

Ascutney Trails Association

February Board Meeting 2/08/23

Wednesday, February 08 • 6:00 – 8:00pm

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

Attendees: Aaron Day, matthew pronovost, Avery Mornis, Rob Knight, Mike Andersen, Tim Banker, Isaac Robison, Erik Schutz, Darius Long

Absent:

Member/guests: John Brodie, Felicity Knight, Jim Lyall, Jim Congdon

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from January 2023 BOD meeting
2. Mark Mamuszka, LAc Points East Acupuncture - Trail Name - PointsEast

New Business

1. Membership Letter for VMBA Packet
 - a. Check VMBA office for ATA Sticker supply level
2. \$750 Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce ad in center of Magazine
3. March 7th Full Moon Hike
4. Any interest in inviting a youtube MTB personality to ride flow trails when fully opened? Perhaps in conjunction with Flow State and/or to check out other trails?
5. Any interest in a promotional beer collab like this: [Kingdom Trails - Lawson's Finest Liquids](#)

In attendance: Erik, Tim, Darius, Rob, Aaron

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- New business:
- Make a new membership blurb for VMBA. Used to describe ATA when people sign up for membership.

- Where does the money go; flow trail, skills park, maintaining hiking trails, flow state, park tools. Act 250, Weathersfield development, mention new intermediate and beginner trails, blue dipper and pine twister. Check out the event calendar. Mowing the upper ski trails and winter trail work. 92 trails and 42 miles of trails.
- 750 dollar add for Okemo valley regional Chamber of Commerce.
 - Decided not to do it.
- March 7th Full Moon hike is a go. Will be listed on Front porch forum, AO website and ATA site.
- February full moon hike was pretty good given the cold weather.
- Perhaps we coordinate with the Windsor
- Library about a joint venture. Tim will Coordinate with AO for the logistics. More burn piles!
- Pick a goal: Quarterly newsletter.
- UVMBA will be expanding Union Village Dam, and Hurricane Hill. Looking to expand b lot
- They get about 10,000 dollars in funds from VMBA.
- UVTA We can hire their high school work crew. Eric will meet with the executive director next week.
- Bring a youtube rider to some of our events? Pay skills with Phil to come down and ride the flow trail.

- Promote our hiking trails with historical facts. Cascade fall, quarries, steam donkey. Use the history of ATA to promote.
 - Aaron will coordinate with Rob in regards to 2 trees down. One on Norcross near Windsor Trail and another on Swoops. Pine Twister needs work as well.
 - Aaron will contact Game of Logging to schedule a course Matt has offered his property and Rob can fill extra spots with fire department people
 - Perhaps a promotional beer with ATA on the label. Darius will look into finding out how it works.
 - Flow State will be using Upper Pass beer.
 - 92 mtb trails, 42 miles of trails. We need to develop a quarterly newsletter Erik will make templates
 - Darius explained the updated Trail Tracker Spreadsheets, public and private.
 - Darius rated the trails, black, blue and green. Contact Spencers about their trails
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- Money talk!
 - Erik presented our financial situation.
 - Target specific projects for fundraising. Winter Trail mowing, Weathersfield Town Forest and Game of Logging for the hiking trails.
 - We will have extra cash from Vorec Grant to improve climbing trail and where flow crosses ski trails on lower sections.. We will be up \$33,000 by June 2023. We still need to pay Glenn and Shelley back the \$50,000 they loaned us. Hopefully the Vorec money will start to come in sooner rather than later to help our cash flow situations.