

STAB/ Ascutney Trails Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting, January 21, 2020

Directors Present: Erik Schutz, Stan Spencer, Matt Kantola, Wendi Reuter-Lorenz, Colin Eggleton, Aaron Day, Ben Bardwell Absent: Steve Giroux

Members Present: Jim Lyall (trails Mgr), Jake Margulies, Mike Bell (past pres)

Guests:

BOD Officers Elections:

Matt had consideration for treasurer
moved and seconded - unanimous approved.

Stan - sec'y - unanimous

Erik - self-nominate for pres - elected

Colin - self-nominate for pres

Jim - trail mgr - unanimous

STAB Status Update

STAB PROJECTS -

Trail Around the Mountain- Reworking of trail section required due to landowner access issue. Options are available and we hope to still complete the Windsor section this year.

NEMBAFEST -

Is Ascutney a potential new venue?

Loss of access at Kingdom Trails is unfortunate, but we should be prepared for opportunities.

FINANCES-

Thanks to Chris Eggleton for putting together spreadsheets.

2019 income summary:

\$5663 - membership

\$3500 - grants from year prior

\$11000 - AO event revenue due

Acct balance = 56,000 checking, 1000 savings

vmba grant 7800

STAB/ATA MERGER-

Matt reports that Steve G. resigned from ATA BOD, and that ATA has chosen to dissolve its organization and donate remaining funds to Appalachian Trail.

Stan to contact Barbara Rhode and confirm the status of this news and potential opportunity to at least acquire ATA name/brand. Agreement that this would help solidify our status as a regional organization and the primary point of contact for the State regarding regional trails. Additional Benefits:

chapter structure - ATA merger, ability to hire own employees thru VMBA or thru self.

- pros/cons either way.
- consensus make our own org.

Establish Standing Committees:

Trails Committee; Stan Spencer(chair), Jim Lyall (trails mgr), Jake Margulies, Ed Morse(?), Mike Anderson (?), Owen Campbell (?).

Development/ Marketing Committee: Ben Bardwell (chair),

Winter Trails Committee: Aaron Day (chair), Stan Spencer, Jim Lyall

Events Committee: Wendy Reuter-Lorenz (chair), Ben Bardwell, Colin Eggelton

TO DO list (short term):

STAN/Matt/ Past presidents - create new by laws doc. re-publish bylaws with latest updates.

Eric/ Matt -Finance - hire accountant.
Lynn Spencer, Janice.. both accountants
would need to pay for annual audits.
BOD moved, seconded, approved

All/ Eric -Create Job Board - projects needed to be done.

Jim - create on and off mountain trails inventory spreadsheet.

All/Trails Comm -Consider how to organize Off-Mtn Coordinator(s) - landowner relations.

All/ West Windsor members -Feb 10th, conservation commission mtg - ebikes on agenda

Committee Members/ STAB Members -All for next mtg:

STAB - where should we be in (Committee goals too)

5yrs

10yrs

20yrs

Next BOD Meeting

February 6, 2020, and the first Thursday of the month(s) to follow.