

**Board of Directors
September 10, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present:

OFFICERS PRESENT

President, Jeff Fay
Vice President, Mark Reaves
Secretary, Jim Hill
Treasurer, Patty Companik

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Addison: Lewis Barnes
Bennington: Carol DeJohn
Caledonia: Bruce Carlson
Chittenden: Pat Poulin (Not Present)
Essex: John Hull
Franklin: Mike Burns (Not Present)
Grand Isle: Jeff Porter
Lamoille: Dustin Turner
Orange: Juliann Sherman
Orleans: Roger Gosselin (Not Present)
Rutland: Mike Stewart
Washington: Jeff Halpin
Windham: Michael Garber
Windsor: Doug Jacobs

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director: Cindy Locke
Office & Programs Manager: Mandy Dwinell

GUESTS:

Mike Koehler, Orleans County Alt. Director; Ivor Stevens, Windham County Alt. Director, Ed Hebebrand, Caledonia County Alt. Director; Ryan Whitney, Lamoille County Alt. Director; Ross Page, Bailey Hazen Road Snowmobile Club; Ruth Halpin, Incoming VAST Secretary.

President Jeff Fay called the meeting to order at 3:22pm

Approval of Agenda

**Rutland County moved and Addison County seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED**

Secretary's Report

**Addison County: Motion to approve, Orleans County seconded to approve Secretary's Report.
MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report

Covered during Annual Meeting and was preapproved.
Discussion for more information on Emergency Reserves line items.

TABLED ITEMS

Policy Changes

Topic tabled for October BOD meeting.

Old Business

Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

TMA Rates Set, Jeff

Discussion on FY24 budget passed during the Annual Meeting.

Discussion of if there's an increase for 2024 TMA would go directly into a separate Trails Fund account.

Discussion on possible trail issues if there are future weather disasters.

Discussion on difference between Early Bird, Family, Regular season TMA rates.

Discussion on no TMA rate increase since 2019 and the necessity of a TMA increase.

Discussion on a potential increase of \$5 on Early Bird & Family rates with a \$10 increase for Regular Season.

Discussion of TMA rate increase with an additional donation option for clubs and trails.

Discussion of a \$10 TMA rate increase across the board.

Discussion of Ride for \$25 Weekend. VAST doesn't have to renew permission from DMV for this weekend as the details are to remain the same as the 2023 season.

Addison County: Motion to approve, Caledonia County seconded to raise all TMA rates across the board by \$10 and include an additional donation option. MOTION CARRIED.

Update on State Funds, Cindy

Discussed during Annual Meeting.

Update on Flood Damage, Cindy

Paperwork is signed and will update BOD ASAP.

Discussion on application deadline for 2023 Storm Damage.

Discussion that once application with FEMA starts VAST has 60 days to submit all documentation.

Discussion on projects being reviewed with a priority list regarding necessity and cost.

Discussion on Economic Impact.

Caledonia County: Motion to move the \$70k from the Economic Impact to the Trails Construction Fund.

Discussion to add discussion of Economic Impact funds and possibility of moving funds once there's been additional trail assessment.

Motion withdrawn for Economic Impact.

Discussion on whether there are additional resources available for the 2 clubs from the \$750k equipment grant program that were denied due to reallocation of funds. Suggestion to add to the October BOD meeting agenda.

Discussion on ways to expand on use options and utilization with the \$750k funds.

Discussion of BOD meeting date adjustments for the November and December meeting due to the holidays.

Addison County moved and Washington County seconded to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 3:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hill
Secretary