

VASA Board of Directors Minutes

June 12th, 2023

VASA HQ

Adam Lane calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

BoD Present: Steve Mosher, Gordon Pirie, Scott Jenness, Ken Wetherell, Robbie Perdue, Chuck Lyman, Chris Hill, Mike Coleman, Tom Nazzewski, Melissa Labounty, Steve Bean, Mike Small, Chris Putney, Fred Elliot, Adam Lane, Lloyd Church, Gary Nolan,

BoD Present Online: Spencer Leggett, Bart Howes, Matt Frechette, Tim Joyal

Staff (non-voting): Tommy O'Connor, Ethan Hill, Jim Dwinell, Dani Luce, Carson Anderson

Secretary's Report: It is asked if there are any questions or changes needed. Chris Hill motions to accept the Secretary's Report as written, seconded by Tom Nazzewski. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: It is asked if there are any questions. Nothing is brought up, Chris Hill motions to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Fred Elliot. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Staff Reports—

Director's Consultant: We are on pace to match last year's TAD sales, a big thank you to Judy MacCormack for volunteering to help pack the TADs. We got the Thanks for your donations signs in, they are on the sign store if anyone wants any. Tom Nazzewski ordered a few items from the merch store, they are here to take a look at and there's plenty more to be purchased from the store.

Trails Coordinator: We have been completing projects up north in BLRR and NEKW. We will be continuing our way south and are still waiting on RTP funding to come through. It sounds like we should be getting some soon. Get your trail maintenance applications in as soon as possible so we don't pass you by. The National Forest Foundation grant has been submitted for Stage Coach trail in the Green Mountain National Forest. We got an RTP contract for Write Farm in Hardwick, but will need to amend the budget because it was submitted without trucking costs. Now that we do not have a dump truck, we will have to plan to get material trucked. The

vibratory roller is at Pete's equipment getting serviced, David's truck will be getting serviced at Lamoille Valley Ford, but the parts for it will not be in till after July 4th.

Executive Director: We had a good staff meeting this morning. Went over what is currently going on and what can be taken off of people's plates to relieve stress. I plan on reaching out to all the clubs and talking with the presidents. Not much to report on today, but I promise there will be a lot more next month.

Events Committee: We are moving forward with the annual meeting planning. There are about 40 RSVPs so far, hoping for quite a few more in the coming weeks to total to 150-200 attendees. RATS has volunteered to help out with ticket sales at the event, but we will need more volunteers for other things such as parking.

Finance and Policy Committee: The Club Event Etiquette and Public Advertisements Policy is proposed. The policy has the right idea, but needs some teeth. There needs to be consequences for a club who breaks the rules. Without any repercussions the policy won't do anything, we need to hold each other accountable. Someone pulling a float in a parade with an ATV is different from someone riding an ATV representing a club in a parade. Helmets were agreed to for state highway access. We need to be wearing them and not promoting anything in parades/vasa events without helmets. Chris Hill motions to accept the policy, and amend it to include repercussions for breaking the policy, seconded by Melissa Labounty. TAD sales could be suspended, the club could be fined. BoD comes to a conclusion that the board will decide on a case by case basis what the fine should be for breaking the policy and the money will go towards something safety related. All in favor, none opposed, the policy is enacted with the amendment.

Elections: We are about a month away from elections and still have no nominations.

Chris Putney nominated for president

Doug wheeler nominated for member at large

Melissa Labounty nominated for Member at large

Judy MacCormack nominated for secretary

Absentee/online voting was brought up as something to think about. Do we want to give more people the opportunity to vote even if they cannot make it to the meeting? For this year, it is too late to establish that, but definitely could be something to think about for future elections.

Other Business: Helmet signs- An Idea is brought up that VASA could provide one sign per trailhead, additional to be bought by clubs. We need to decide how many we want to order as it seems clubs are interested in having them soon. The Yamaha grant that may pay for the signs has been postponed and we do not know how long it will be till we know if we get it. Spencer Leggett Motions to approve \$500 to be spent on the signs. No second, motion fails. Melissa Labounty motions to approve of the purchase of 250 signs, seconded by Tom Nazzewski. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

We need to know if clubs want space at the annual meeting for a booth. Let us know so we can have a space set aside. If your club has not yet donated for the giveaways, please think about doing so.

Steve Mosher motions to adjourn the meeting at 6:44pm, seconded by Ted Lane. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.