and obviously didn't do a good job.

Membership is @ 5,626. Working on website, upgrades and adding a few new things. At a financial standpoint, things are looking good. Skinny budget was a quarter from Parks and Rec but is all set, we received the total budget amount. Audit is done, it was late but everything checked out. Will be available online to view.

Reynold asks if VASA membership will go totally online like VAST has done, Danny said VASA is looking into that it and plans on being all online with in two years.

Annual Meeting- Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30pm. In person meeting, everyone will be required to wear their masks. There are two clubs that will not be attending and one on the executive board. Doug Wheeler will be running late and asks if he would be able to join the video still? The office said the meeting will be a Webinar, that everyone that has questions will be able to ask questions with the Chat feature. Members will be able to see the Board, but the Board will not see the members.

**Safety:** Working with UVM with safety date. Have only had one meeting but will be continuing working with them to help spread safety awareness for this coming Spring riding season.

**Trials:** Working on getting everything cleaned and buttoned up for the season. Ethan is continuing working on maps.

**Legislative Report:** Danny reports that ACT 250, Governor Scott veto the ACT250 bill that had trail language, was not a positive bill for us. Very detrimental to our landowners. VAST and VASA pulled back at last minute and governor veto moving forward. Executive order to move forward with trials. It will be brought back up in January which is just around the corner.

**Old Business:** Lloyd commented that the Member at Large was to give each club a chance to set on the executive board, nothing against Bennington club (Mike Cole). Adam mentioned that Mike Cole had backed out and Doug Stone was nominated from Westshire. So we don't have to worry about that.

Adam mentioned that Voting is 1 month away so get out and get to know the legislators that are riding, so if they are ATV friendly. We could see a lot of Republicans in office this year. Adam stated he wished Gary would run, Gary said not this year he had about \$7,000.00 in his fund and he donated to couple that were running. Gary had stopped into the Town Clerks and they had 800 absent ballots returned. Gary hates having zoom meetings, it would make legislative very hard to run. So, get out and vote, lets get snowmobile and ATV people in there!

**New Business:** Danny in the past 20 years has been looking on what is the best way cut back in labor and how the system works. VASA hired Jim Dwinell, a retired system consultant to improve our internal system. Having all programs working together. Jim lives in Barre and is working with the whole staff and will be able to track everything. He has been hired on a part-time deal and is currently working with Danny and Ethan. Dan asked if any saving in it. Not saving will be spending more at this time. Emily stated the cost is an investment in him, but will save us money down the road once everything is implemented. He's bringing us into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Doug regarding Pownal – Town will be voting on their ordinances and then we will help them out.

Dan Richter, all new riders lets get out there to "LEAVE NO MARKS" trails are getting trash because everyone is out there. Have had a lot of Speed complaints. Adam stated he has ridden all but 3 trails in the state and has not seeing any problems. Dan mentioned the most people are very considerate but just putting out there "LEAVE NO MARKS" will not cost anything.

*Ted Lane makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Fred Elliott seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; meeting is adjourned at 6:39pm*