

VAST BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

November 27, 2006

DIRECTORS, ALTERNATES & STAFF PRESENT: Steve Fielding-Addison; John Perkins-Bennington; Ken Gammell-Caledonia; Jim Hill-Chittenden; Dave Page-Essex; Jon Ross-Franklin; Bill Oakes-Grand Isle; Brian Wells-Lamoille; Larry Trottier-Orange; Brian Cook-Orleans; Merritt Budd-Rutland; Johnny Lynds-Washington; Roone Gibbs-Windham; Bruce Murray-Windsor; Ann Shangraw-President; Pat Poulin-Vice-President; Mark Ellingwood-Treasurer; Bonnie Holbrook-Recording Secretary; Bryant Watson-Executive Director, Alexis Nowalk-SSTP Trails Administrator

GUESTS: Mitzi Oakes, Jim Holbrook, Star Poulin, Jeff Fay, Jodie Ross, Howard Smith, Stacy Lynds, Norman Gilman, Mark Reaves, Sue Trottier

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

AGENDA: *Bruce Murray moved and Jim Hill seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.*

9c Larry Trottier asked to be added to the agenda.

10b Discuss December's Board Meeting date.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *Bruce Murray moved and Brian Wells seconded to approve the minutes of October 23, 2006 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Pat Poulin moved and Larry Trottier seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.* Mark Ellingwood gave a brief summarization of the expenses and income. Several expenses were questioned for further clarification. Mark also reported that the monthly financial reports will list have all check numbers accounted for.

CONSENT CALENDAR-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT and TRAIL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: *Brian Wells moved and Roone Gibbs seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried.*

COUNTY REPORTS:

- Clubs are getting ready for the trails to open. Some counties are looking for ways to get more attendance at their meetings. One county has been able to make use of correctional workers to debrushing some trails.

LAMOILLE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL – Management Plan:

- On Tuesday, November 28th there is a public meeting that will be on interactive TV from a few locations around the state. This will be the only public meeting to discuss the management plan.
- Public comments are being accepted until December 7th. Please send comments to the VAST office. They will only be accepted in writing sent via U.S. Mail. The committee is hoping for support for the following key issues.
 - Support of VAST as the lead on the committee.
 - Support of a representative from VASA due to anticipated law enforcement issues with illegal ATV use on the LVRT.
 - Support of enforcement to use the Sheriff Departments along the LVRT for lead in law enforcement.

EARLY BIRD DRAWING FEEDBACK:

- Several Counties reported positive responses to the drawing. A few counties reported negative comments.
- Thank you need to be sent to the businesses that have donated items for the drawing.
- Posters were sent to the clubs.
- The snowmobile club in Lyndon put an ad in the paper.
- Ads were put in the VAST News to advertise the early bird drawing.

APPROVE 2006/2007 VAST WORK PLAN – JIM HILL: *Brian Wells moved and Dave Page seconded to approve the proposed 2006/2007 VAST Work Plan as presented. Motion carried.*

DEVELOP ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND WORK – ANN SHANGRAW:

- President Ann has asked the committee chairs to find a regular time to schedule their committee meetings so that we can create a calendar of committee meetings.
- Committee chairs are to send the meeting schedules to Bryant Watson and Sara Thompson.

LARRY TROTTIER: Larry Trottier reported that Bonnie Holbrook's Laptop that she uses for a lot of work she does for VAST and Orange County is in need of repairs. *Ken Gammell moved and John Perkins seconded that VAST pay up to \$400 for repairs for Recording Secretary's computer. Motion carried.*

CRITIQUE BOARD ORIENTATION:

- Many thanks go to Sara Thompson for the Orientation Books she put together. She did a great job on them.
- The orientation will be an annual event.

DECEMBER'S BOARD MEETING:

- The Board meeting will be moved to December 18th due to Christmas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- The **Board Resources & Organizational Planning Committee** just completed work on the Work Plan.
 - The Board Retreat will be January 19-21 and will be "a go" whether there is snow to ride or not.
- The **Landowner Appreciation Committee** is still working on tax incentives.
- The **Recognition, Scholarship & Volunteerism Committee** is working on the Volunteer Weekend & Scholarship application materials.
- The next **Responsible Riding and PR Committee** and the next **Governor's Snowmobile Council** meeting are on December 12th at 3PM and they will be combined with the Responsible Riding and PR Committee. Their meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month.
 - A full written report was presented. The following are some of the highlights.
 - The 2007 International Snowmobile Safety Week is January 7-13.
 - The committee will have a display January 12-14th at the University Mall in South Burlington.
 - At the request of the committee the State Police have gotten the safety inspection stickers and will distribute them to the other law enforcement agencies.
 - The State Police will be out checking decibel readings on the trails this winter.
 - Plans are under way to celebrate VASTS 40th Anniversary in 2007.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS: *Brian Wells moved and Steve Fielding seconded for the Board and Alternate Directors to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Motion carried.*

Bruce Murray moved and Brian Wells seconded to come out of Executive Session at 8:25 PM. Motion carried.

Brian Wells moved and Bruce Murray seconded to direct Alexis Nowalk and Bryant Watson to continue working on possible litigation and to keep the Board informed. Motion carried.

The next Director's Meeting is December 18th, 2006 at 6:00 PM with a Potluck Supper. *Roone Gibbs moved and Bruce Murray seconded to adjourn at 8:29 PM. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by

Bonnie Holbrook, VAST Recording Secretary