

Board Meeting 10/01/20

6:pm; Matt's Barn, West Windsor,VT

Attendees

Erik Schutz(exec), Matt Kantola(exec), Colin Eggelton(exec), Wendi Reuter-Lorenz(after ThNR), Aaron Day(Exec), Stan Spencer(exec), Isaac Robison(exec), Rob Knight, Ben Bardwell(exec), Jim Lyall, Michael Bell, Felicity Knight

AGENDA

Executive Session

- 1. Personnel discussion Collin motion, Aaron second: carried.6pm-6:39pm**

Last Meeting Follow-up

- 1. Approve Meeting Minutes from September 2020 member meeting Motion by Colin Second: Matt, Carried.**
2. Join Catamount Trail Association- Tabled per A0 discussion.
3. Insurance Policies - Trail Liability - update Erik: Town wants additional insurance from us, Erik (through VMBA) had WW added as "insured". Also, we are trying to start a youth MTB program and we will need insurance...Erik following up with VMBA.

New Business

- A0 State of Affairs- Erik: An agreement was signed between WW Selectmen and A0 regarding their relationship and the select board picked A0 to manage all town forest lands...and that seems to be the beginning of some of our more recent disagreements. Continued clarification discussion regarding relationship histories, and trail background. Erik & Matt suggest we write a letter to the select board suggesting that we define our roles with ATA as the Trails organization (development & maintenance) and A0 is the lift and Lodge people. Felicity suggested each organization defines (list)their role...reach an agreement, and list it on the bulletin board outside A0.
- Connector Name Discussion: Erik wants to name the three sections, Norcross trail, Crofter's way, and Barbara's Rhoad. The State must

approve the names. This will also include the entire trail. A suggestion was made to have Jason Rasmusen(State Development) administer the naming. Stan will follow up with Jason R.

- Grants -Stan: Of the \$2300 Owen Campbell had in the stagnant SRDC/WIC account, he has agreed to allocate \$1000.00 to ATA for Bridge costs. I have asked the SRDC for support on finding funding for several items and they have put me in touch with a State development person to get some funding for bridge completion/TAM to work. No interest in supporting new projects at this time.
- Trailhead Plowing- Stan: I talked with Barbara Rhoad regarding Plowing and in the past, she has used Andy Briggs at \$25 per lot (Brownsville & Windsor). The State plows the Weathersfield Trailhead and the lot across from the access road.
- New Network Request in Springfield at Muckcross State Park. Tom Stuessy via Ethan Phelps contacted Erik. Discussion.
- Other News, we got a \$3000 donation from Todd Alexander from Norwich...just because we're awesome.

Committee Reports

- Trail Committee
 1. Weathersfield TF update- Stan: No news, is no news! I have a call into Jeff Pelton to gently push for answers.

On a separate WTF issue is the continuation of the ??Trail which I have already marked most of the way through the TF. It will integrate well with the separate multi-level system we are proposing there but is not dependent upon it. I need to go for a short walk with Brian Renfro (State Forester) to get his preliminary approval to use an existing logging road adjacent to the playing fields as part of the trail entrance (a few hundred yards max).

2. Powderhorn-Aaron-Will came to flag his proposed route and then we will be invited to walk the route with him. No invoice yet. Secondly, Aaron is interested in perhaps creating a sub-committee that specifically works on the "DH flow" trails.

We all agreed to straighten out the A0 issue first. Felicity suggested putting it into writing to present to A0. Suggestion to have Glenn Seward be a member. **Motion to form DH FLOW COMMITTEE by Matt Second: Wendy, Carried.**

Ski trail days will be 10/24, 11/7, 11/14. Matt asked for help to clear the path from the two oaks to the old start shack.

E-bike discussion; we should ask membership to write in opinions regarding opening the whole WW section. Put it to the membership!!

Friday youth cycling. Aaron will be leading a ride tomorrow.
Motion to Form Youth Program Committee by: Matt Second:Stan,

Carried.

3. Connector-Jim: Mike and Jim have been very busy with the help of Ben Young. About a week from being done except for the bridges. Materials will be arriving tomorrow, and the beams next week. Jim would like to do a "grand opening" ride on Saturday the 31st. Jim has an invoice from Stan-tech engineering for \$770.
- Winter Trail Committee
 1. Mowing Progress - NE mowing update
Aaron:
 - Website/Brand Marketing Committee
 - Recent meeting update-Ben, Mike, Felicity, and Erik recently met and decided to create a newsletter via email. We have lots of content! Topics covered would be summer highlights, initiatives, trail days (10/17), Connector update, flow trail update, high school race, section leader profiles, and include a press release version for the general public.
 - 2000 visits per month on Pink-Bike
 - Publishing partners asked Erik about a possible future MTB Festival.
 - Event Committee -
 1. SVTHS Race, OCT 14th 3:pm Third in the series, Stratton, Woodstock, ATA... Stratton went really well.
 - a. The course laid out at 2.89 miles, may need to be shorter.
 - b. Volunteers needed race day as course marshals and to help with signage/blowing or whatever.
 - c. Colin EMT?!-Colin in
 - d. Matt, Porta-potty?
 2. Matt thought the picnic at the top of Buckdancer/ Cloud Climber went very well, and all agreed. There were about 50people who either hiked or rode up to share stories and have some good food. We brought in \$365 during the event. Looking forward to doing it again next year.

ACTION ITEMS

1. 501c3 Non-Profit application- Rob Knight suggested Kelley Murphy, Weathersfield to assist.
2. To be determined
- 3. Adjourned, 8:49**

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

November 5, 2020