

**VAST BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**  
*June 26, 2006*

**DIRECTORS, ALTERNATES & STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Fielding-Addison; Norm Roark-Bennington; Ken Gammell-Caledonia; Jim Hill-Chittenden; Dave Page(**Absent**)-Essex; Daniel Favreau-Franklin; Bill Oakes-Grand Isle; Brian Currier-Lamoille; Larry Trottier-Orange; Brian Cook-Orleans; Barry Bradley-Rutland; Johnny Lynds-Washington; Roone Gibbs-Windham; Bruce Murray-Windsor; Ann Shangraw-President; Pat Poulin-Vice-President; David LaBelle-Treasurer; Bonnie Holbrook-Recording Secretary; Bryant Watson-Executive Director, Alexis Nowalk-SSTP Trails Administrator  
**GUESTS:** Jim Holbrook, Mitzi Oakes, Betty Roark, Conrad Stewart, Don Glover, Ted Chase, Carmen Calkins, Joanne Gammell, Sandy Woodbeck, David Naef, Nancy "Mom" Cook, Sue Trottier

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Ann Shangraw.

**AGENDA:** *Larry Trottier moved and Scott Stone seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.*

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** *Dave LaBelle moved and Jim Hill seconded to approve the minutes of May 22, 2006 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** *Norm Roark moved and Roone Gibbs seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.*  
Scott Stone questioned the negative balance under VAST promotions. Bryant Watson will check with Kathy Duprey when she comes back from vacation. Pat Poulin asked Bryant to email the Board with the explanation.

**CONSENT CALENDAR-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT and TRAIL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** *Norm Roark moved and David LaBelle seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried.*

**COUNTY REPORTS:** **Orange County** reported that things are pretty good. Larry Trottier looked at a bridge job in Strafford. The Tri-Town Trail Travelers parked cars at the VT History Expo this year. **Rutland County** has a booth at the Bluegrass Festival in Brandon. They are also going to do the Outdoor Show on Columbus weekend outdoor show. **Orleans County** had three days of sun! They have some reroutes to do. **Orleans County** gave a \$500 sponsorship to the ISC. **Caledonia County** has a few projects going on. They're having a picnic Wednesday night and the election of officers. **Windham County** is doing pretty good. There are a couple of clubs that have projects. **Addison County** has some clubs with outstanding TMAs. There are a couple of reroutes in the works. They will be sending a \$500 sponsorship to the ISC as voted on at their meeting last week. **Windsor County** does not meet this time of year. Bruce Murray gave a hoorah for no outstanding TMAs! **Bennington County** hasn't had any meetings. They are working on the annual meeting. They have permission for BYOB. There are some good workshops scheduled for the meeting. They would like to have a center piece contest at the Annual Meeting this year. So counties get out your creative skills. **Grand Isle County** is wet...very wet. Not much of anything is going on. They are going to put a float in the parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Alburg. They are going to decorate the track truck for the parade. **Washington County** doesn't have much happening. **Chittenden County** has one major reroute. They had a member that attended the ISC and sent a letter to Jim Hill explaining how much he got out of attending the ISC and wants to get more involved in VAST. **Franklin County** has the Maple Festival they participated in. John Ross had a severe heart attack this month. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and Jodie. **Lamoille County** has a big reroute too. They're still trying to work on getting to the south side of Stowe.

**LAMOILLE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL - LEASE UPDATE:** Bryant Watson has had conversations with committees. Bryant Watson had some questions for our attorney. He had a more detailed report in his Director's Report.

**ISC 2006 UPDATE - BONNIE HOLBROOK:** Bonnie Holbrook gave special thanks Kathy Duprey, Sara Thompson and Tjark Aldeborgh for all of their help with Congress. We need to be proud of our VAST staff and all of their hard work on Congress. Bryant Watson gave a detailed report in his Director's Report. Ken Gammell thanked the Cook's for their help during a difficult time. He also was impressed with all the members and information shared at the ISC. Pat Poulin thanked all the members that attended. Bruce Murray mentioned it was great to bond with the VAST members there. This was a great Congress with well over 500 people attending from around the world. The meetings were all well attended and everything went really great. Everyone had a great time.

**APPROVE FY2007 BUDGET- DAVE LABELLE:** There is a new line item for the safety trailer. There is a new encumbered line item for the trail impact study. Other than that, the budget is pretty much the same as presented last month. **Brian Wells moved and Jim Hill seconded to approve the FY2007 Proposed Budget. Motion carried.** Dave LaBelle reported that the Fiscal Committee and Ann Shangraw had a meeting to discuss incentives for early registration. It is very difficult to budget a discount. The Fiscal Committee came up with a lottery for a new snowmobile. The details need to be worked out. The suggested cutoff date is January 1<sup>st</sup> for the deadline to have the TMA's. They were also thinking that if each County could donate a "gift," then there could be additional prizes instead of just one grand prize. We need to get the TMAs out earlier this year. The Board suggested that TMAs be purchased by December 15<sup>th</sup> and the clubs need to have all the TMAs and payment into the VAST office no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteer TMAs will be included. Commercial TMAs will not be included.

**APPROVE TED CHASE AS INTERIM CHAIR LVRC - PAT POULIN:** Pat Poulin announced that Ted Chase has agreed to serve as Interim Chair as Sandy Woodbeck has stepped down as Chair of the committee. **Steve Fielding moved and Barry Bradley seconded to approve Ted Chase as the Interim Chair of the LVRC. Motion carried.** Ted Chase asked that if anyone hears of any complaints, sees anything on the trail in the newspapers or hears comments on the radio to please let him know. We are getting questions on potential uses. The only signs posted at this time are for "no ATV's." The trail is not officially open until the VTRANS signs a lease. It is currently State property. Ted Chase has received applications for equal geographic distribution of members on the committee. He needs an application from a non-snowmobiler from Franklin County and one from one of the other counties. If any of the applications that he has received is not approved or one drops out, then there would be a possibility of other openings. There is a question on the salvage value of the rails supporting the costs of the trail construction which we are in favor of. The four committees are meeting July

talk shows. Ted has also been approached by the Town of St. Johnsbury with interest in getting snowmobiles into the town.

**LUKE PERSONS – LETTER OF EXPLANATION – ANN SHANGRAW:** Some have felt that there were some slanderous statements made around the state against the club and person involved with the event that led up to the VT Department of Labor Ruling. For the matter of record, each Director is asked to report to their counties the truth of what happened. Bryant Watson has provided a memorandum to each Board member with the facts.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The **Board Resources Committee** requested the Board members that going to attend the camping trip on July 21-23<sup>rd</sup> to meet after this meeting. Johnny Lynds' band is going to play at the Tavern on that Friday night and invited the group to come down.

Jim Hill will be sending out a notice of meetings to the **Organizational Goals and Planning Committee**.

The **Personnel Committee** is meeting and working on the Executive Director's evaluation. The **PR & Marketing Committee** does not have much going on. However, there are several items they are continuing to work on. We will continue to sponsor the VT History Expo and Doe Camp. The **Snowmobile Safe & Responsible Riding Committee** will not be meeting until after the Annual Meeting. Mitzi Oakes will be ordering more of the VAST goodies, like the bookmarks and pencils. The **Trails Committee** will be meeting July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sidehill Snow Crunchers in Ludlow for the Chicken BBQ and all Board members will be invited.

The next Director's Meeting is July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 with refreshments will be provided by Chittenden County. **Scott Stone moved and Roone Gibbs seconded to adjourn at 8:22 PM. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Holbrook  
Recording Secretary