

Ascutney Trails Association

May Board Meeting 5/3/23

Wednesday, April 5 • 6:00 – 8:00pm

Windsor Welcome Center, 3 Railroad Ave. | Windsor, VT

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

Attendees:

Aaron Day, matthew pronovost , Avery Mornis , Isaac Robison , Tim Banker , Mike Andersen, Darius Long

Absent:

Member/guests: Jim Lyall, Chris Dolan, Bob Haight, John Brodie , Anna Bochert

Pasted meeting minutes for April. All in favor.

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from April 2023 BOD meeting
2. Windsor Pump Track/Bike Park
Meeting Terry McDonald about skate park. WIC indoor skatepark?
Avery will meet with Bob Haight and Tom Marsh at site to discuss ideas.

\$95000 checking balance, given recent grant award.

\$28,000 saving balance

Pay Glenn and Shelley \$30,000 now and pay \$20000 after Will finishes.

3. Communications - Transition Plan?

Nancy Knight will take over for Felicity as our Social Media Manager
4. Vermont Community Development Association - Panel discussion - Erik, Shelley, Ted
West Windsor Town Hall . May 18th All day
5. Game of Logging course - take aways, level 3 and 4 in the fall set-up course?
Awesome! Full course. Mike will pay the invoice.
Schedule a fall course for 3 and 4 . October will work. Location TBD

Windsor Trail is in rough shape. Needs people to cut trees.

Avery will go into Weathersfield town forest to blow and cut.

New Business

1. Ascutney Day - Saturday May 27th 10A - 2P
 - a. Create a volunteer sign up.
 - b. Start promoting the event. Facebook/Instagram/Valley News/Front Porch forum
 - c. Sandwiches
2. Vermont Overland - Saturday May 6th <https://forms.gle/tQ23QwUTh1kihX1BA>

Need Volunteers

ATA will host an aid station at Bible Hill and Covered Bridge, 10 to 2

3. AO/ATA skinning policy
 - a. Erik met with Johnathon
 - b. One uphill skin track, current route works well
 - c. No dogs on weekend
 - d. Kiosk at tubing building(Policy,sign in, uphill tickets,donation)
 - e. Sign with policy in town forest
 - f. QR codes on tickets and sign to facilitate donations

4. Ascutney Trail Day - Saturday May 13th

Focus on Skills Park, use a compactor. Metal rakes , flat shovels , mattock to tamp.

Promote the trail as specific to the skills park, mentioning tools to bring.

5. Ascutney Jump Jam - Sunday May 14th

Three people signed up.

6. ATA - WIX Website - email blast limitations - Mailchimp/new website provider.

Considering moving to Mailchimp. WIX has limitations regarding outputting messages. Wix is \$384 per year with \$25 a month for added features like outputting more messages.

Tim will look into this.

7. Zach - Photographer - Deliverables Contract

Keep contract to short term for jump jam, see how it goes.

8. Ansel - Videographer - Deliverables Contract

Ansel is coming to Jump Jam, Ascutney Day, Trail Day, Bike Rides to film.

9. ATA "Store" - Jakroo

Drop ship company. We design the kit and they make it. Wont make any money on it but would be an easy way to promote out trails. Avery is willing to take a look at it.

10. Trail Name Sponsorship for BBP: Discuss Term/Details

3 flow trails are taken. Darius will offer naming rights of the climbing trail to BBaP

Glow has one flow, Points East has another, Ansel has the third.

Take the money from the sponsorship to fund new signs.

Tombstory is a company that makes a wifless QR code. Could be a cool way to store trail maps and have the QR code on a trail sign

11. WWTF Trailhead Vandalism

Perhaps a VMBA refund out or storm damage fund.

12. [Flow State Local sponsors](#) - pick your sponsor to approach. Erik emailed out a media kit

13. Board Elections - June 2023

14. Reorder porta potty for West Windsor Town Forest.

a.

	First	Last	Email	Phone	Term	Term Expira	Term Limit
1	Tim	Banker			1 year	6/2023	1
2	Robert	Knight			1 year	6/2023	2
3	Mike	Andersen			1 year	6/2023	1
4	Darius	Long			1 year	6/2023	1

Tim, mike and Darius can run again. Rob is unelectable... for now

Old Business

1. Projects for the year 2023

a. Events

- i. Overland Trail Run 5/6
- ii. Jump Jam 5/14
- iii. 55th Ascutney Day 5/27
- iv. Gnar Weasels 7/8
- v. Flow State 7/28-30
- vi. Auto bicycle Road hill Climb 8/5
- vii. Vermont Overland 8/26
- viii. Ragnar 9/8-9
- ix. VT 50 9/24
- x. VERDA 10/7
- xi. Volunteer Celebration 10/21

b. Bike Trails

- i. Swoops and Loops - Bridges and Boardwalks

1. Connect with Brian Renfro for possible trail tread improvements and workdays
 - ii. Falls from Grace to Sluice
 - iii. Lynx
- c. Hiking Trails
 - i. Windsor Trail - downed trees
 - ii. Weathersfield Trail - downed trees
2. Weathersfield Town Forest
 - a. State Park Signs
 - i. "To Weathersfield Town Forest 'left arrow'" For the RT 44 gate
 - ii. "To Weathersfield Town Forest 'up arrow'" For the end of campground road
 - iii. "To Weathersfield Town Forest 'left arrow'" For Rick's Road at recycle and dump station intersection
 - b. Weathersfield Recreation Fair -
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. ATA March 2023 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
4. Budget review

Committee updates

1. Winter Trails -
2. Trails Committee
3. Events Committee
 - a. Vermont Mountain Bike Festival - Solicit Local Sponsorships \$250
 - b. Ascutney Day (summit celebration)
 - c. Spring Fling
 - d. Volunteer Celebration
4. Youth Group Committee-
5. Website/Social Media/Marketing-
6. Full Moon Hikes-

NEXT Meeting AGENDA - To Be Determined