

**Governor's Snowmobile Council**  
**Date April 6, 2022 FINAL**

**Members Present:**

Pat Poulin, Chairman  
Sergeant Trevor Carbo, Vermont State Police  
Gary Nolan, Law Enforcement Committee Chair  
Star Poulin, Governor Appointee  
Dick Jewett, Governor Appointee  
Michael Smith, Vermont DMV  
Jenna Reed, Vermont Fish & Wildlife  
Paul Doucette, Southern Vermont Wilderness Search & Rescue  
Mike Mustachio (in for Ken Gammell)  
Cindy Locke, VAST Executive Director

**VAST Staff Present:**

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

**Guests:**

Stan Choiniere, VAST Safety Committee  
Patty Companik, VAST Treasurer

The meeting was convened at 3:04 PM via Zoom by Pat Poulin.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Star Poulin moved to approve the March minutes as presented; Cindy Locke seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**

**SSTP Financial Report, Matt**

Admin services, services, phones, etc. Pretty basic paid 1 equipment grant for \$15k through emergency funds. Have a couple more equipment grants to pay, and reached out to clubs for updates. Plowed parking areas, been receiving invoices and will be paying out funding within next 1-2 months. Next month, draft FYSSTP budget.

**Paul Doucette moved to approve the SSTP reports as presented; Star Poulin seconded. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Agency Reports**

### Vermont State Police, Trevor Carbo

- Safety courses wrap up for the season
- Safety Course Update: 41 classroom and 1586 online.
- About 800 down from last year.

Only had 1 sled down this year unfortunately during the Taiga event, other than was a good year.

### Fish & Wildlife, Jenna Reed

Not much new to report. Trail hours are lower this year vs. last year due to weather.

### Sheriff's Association

Not present

### Southern VT Wilderness Search & Rescue, Chief Paul Doucette

Not much new to report. Trail hours were down.

Working on finalizing recap season and expenses for the State of Vermont from the \$35k grant, hoping to have it by end of April. Will send a copy to Cindy Locke when completed.

### Department of Motor Vehicles, Mike Smith

- Vermont Registrations Update:
- 2022: 21,534
- 2021: 21,329
- 2020: 20,415
- 2019: 20,686

### Forest, Parks & Recreation

Not Present

## **VAST**

### 2022 TMA Numbers, Cindy

No new TMA update since the March meeting. While we had an increase in a total of TMAs this year over last year, we had more Early Bird vs. Regular season, which equates to less revenue.

### Financial Request to Governor

At this time House Appropriations has pulled out our testimony and they did so without asking VAST for testimony. The Budget bill is now in the Senate. Cindy testified yesterday to request that the money be put back in. There is a lot of support in the Senate for our funding, so we are hopeful again.

### Law Enforcement

Cindy stated that some invoices are in from some agencies, but she would like to have all in by the end of April. She will be reaching out to the agencies that still owe us invoices and detail.

### VAST AORRG Insurance Update, Cindy

Going well. Mark Reaves and Cindy will be calling a meeting of the BOD with updates soon.

Latest updates: Working on marketing materials, and where to secure the \$1.25M. Found out today can place funds in a 1-yr CD.

### VAST Safety Committee, Stan

No February meeting due to weather.  
Next Meeting 4/18

### **SSTP Trail Report, Matt**

Season's over. Clubs are waiting for the thaw and will be out collecting signs and closing gates. Clubs have been thinking on ideas for spring constructions and equipment.

### **Legislative Report**

House Report, Brian - Not Present  
Senate Report, Jane - Not Present

### **Appointee Reports**

#### Northwest, Star Poulin

Working on picking up trail signs and things in general from the season.

#### Northeast, Mike Mustachio

Clubs working on picking up signs  
Upcoming Heritage Land Meeting in Essex County, last year almost had a large section of trail closed for harvesting.

#### Central, Jeff Haplin (Temp)

Not Present

#### South, Dick Jewett

Picking up signs and closing gates. Thinking on trails for next season.

### **Other Business to come before the council**

Spring Construction Seminar Thursday 5/5 6-8pm and Saturday 5/14 8-10am via Zoom.

Next meeting May 4, 2022 at 3pm via Zoom.

**Cindy Locke moved to close the meeting at 3:30 pm; motion seconded by Mike Smith.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mandy Dwinell, Office & Programs Manager