

# August Board Meeting 8/11/21

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**11 August 2021 / 6:30 PM Ascutney Outdoors Center**

## **Invitees:**

Erik Schutz, Shaun Pate, Tim Banker, Mike Andersen, Wendi Reuter-Lorenz, Aaron Day, Isaac Robison, Rob Knight, Ben Bardwell

Member/guests: Jim Lyall, Felicity Knight, Brittany Preston, Jessica Brodie, Emily Curtis-Murphy, Stan Spencer, Colin Eggleton, Matt Kantola, Lauren and Peter BBaP

**Absent:** Tim Banker, Ben Bardwell

## **AGENDA**

**Eric started meeting at 6:45**

### **Last Meeting Follow-up**

- Approve Meeting Minutes from July 2021 BOD meeting: Aaron Day approved minutes.

### **Community**

- Brownsville Butcher and Pantry: Peter explained how the influx of tourism affected their volume of business. BBaP is brainstorming on menu options to ease the number of people in store, and possible outdoor offerings. Some locals were unhappy with the number of people in town/at BBaP. Thought festival attendees were respectful. Peter wants to have a better idea in advance on the number of vendors and attendees so they are more prepared. They were pleased with the event but felt very unprepared. ATA explained plans for next year. Small number of locals were concerned with the effects of these events on the town's infrastructure.

### **Board of Director Elections**

1. Treasurer - Mike Anderson - Aaron Day made a motion, Mike Anderson seconded the motion, approved.
2. Summer Trails Committee
3. Website/Social Media/Marketing Committee - Tim Banker - Aaron made a motion, Mike Anderson seconded the motion. - approved

Board discussed how to convey the amount of work a trail steward needs to put in, the importance of keeping your section clear and hike/rideable. What app to use to report trail maintenance, trailforks or trailcare. Discussed trail repairs needed and grants / permits . We need to get a permit review sheet approved in Springfield, and all work needs to be done. VMBA needs to be completed. by the 24 of August. Need to get a grant for skills park and flow track.

## Committee updates

1. Event Committee -
  - a. Flow State Mtb Festival Eric has a meeting with flow state to discuss money spent/made, and how the town felt about the event. Board discussed their overall opinion on how the event went. Lack of food vendors was discussed.
2. Youth Group Committee
  - a. Youth group policies- Thinking of advertising to schools for multi week rides at local schools. Looking for bike donations.
3. Trails Committee
  - a. Trail Day schedule
    - i. Work Shed - Jim explained plans to finish putting the roof on.
    - ii. Weathersfield Town Forest - Eric and Stan Spencer are meeting with Weathersfeild about getting a grant to put an access bridge in on the new Wethersfield town forest trails.
    - iii. VT50 Will schedule a trail day the 11th or 12th of september.
  - b. Norcross Trail- Jim has been working on the first section but needs to get a trail day scheduled.
    - i. Norcross Trail Opening - Ribbon Cutting
  - c. Weathersfield Spur/ State FP&R update-
    - Weathersfield TF- Eric and Stan Spencer are meeting with Weathersfeild about getting a grant to put an access bridge in on the new Wethersfield town forest trails.

Emily is planning an invasive species removal day.

4. Flow Trail Committee
  - a. Act250- Act250 permit is in, we need a wildlife and storm review. Sept 14 zoning review request is in, but date keeps getting pushed back. Going to apply for a grant. Insurance battle continues.
5. Website/Social Media/Marketing-

## Old Business

1. Ascutney Day
2. VMBA memberships - exploding early Last year's total dues collected = \$7130  
Thanks in part to partnership with other local clubs, Upper Valley MTB, WAMBA and overall increased VMBA membership.

| Total Dues coll | Total Membership | Total Members |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| \$8,560.00      | 238              | 377           |

3. Track Volunteer Hours - Every Board member, Committee Member and ATA member!
  - a. <https://www.ascutneytrails.com/enter-your-hours>

- b. Total Hours @\$15/hr
- c. End of July 2021 hours

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| 772.25      |
| \$11,583.75 |

**NEXT Meeting AGENDA - To Be Determined**