

Ascutney Trails Association

# October Board Meeting Minutes

## 10/06/23

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Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 - 8:00pm

Google Meet joining info. Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/gkj-hpbt-hgk>

### Attendees:

Aaron Day , Darius Long, , Wendi reuter-lorenz , Mike Andersen, Matt Pronovost, Erik Schutz, Isaac Robison, Jim Lyall, Mike Andersen, Matt Dow, G

Absent:

Member/guests: **AGENDA**

Begin with a financial update. AO paid us for the flow trail reimbursement. We are fully reimbursed and up to date.

We still don't know how we did with Flow State Financially. We are awaiting an update

We still owe Glenn and Shelley \$25,000

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from September and August 2023 BOD meeting Mike Andersen motion , Darius Long second - all approve

### New Business

1. Oct 6, 2023 - Windsor Autumn Moon Festival / waiting to hear back
  - a. Set up ATA tent sell trail guides stickers
  - b. Located next to AO Tent -
2. NNEHSMTB/GMUHS - High School MTB Race October 18th
  - a. [volunteersignup.org/K9KXD](https://volunteersignup.org/K9KXD)
  - b. G will order 2 porta potties for the upper parking lot. They stay until end of October

3. Trail committee - 9/27 - Update Tim, Erik and Aaron, Shelley, Natalie, Jon, Ted
  - a. Vote on ATA maintaining Bicentennial Trail
    - i. Brush clearing at AO trail jct to Brownsville trail junction
    - ii. Maintain waterbars and trail from townforest trail head to brownsville trail
    - iii. Approve signage from WWCC
    - iv. Possible funding from WWCC to maintain trail
    - v.
    - vi. Discussion of who is responsible for clearing of evacuation routes
    - vii. Discussed remote control mower. Lots of ideas not much consensus.
    - viii. VOTE: Darius motioned Mike second. Motion passed. ATA will maintain the new Bicentennial Trail.
  
4. We need an ATA rep to go to Weathersfield Conservation committee meetings about the WWTF.  
Matty offered to do this. Avery is most likely checked out until Spring
  
5. AO/ATA
  - a. AOC trailhead kiosks/Sign board - Update
  - b. Full board and committees
    - i. Trail committee - 9/27 - Update
  - c. Set AO/ATA meeting date/time
    - i. 10/11/23 - AOC 5:30PM
  
6. ATA Philosophy
  - a. Association We build trails for everyone!
  - b. Area - ie the mountain
  - c. Active Board and Membership
  
7. Tool Purchases
  - a. [Amazon.com : Remote Control Lawn Mower Small Crawler Oil-Electric Hybrid Four-Wheel Drive Lawn Mowing and Weed Whacker\(550\) : Patio, Lawn & Garden](#)
  - b. [Amazon.com : Remote Control Mower 45 Degree Slope Robotic Lawn Mower Robot for Commercial Mowing : Patio, Lawn & Garden](#)
  - c. [Amazon.com : DareDevil Mower - Remote Controlled 200m Remote Distance| 50° Slope Capability | Hybrid Self-Charging Dual Battery | Brushless Motors | Zero Turn | Adjustable Cutting Deck : Patio, Lawn & Garden](#)
  - d. [Amazon.com : DareDevil Mower: Dual Power Remote-Controlled All-Terrain Lawn Mower | 50° Slope Capability | Self Propelled Cutting Height | Zero Turn | 1 YR Warranty : Patio, Lawn & Garden](#)
  - e. [Field and Brush Mower, Walk Behind 26 inch 15.5 HP Electric Start Pro-26 | DR Power Equipment](#)
  - f. [Amazon.com : Makita XUX01M5PT 36V \(18V X2\) LXT® Brushless Couple Shaft Power Head Kit with String Trimmer Attachment \(5.0Ah\) : Patio, Lawn & Garden](#)
  - g. [EGO Power+ LB6003 145 mph 600 CFM 56 V Battery Backpack Leaf Blower Kit \(Battery & Charger\) W/ 7.5 AH BATTERY - Ace Hardware.](#)
  - h. [EGO Power+ ST1502SA 15 in. 56 V Battery String Trimmer Kit \(Battery & Charger\) SPLIT SHAFT W/ RAPID RELOAD & 2.5 AH BATTERY - Ace Hardware](#)
  - i.
  - j.
  
8. WW Fast Squad/Fire Dept donation from ATA
  - a. Discuss with WW Conservation Commission to have town maintain emergency trails

- b. Post Emergency routes on Trailforks
- c. Who maintains the evacuation routes is an issue that should be brought to the Town for discussion.
- d.
- 9. Erik covered the AO/ATA meeting that happened last week
- 10. Darius spoke about proactive fundraising as a 503b. Annual fund, Individual asks, Grants

We will start looking at how much it costs us to hire and maintain

Trail mowing

Skills Park

Maybe we could?..... change the AO site. When you click Mountain Biking let's have the site go to ATA.

### Committee updates

1. Winter Trails - prep for contract mowing, Geoffrey is coming this Friday or Monday, October 6th
2. Trail Day
  - a. VT 50
3. Trails Committee
  - a. Ramps or grid as new for muddy stretches
    - i. Made of plastic in Derry NH
  - b. Trail Signage update
  - c. Chicken wire bridge discussion (Nimbus, Lynx, etc..)
  - d. Reroute Last Mile/Sluice, Deer Run intersection
  - e. Eliminate Picnic trail?
  - f. Powderhorn - Flow trail update
  - g. Bridge at bottom of tubing hill - trail to town
  - h. Trail Mowing
    - i. Hire Matt Kantola to mow fielder's choice and home again and upper mtb trail across ski trails.
    - ii. Purchase DR Field Mower for MTB Ski Trails - used or new 1 or 2
    - iii. Skills Park
4. Events Committee
  - a. Game of Logging L3+4 Oct 28-29
  - b. Vermont Mountain Bike Festival -
  - c. Ascutney Day (summit celebration)
  - d. Volunteer Celebration - 10/21/23
  - e. Full Moon Hikes -
  - f. Winter Hikes
5. Youth Group Committee-
6. Website/Social Media/Marketing-
  - a. List all events with trailhead/trail closures

### Old Business

1. Ascutney Day

2. Volunteer Sign up sheet check in
3. Goals for the year-
  - a. Trails (Hiking/Biking)
    - i. West Windsor-
    - ii. Windsor
    - iii. Weathersfield
    - iv. Reading
    - v. Post on Website
  - b. Events
  - c. Administrative
  - d. Web
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. ATA January 20xx Monthly Financial Report
  - b. Checking account balance is \$xxx.xx as of 1/xx/xx
  - c. Savings account balance is \$xxxxx.xx
  - d. Expenditures were \$xxxx.xx
  - e. Credits were \$xxx.x and a \$xxxx.xx transfer from savings
5. Budget review

## NEXT Meeting AGENDA - To Be Determined

### Events

Event	Point Person
1. Ascutney Day	
2. Vermont Overland	
3. Flow State	Erik Schutz
4. Gnar Weasels	
5. Ascutney Hill Climb	
6. Vermont Overland	
7. Ragnar	
8. Vermont 50	
9. Volunteer Celebration	
10. Ascutney Assault	

11. Full Moon Hikes	
12. Winter Hikes	
13. <a href="http://crosscycleadventures.com">Winter Wild Uphill Series (crosscycleadventures.com)</a>	

**Job Description:**

Summer Trail Committee Chair:

Winter Trail Committee Chair:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Vice President:

President:

Website/Social Media/Marketing: