

VAST BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
January 28, 2006

DIRECTORS, ALTERNATES & STAFF PRESENT: Steve Fielding-Addison; Norm Roark-Bennington; **{ABSENT}** Ken Gammell-Caledonia; Jim Hill-Chittenden; **{ABSENT}** Dave Page -Essex; **{ABSENT}** John Ross-Franklin; **{ABSENT}** Bill Oakes-Grand Isle; **{ABSENT}** Brian Wells-Lamoille; Larry Trottier-Orange; **{ABSENT}** Brian Cook-Orleans; **{ABSENT}** Barry Bradley-Rutland; Scott Stone -Washington; **{ABSENT}** Roone Gibbs-Windham; Bruce Murray-Windsor; Ann Shangraw-President; Pat Poulin-Vice-President; **{ABSENT}** David LaBelle-Treasurer; Bonnie Holbrook-Recording Secretary; Bryant Watson-Executive Director, Alexis Nowalk-SSTP Trails Administrator
GUESTS: Betty Roark, Jim Holbrook, Sandy Woodbeck, Sue Trottier, Rhonda Fielding.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by President Ann Shangraw.

AGENDA: *Pat Poulin moved and Steve seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *Larry Trottier moved and Scott Stone seconded to approve the minutes of December 19, 2005 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Norm Roark moved and Scott Stone seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.*

CONSENT CALENDAR-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT and TRAIL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: *There was no Consent Calendar.*

2006 ISC CONGRESS: Bonnie Holbrook reviewed the schedule for Congress. We discussed what it takes to host a Congress. Directors are asked to share and encourage members to attend, even if it's for only one day. This is a great opportunity to meet snowmobilers from all over United States, Canada and Sweden and make new friends and network. The information packet will be sent to all Club Presidents. Information is on the VAST website. Tjark Aldeborgh has done a great job with all the ISC graphics and literature. The ISC literature looks very professional. There will be keynote speakers, meetings, hospitality receptions, banquets including a "secret" off-site one, and lots of fun. Jacque Couture with the Vermont Sugar Makers Association will be doing a presentation on maple sugaring. We will need members to take notes at each meeting to report in the daily newsletters. It was suggested it would be nice if the Counties and local clubs together could sponsor the coffee breaks. Bonnie Holbrook, Ann Shangraw, Pat Poulin or Bryant Watson would be willing to come to a county meeting if a Director has not attended a Congress and needs help to promote attending the ISC.

MAKE-A-WISH RIDE-IN WEEKEND: Packets of posters were distributed and everyone was asked to get them posted in their areas and promote this. There are lots of different events throughout the event. Saturday night there will be a concert. All the performers are from Vermont and are volunteering their time. We need many volunteers throughout the weekend. The winner of the snowmobile raffle is planned to be announced at the Concert. There is a special trail being put in for the sole use of the Make-A-Wish Ride-in. The crossing on Route 114 will have a cruiser for anticipated traffic control. Ann Shangraw has asked all of the Board to volunteer and bring other volunteers to the ride-in.

LAMOILLE VALLEY RECREATIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE (LVRTC): There was a discussion on the committee for the LVRTC. Committee chair, Sandy Woodbeck, commented about specifying five snowmobile and five non-snowmobile members to show the 50/50 representation of membership on the committee. Bryant Watson reasoned that there would be five members as appointed by VAST so we can appoint someone for their expertise even if they are not a snowmobiler. *Norm Roark moved and Bruce Murray seconded the motion to approve the amended Policies for the Lamoille Valley Recreational Trail Committee. Motion carried.* Ann thanked Sandy and the committee for all of their work on this committee. The committee will begin the process of filling the openings on the committee. *Norm Roark moved and Bruce Murray seconded to approve the Interim Management Plan for the Lamoille Valley Recreational Trail. Motion carried.*

INSURANCE FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: In a past litigation we found that many clubs do not have liability insurance. Bryant Watson has worked with our insurance agent to provide an insurance policy that not only covers the Officers and Directors of VAST, but would also cover the individual snowmobile club officers. We need to decide if we should expect the clubs to contribute to the additional cost of the liability premium or if VAST funds should pay for it. At this point, because this is "liability" insurance, we can use funds from the SSTP Fund. *Norm Roark moved and Bruce Murray seconded to approve the liability insurance coverage for officers of all clubs and counties and use VAST Funds for payment this year. Motion carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The **Landowner Appreciation Committee** has created new special signs reading "Thank you landowners from your local VAST clubs and VAST" with the special *landowner appreciation* logo. These would be specialty signs and it cost about \$5,000 for 300 signs. There will also be smaller laminated posters thanking landowners for clubs to put up in gas stations, stores and etc. The committee did work on coupon booklets with coupons for businesses through out Vermont that welcome snowmobilers. The plan was to distribute these coupon books throughout the state but only four counties participated. The **Trails Committee** is looking at rewriting the equipment grant program. February 20th will be the next Trails Committee meeting. They're also planning a ride that week. There was a discussion on a trail construction project.

The next Director's Meeting is February 27th. Refreshments will be provided by Windsor County. *Steve Fielding moved and Larry Trottier seconded to adjourn at 5:54 PM. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Holbrook
Recording Secretary