

VASA Board of Directors Minutes  
January 11th, 2021  
Call-In Meeting

Board of Directors Present: Mike Smith, Gordon Pirie, Ken Wetherell, Joe Pelkey, Dan Richter, Mike Cole, Ted Lane, Chris Hill, Tim Joyal, Mark Carpenter, Dave Taft, Bill Ortlieb, Chris Putney, Fred Elliot, Doug Stone, Gary Nolan, Lloyd Church, Cathy Kellar, Adam Lane.

Guests Present: None.

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's asked if there are any questions or changes needed for the Secretary's Report. Gary Nolan corrects that he was not the one to make a motion to accept the treasurer's report. It was Reynold Sicotte who made the motion and was seconded by Mike Smith. With that change, *Bill Ortlieb makes a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Doug Stone seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

**Treasurer's Report:** *Mike Smith makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. Fred Elliot seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed; motion carries.*

**Staff Report:** We've included last year's end of the year financials to view as they've been requested in the past. We are still working on improving all our systems and are making some progress. It has been very time consuming, but a lot of good progress and discussions are being made. We've only received 14 signed code of conduct forms back out of 49 board of directors. Please sign this form and get it back to the office. If you need help please reach out to the office and we'd be happy to help.

We've received 2021 trail access decals, and maps should be ready mid-March. Fred Elliot asks if online sales are currently available. Danny Hale answers online sales will be available closer to April. Dan Richter asks about ice fishing and a trail access decal. Danny Hale answers that when ice fishing you do not need a trail access decal, you only need registration and insurance. Danny Hale has started talking with law enforcement for the upcoming year. DMV still needs to clarify what type of helmet is acceptable for ATVs. Law enforcement plans to buckle down on tickets for no trail access decal on trails and roads. Dan Richter asks about no helmets and if they could write tickets in July for it. Danny Hale answers year of warning about helmets will end July 1<sup>st</sup> but you could still get a ticket any time for no helmet. Chris Putney asks about the minimum requirement for helmets. Danny Hale answers they are in between three options, sports type helmet, industrial type helmet, and DOT helmet. The VEST course is on hold for now due to COVID 19 and we should be pushing the online course at this time. Chris Putney asks if someone takes the course in NH can they use that in VT. Danny Hale answers yes they could.

Kyle will not be coming back this summer to work for VASA. We will be looking for a new person who will need to have their CDL. Ethan is starting his CDL training in March. Ethan has been working hard on the map and improving it. There are two clubs who still have not responded to Ethan about their trails for the map. It's getting time to start putting some work into the outside of the office. The driveway needs to be repaved and reconfigured so it's not a circular driveway. We also need to start thinking about an addition of a shop to store and work on equipment as the shop we've been using in the next few years will most likely be going away. Fred Elliot asks where it will be added. Danny Hale answers it will be put on the back side. We've

outgrown our meeting space on the first floor and will need to move offices to the bottom floor of the building.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Tim Joyal inquired about winter riding. It was answered that the Jack Pines Pirates are the only ones with winter riding and their trails are currently closed but to keep an eye out on their Facebook page for updates.

**Legislative Update:** Frank Stanley and Danny Hale have been meeting frequently with the VT Trails and Greenways Council and Forest, Park and Recreation on a solution for ACT 250.

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