

Board Meeting 08/06/20

6pm, Stan's House, 1965 Hunt Rd, Windsor,VT

Attendees

Erik Schutz, Matt Kantola, Colin Eggelton, Wendi Reuter-Lorenz, Aaron Day, Stan Spencer, Isaac Robison, Rob Knight, Jim Lyall, Michael Bell

Absent: Ben Bardwell, Felicity Knight

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Approve Meeting minutes from July 2020 BOD meeting
Proposed: Colin, Second, Aaron...Carried.
2. Trailhead sign update - MTB & Hiking
WWTF and A0 center have updated posters with QR codes. Waiting for stickers for state park trailheads.
3. Downhill Trail @Ascutney Trails - Sinuosity & Powderhorn
Aaron has coordinated with Powderhorn to walk the slope above A0 and top of 5th and Broadway, to walk the property for ideas on Wednesday August 12. Glen Seward should be invited.

New Business

- Grant Application - Windsor Trailhead Parking lot

We need a volunteer to write the grant to expand the parking area and possibly be involved in future grant writing. Matt wants to work on the Brownsville trail head only. ACTION ITEM: recruit a Grant volunteer.

- Join Catamount Trail Association & Upper Valley Trails Alliance

For trail publication we need UVLT membership, and for skiing we should support CTA who promotes backcountry skiing state wide. Please look at

their websites to get ideas. ACTION ITEM: Stan will get intouch with CTA to ask how clubs join.

- Trail Videos

Aaron suggested that we publish short videos of certain trails that briefly describe certain trails. Eric suggested filming from the chest, or another camera man, and making each one 30seconds. Perhaps Conor Rowan would be a good film producer. Aaron will contact Conor. Rob will get hiking videos, or an appropriate volunteer.

- Insurance Policies - Trail Liability - check coverages

A0 feels we need to contribute to insurance, and Erik has forwarded requests to VMBA and WWindsor will be listed as insured in the future. We should not need to purchase additional insurance through A0. Matt and Erik will follow up.

- Hire Accountant - 501c3 Non-Profit application

Erik is looking into hiring an accountant to create a 501c3 so we can start applying for a wider range of grants and seek more donations. Janice is unable to help us at this time, and Lynn Spencer is not a tax accountant. It would also help in branding and retail products. Erik will follow up.

- www.ascutneytrailsassociation.org - contact Steve G for redirect

Rob will follow up since he is closer to Steve. Additionally Mike Bell will look into ATA pamphlets for visitor centers.

- VMBA grants? - skills trail -

Is there a time to apply for trail grants from VMBA? Colin says they are due in September.

Committee Reports

- Trails Committee

1. Covid is still here, and it certainly is a challenge to the motivation at times regarding getting out there and working on trails with often inconsistent use. The riding has been great however and our TNRs have been quite popular thus far. Please let me know if there is anything I can do if you have questions or need help on the trails.
 2. Speaking of TNRs, if you feel your trails and landowners are ready for a group ride visit, please let me know. Jim has been holding off a bit on the private trails out of sensitivity to neighbors, but you are the ambassadors so if you give the green light, we will put your network in the lineup.
 3. Weathersfield Town Forest- Aaron Day, Ben Young, and myself went a little crazy last week with the big saws and hydraulic forks and cleared the Weathersfield Town Forest running loop, and an uphill logging/quarry road last week. This opens great multilevel terrain and it looks like we may have two permitted access points (trailheads) to get in there. Good news for our quest to find more beginner and intermediate terrain. Jim Lyall officially submitted the application to gain access to the WTF through the Park entrance. Standby for hopefully good news.
 4. ACTION ITEM: We need Section Leaders for the Brownsville Trail and the Futures Trail. Recruiting has been more difficult due to the lack of events and contact with possible volunteers. Stan has been checking these two trails every other week on rotation for now. Brownsville Trail Flagging and cutting- WWFD/Colin?
 5. ACTION ITEM: Flagging of WTF beginner loop with considerations towards eventual Blue and Black loops. Mike B, Jim L, and Stan are going to meet at the WTF next Tuesday at 9am to look over the terrain.
 6. ACTION ITEM: Complete letter of Cooperation with Weathersfield Conservation Commission (prior to any more trail work).
 7. Jim wants a September and October workday on the connector trail, and August will be determined based upon bridge plan approval.
- Winter Ski Trail Committee
Finalized the mowing plan, pretty much the same as last year but hope to get a separate invoice from Northeast's work on Broadway. Aaron called a workday this Saturday 8am at AOC.
 - Website/Brand Marketing Committee
Erik has our first inquiry for corporate sponsorship. Lock'n Lube is the Lebanon company and we agree that we need to establish packages at different levels. Mike and Felicity did a web "Push" for membership which is lagging due to covid. Web Store is open for business, but shipping
 - Event Committee-
Aaron has been getting inquiries about possible HS races, but none of the schools are willing to commit due to Covid. Suggestion: Matt Boobar from SMS may want to get in touch with Sara Spencer (UVM Cycling Pres.) to see if they can join their events.

ACTION ITEMS

1. To be determined

NEXT MEETING

September 3, 2020