

VASA Board of Directors Minutes
February 8, 2021
Call-In Meeting

Board of Directors Present: Mike Smith, Gordon Pirie, Reynold Sicotte, Ken Wetherell, Joe Pelkey, Dan Richter, Spencer Leggett, Mike Cole, Ted Lane, Chris Hill, Tim Joyal, Matt Coyne, Mark Carpenter, Bill Ortlieb, Steve Bean, Chris Putney, Fred Elliot, Doug Stone, Lloyd Church, Cathy Kellar, Adam Lane.

Guests Present: George Barton, Amanda Woods, Kory Woods, Levi Irish

Staff Present: Danny Hale, Ethan Hill, Emily Hale, Jim Dwinell.

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

Secretary's Report: It is asked if there are any questions or changes needed for the Secretary's Report. *Mike Smith makes a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Bill Ortlieb seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Treasurer's Report: It is asked if there are any questions for the treasurer's report. Reynold Sicotte asks if the PPP Loan has been forgiven yet. Not yet, we are waiting to hear more. He asks if we applied for the second round. We did not. Adam Lane asks if we owe any more to law enforcement. As far as we know, we do not. *Reynold Sicotte makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Mike Smith seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Staff Report: We have the TAD's and applications, but we are asking clubs to wait until we get the maps in March to pick their material up. Will need to have a BoD representative pick them up at VASA HQ. Reynold asks if mid-March would be alright to pick them up. Mid-March would be fine, just call ahead. Ethan is in the final stages of the map. He got the final revision today and they should be off to the printer in a week or so. Once we get them we'll let everyone know they're in. Online sales will be available mid-March. We have been working hard to get the website and online application ready for online sales. We need to be pushing the online safety course as we will not be having in person classes this summer. Danny and Emily will be meeting with the UVM safety lady on Monday to hopefully come up with some safety messaging we can put out there.

Not a lot has changed with Fish and Wildlife. They have a draft rule proposed which includes DOT approved helmet on an ATV, and only need some type of sport helmet on UTV's with seatbelts. Clubs need to contact Ethan and Danny if they have projects that need to be done. Anything south of Barre Ethan and David will be working on, and anything north of Barre Ethan and Danny will be working on this summer. Our two trail assistants will not be coming back this summer. Ethan will be working more with Danny to learn more from him this summer. Ethan is starting school to get his CDL. We may hire someone else this summer but they will need to already have their CDL as it's now state required.

Highway use – AOT is continuing in refining the process. Having the highway connect to trail is very important.

Danny asks Adam about annual meeting this year. Should we plan something outside for later in the summer or when we normally have it. It's hard with not knowing if they'll be lifting anything. We'd like feedback from others. The membership/events committee and anyone else who wants to should discuss it. Mount Washington we've yet to hear anything from. We'll work on finding out more from them.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Vouchers will not be able to be used once we go fully online for trail access decals. We need ideas on how/what we can do for an incentive instead of vouchers. We also are thinking about combining the trail access decal fee and the membership fee into one, so it is less confusing and simpler. The membership/events committee should have a meeting to discuss those. George Barton asks about needing a TAD on class 4 roads and how to get one with memberships currently closed. Danny lets him know he should be fine for this year, and next year we will be ready to go January 1st for trail access decals. They will run January 1 to December 31. Jack Pine Pirates is the only club open in that area. Ethan is trying to find winter riding area up north.

Legislative Update:

Bill Ortlieb makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken Wetherell seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; meeting is adjourned at 6:46 pm.