

VAST BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
August 28, 2006

DIRECTORS, ALTERNATES & STAFF PRESENT: Steve Fielding-Addison; Norm Roark-Bennington; Ken Gammell-Caledonia; Jim Hill-Chittenden; Dave Page-Essex; {Absent}-Franklin; Bill Oakes-Grand Isle; Brian Wells-Lamoille; Jim Holbrook-Orange; Brian Cook-Orleans; Bill Benham-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: Mitzi Oakes, Betty Roark, Star Poulin, Conrad Stewart, Lacy Murray, Stevie Legge, Fred Cota, John Perkins, Stacey Lynds, Sandy Woodbeck, Rhonda Bevell, Nikki Simpson, Josh Nelson, Dave Pistoula, Howard Smith, Ruth Benham

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm by President Ann Shangraw.

AGENDA: *Dave LaBelle moved and Norm Roark seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.*
10a to 11a for discussion item instead of action item

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *Norm Roark moved and Dave LaBelle seconded to approve the minutes of July 24, 2006 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Brian Wells moved and Jim Hill seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.*

CONSENT CALENDAR-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT and TRAIL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: *Dave LaBelle moved and Norm Roark seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried.* Bryant Watson's name was linked to Project Hotseat in error and received an apology.

COUNTY REPORTS: **Windsor County** all is quiet. **Franklin County** had no report available. **Lamoille County** has a couple of reroutes on the way to Stowe. **Caledonia County** is looking pretty good. **Orange County** is quiet. **Essex County** has a few new land owners with requests for reroutes to the trails but are willing to wait until next year for their requests to be met. **Windham County** has a major wash out that needs to be fixed. **Chittenden County** has started trail work. They are also working on their land owners' dinner. **Orleans County** reported that it was quiet. **Addison County** had their Field Days. They had a larger turnout this year. Dana Miller won the County's first prize drawing of \$1500. **Rutland County** is working on their fall show. **Washington County** is fairly quiet. **Grand Isle County** reported a crappy summer following the crappy winter. Other than that, things are going well and looking good. One spot last year had a New Jersey Barrier blocking the trail but when asked, the company went right up and moved it. The county is also trying to work on collaborating with Canada to have a trail in Grand Isle County connect with one from Canada. **Bennington County** is working on the trails for the Green Mountain National Forest September 18th. They had their landowner appreciation and annual county meeting.

LAMOILLE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL – LEASE UPDATE: Bryant Watson didn't have much more to report than what was in his report. Section 22.11, 22.12 and 22.13 was added. The Attorney General's Office wants to have more control over the issuance of the commercial TMAs. There was a discussion on wording that the State has slipped into the draft lease that is unacceptable to VAST. The State wants to dictate the price of the TMAs as part of the lease. **Ken Gammell moved and Jim Holbrook seconded to support the decision made by the Executive Committee to not accept the lease with the unacceptable wording and to give the VAST Executive Committee the authority to move forward with the lease if the wording is removed. Motion carried.**

FINAL PRIZES FOR EARLY BIRD DRAWING: Ann Shangraw collected prizes from the County Directors for the early bird drawings.

APPROVE NEW TRAIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS – ANN & ALEXIS: Alexis Nowalk reported on the meeting she had with Ann Shangraw regarding the reorganization of the Trails Committee. Alexis Nowalk will be communicating with the counties through the VAST website on the SSTP Trails Administrator webpage and through email. There will only be 14 members of the Trails Committee in addition to the Trails Administrative. The committee will consist of one representative from each county. The meetings will still be open to the public and alternates will still be welcomed to the meeting but they will be in the audience and will not receive travel reimbursement. Only the person representing the county at the meeting will be reimbursed for travel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The **Annual Meeting Committee** is at the Barre Auditorium. Sambels and the Northfield Snowmobile Club will be providing food. The banquet will be B.Y.O.B. There will be workshops and "snowmobile races" during the day. Limited parking for self-contained Motorhomes will be available overnight in the parking lot near the groomers. The **Board Resources Committee** had planned on a meeting prior to tonight's meeting. Seyon Ranch still does not know if they are going to be open this winter. There is a place in Lincoln on Trail 30 called Spruce Lodge. Steve Fielding is looking at the end of January for the Board Weekend Retreat. He was directed to look into booking the place in Lincoln. The **Landowner Appreciation & Incentives Committee** has two Thank You Landowner signs per club. They are also working on the comparing landowner appreciation programs other states are doing. The **Nominating Committee** reported that he has Ann Shangraw running for President, Pat Poulin for Vice President and Bonnie Holbrook for Recording Secretary. The **PR & Marketing Committee** discussed keeping some programs alive and is working on them. The **Annual Meeting Committee** is at the Barre Auditorium. Sambels and the Northfield Snowmobile Club are doing the Banquet. It's a B.Y.O.B. There will be workshops and "snowmobile races" during the day. Limited parking for self-contained Motorhomes will be available overnight in the parking lot near the groomers. The **Strategic Planning Committee** will meet October 17, 19, 24 & 26 at 6:00 PM here in the VAST Office. The **Recognition Committee** is all set to go with awards for the Annual Meeting. The volunteer weekend will be October 21st this year. Keep track of the volunteers through December and then send them into the VAST office. The **Safety Committee** will have a table at the Annual Meeting showing the available handouts for the safety classes. Mitzi Oakes is stocking up on the goodies. The **Trails Committee** meeting at the Ludlow Sidehill Crunchers happened and the food was really good. Unfortunately a lot of the committee members did not show up and there was a small turnout. The next Trails meeting will be a potluck dinner.

following the Annual Meeting for ALL directors and officers.

The next Director's Meeting is October 23rd, 2006 with refreshments will be provided by Essex County. ***Bruce Murray moved and Dave LaBelle seconded to adjourn at 7:53 PM. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Holbrook
Recording Secretary