

VASA Board of Directors Minutes
July 13th, 2020
Call-In Meeting

Board of Directors Present: Mike Smith, Gordon Pirie, Reynold Sicotte, Ken Wetherell, Nancy Smith, Chuck Lyman, Shannon Friedrich, Mike Cole, John Hull, Chris Hill, Dave Taft, Bill Ortlieb, Steve Bean, Bob Connell, Doug Stone, Gary Nolan, Doug Wheeler.

Guests Present: Ellen Friedrich, George Barton.

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

Danny Hale calls the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Secretary's Report: It's asked if there are any questions or changes needed for the Secretary's Report. Reynold Sicotte asks for Scott Jenness to be added as an attendee of the meeting. With that change, *Bill Ortlieb makes a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Mike Smith seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Treasurer's Report: *Shannon Friedrich makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Dave Taft seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

Staff Report: Danny mentions if your club has had any changes you need to update the form and return it to the office as soon as possible. Memberships are up and we have almost 3800 total. We've had to order more trail access decal stickers twice. Emily asks, that if your club seems to be having a slower year and you could spare some trail access decals and maps please send some back to the office. We don't want to have to order more that probably won't end up being used. We have interest in a safety course up in Queen Lill's area, Richford. We're working on that if you know of anyone in that area.

We've been vigorously working on trail. David and Ethan are down south, while Danny and the boys are up north. We're having a very productive year for trail work. We're getting enough done so if clubs have some work that needs to get done this year then please get your paperwork in to Ethan and Danny. Danny knows some clubs have many highway access applications submitted currently. He got on them a little bit and they've approved three for Borderline Ridge Riders, but that's only three out of 19 submitted and we have six more to submit. Part of the problem is they're getting a fair amount of complaints of residence in the towns with the volume of traffic and the disrespectful people.

New England GPS has been over here and rode eight of VASA's clubs trails and now advertising them on facebook. Danny has called him and the data he's getting from this other guy is incorrect. So he's basically saying the same thing as ride command is saying. That we should provide him with the accurate data and then it'll be accurate. And when he sells his GPS units and our maps on the GPS it'd be accurate. That's his argument. Danny tried to explain to him especially this year, VASA does no marketing and no advertising. We've stayed away from that due to seeing what's happened in New Hampshire with the high volume and the high traffic and many of our clubs would suffer from that much use. The guy would like an opportunity to pitch it to the board why he should have our trails on his units. Shannon Friedrich mentions, this year has taken off with a bang, and Danny's right we've had enough issues. If we try to promote too much too fast I think it will be a nightmare. Danny mentions VASA will keep working on it we just wanted to make the clubs aware.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Legislative Update: Frank was not able to make the call so Danny give a quick legislative update. The legislative session is over. The Governor has signed the T-Bill, with that helmets are required and insurance are required anywhere a registration is required. Not a lot is going to change this season but we're going to start educating people. It's still yet to be determined on what type of helmet is required. The ANR secretary will have his insurance people figure it out and they will be the ones to decide what we can use and call a helmet. Mike Cole asks, Danny do you have an idea where all this extra revenue is going to be spent? Danny replies, We're kind of waiting to see how much it ends up being. We'll probably need more trail work and enforcement.

Bill Ortlieb makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Reynold Sicotte seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; meeting is adjourned at 6:45 pm.