

# November Board Meeting 11/5/20

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05 November 2020 / 7:00 PM / Google Meet <https://meet.google.com/uut-yias-bkr>

## Attendees

Erik Schutz, Matt Kantola, Colin Eggleton, Wendi Reuter-Lorenz, Aaron Day, Stan Spencer, Isaac Robison, Rob Knight, Ben Bardwell, Jim Lyall, Michael Bell, Felicity Knight, Brittany Preston (youth comm), Jessica Brodie (youth comm), Emily Curtis-Murphy (youth comm)

Absent: Isaac Robison, Michael Bell, Felicity Knight

## AGENDA

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from October 2020 BOD meeting  
Motion to approve minutes- Colin , Second-Ben , Carried

### New Business

1. ATA Youth Committee Proposal
  - o Jessica Brodie , and Emily Curtis-Murphy & Brittany Preston Presentation

Jessica presented her slide proposal to develop a youth committee. Link:

- o Discuss/Decide

Insurance is a technical issue to be worked out. Insurance tabled until we determined progress of our 501c3 status. Stan asked if there was any coordination with WHS regarding the outing club program hopefully this is coordinated with them. Erik discussed concerns of AO (Glen) regarding covid and the ski programs with local schools. Stan suggested making sure that Reading, Weathersfield, Windsor (Hartland) are included in all ATA youth planning. Colin thanked the Youth team for organizing this, and offered to provide equipment support. Ben added the possible equipment support from Specialized.

## 2. Powderhorn Design Proposal

- Design Routing- Powderhorn via Aaron presented their proposal.

Stan reminded DH Committee that berms in ski trails can be a hazard and that consideration should be made to continue the multi-use viability of the ski trails and glade that would be the site of the DH Flow trail.

Discussion regarding the routing of the lower section to minimize impact on existing ski/Mtb trails. Tabled until further discussion between Erik and Glen.

- **Motion to pay Powder horn \$750 for design skills zone- Colin , Second-Aaron , Carried**
- Climbing Trail design - Jim- proposed a downhill tour this Saturday of the “uphill” trail to the start of the DH flow park.

## 3. AO Communication Plan- Erik (ATA) and Glen (AO) are the ONLY points of official contact regarding our shared issues.

## 4. Join Catamount Trail Association- Erik wants us to join CTA as a Catamount chapter. This would give us hiking/ Back Country work insurance coverage.

**Motion to Join CTA as a chapter- Stan , Second-Aaron , Carried**

## 5. Articles of Incorporation

- Required for 501c3 application to IRS
- Create a workgroup? to meet with Kelley Murphy or have an additional Board Meeting this month . Stan requests that changes to bylaws(draft) be written into (in red) existing bylaws to make them more editable while respecting the work of the Merge team’s efforts for the expanded membership.
- Erik talked with Herb Ogden regarding Articles of Incorporation...couldn’t find any. Will talk with Kelley Murphy regarding details on the document.

## Committee updates

### 1. Winter Trails

- a. Develop Framework for trails to maintain- Aaron- finished Old Ox and Stitz Mark Alley, and others started Millers. Next trail day to focus on top of Broadway/Snowdance. Aaron also predicts lots of POW later this month!!! Discussion regarding what NOT to maintain and maintain a more sustainable work load of maintenance.
- b. “Snowdog” - Erik heard from people who suggested getting one to groom for fat biking...Discussion. Tabled per steep terrain and reliability testing.

### 2. Trails Committee

- a. Connector Trail- Jim - Mike Bell started his new job and is not building trails for us now. Bridges are near completion. Lumber needs to be brought to the bridge behind Aaron’s house. Expect spring work days, and a need for a new pro trail builder.

- b. Weathersfield Spur/ State FP&R update- Stan updated BOD that the State Stewardship Committee has put a temporary hold on the Spur to the WTF until more is learned about future routing. WeathersfieldCC has not posted their November meeting minutes where they were supposed to discuss the ATA Cooperative agreement...patience needed, but will continue to try to contact the Town Manager to push along so we can plan spring construction. Erik asked about a "landowner access agreement".
3. Events Committee
- a. Vermont Mountain Bike Festival- Erik talked with "Height of Land Publications" as a co sponsor of another Mountain Bike Festival post Covid. Discussion focussed around post covid definition and concerns.
  - b. Pinkbike marketing is getting an amazing response.
  - c. Jim mentioned that Website is not specific regarding Hunting trail closures/opening.

Adjourned: 21:19