

Governor's Snowmobile Council
December 7, 2022 DRAFT

Present:

Pat Poulin, Chairman
Dick Jewett, Governor Appointee
Gary Nolan, VAST LE Committee Chair
Jacob Metayer, VT Dept of Public Safety
Jenna Reed, Fish & Wildlife
Claire Polfus, FPR Recreation Program Manager

VAST Staff Present:

Matt Tetreault, Trails Administrator
Ken Brown, Trails Manager/LVRT
Mandy Dwinell, Office & Programs Manager

Guests:

Stan Choiniere, Safety Committee

The meeting was convened at 3:03PM via Zoom by Pat Poulin.
Started the meeting 1 short of a quorum.

October SSTP Financial Report, Matt Tetreault

\$10,905.60 for admin \$500 rental, \$67.94 phone, \$500 professional dues (IASA), \$22,380.13
Equipment Grants paid. \$34,353.67 Total
Total grant request for this year \$463,739.66.

Agency Reports

Vermont State Police, Jacob Metayer

Last night Roger Gosselin and Jacob had a tour guide course, with 1 attendee.
Snowmobile Safety Courses: In-person: 22 students with all passed, online: 171 students with all passed.

Fish & Wildlife, Jenna Reed

Reached out to agencies to see if there is specific training needed. Received one reply to date from Derby.

Sheriff's Association, Mark Anderson – President of VT Sheriff Association & Windham County Sheriff

N/A

Police Chiefs & Southern VT Wilderness Search & Rescue, Paul Doucette

N/A

Department of Motor Vehicles, Mike Smith

Pat shared the DMV report in Mike's absence of 13,253 registered sleds as of 12/1/22.
Matt shared there were 14,346 registered sleds as of 12/1/21.

Forest, Parks & Recreation, Claire Polfus

Claire is working on the status of grants due to delays with the business office. New business grant person for the business office to help facilitate the processing of grants.

RTP is delayed by Federal highways, waiting on updates. Was submitted in September. VAST is at the top of the list

LVRT update from VTrans, since the last meeting, substantial completion of section 31 and section in Hardwick. Working on trying to complete it prior to the start of the snowmobile season.

A couple of bridges are pending completion by mid-December.

VAST

State Funded Equipment Grant Program, Cindy Locke

Matt shared his knowledge, there haven't been updates on this just yet.

VAST TMA Sales, Mandy Dwinell

6,958 TMAs sold to date vs 9,437 TMAs sold as of 12/1/21.

Law Enforcement Committee, Gary Nolan

Morrisville and Hardwick are looking for training sessions.

Law Enforcement Contracts, Cindy Locke

Awaiting Franklin and Orange County's returned contracts.

VAST Safety Committee, Stan

The next meeting is Monday, 12/12 with a heavy focus on Safety Week. Jenna Reed has joined the committee for the Military & First Responders Safety Event at Oxbow. Majority of focus has been with a concentration on Safety Week.

SSTP Trail Report, Matt Tetreault

Due to the recent rain and unseasonable temperatures, some trail aspects may have to restart the process. Some clubs are still working on finishing up their signing.

Legislative Report

House Report, Brian Smith

N/A

Senate Report, Jane

N/A

Annual funding for Southern VT Wilderness Search and Rescue, Paul Doucette

N/A

Insurance Card Requirement/DMV Bill?, Jane

N/A

Appointee Reports

Northwest, Pat

Substantial rain and some trees were down due to heavy winds.
Clubs have been working on trail signing.

Northeast, Mike/Ken

N/A

Central, Jeff

N/A

South, Dick Jewett

Lots of water. Clubs working on some last-minute details, signage, and some fallen trees.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 3pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned by Pat Poulin at 3:25pm due to no quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Dwinell

VAST Office & Programs Manager