

A close-up, low-angle shot of a mountain bike's front end, including the handlebars, stem, and front wheel, resting on a rocky trail. The background is a soft-focus landscape of trees and foliage. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Stowe Mountain Bike Club  
2017 Annual Meeting**



**HUGE THANKS!!**

**Trapp Family Lodge  
and  
von Trapp Brewing**

# Today's Agenda:

- **Beer Enjoyment**
- **SMBC Board of Directors**
- **Achievements: 2016**
- **2017: Planning, Building, & Maintenance**
- **General stoke**

# SMBC Board of Directors

## Officers

- **Drew Clymer:**  
**President**
- **Deb Martin:**  
**Treasurer**
- **Frank Foti:**  
**Secretary**
- **Roger Murphy:**  
**VMBA Liaison**
- **Cyril Brunner**
- **Sue Clifford**
- **Leslie Gauff**
- **Ty MacWalters**
- **Lucy Nersesian**
- **Erik Timmerman**
- **Andrew Volansky**
- **Mike Waldert**

# 2016 Overview

- **A year of “firsts”:**
  - **First year as VMBA chapter**
    - Chapter add - on program
    - Trapp's add -on
  - **First year with paid trail manager**
    - Sustainable Trailworks / Town of Stowe

# 2016 Overview

- **A year of “firsts”**
  - **First Strategic plan**
    - ***Specific* goals:**
      - **New Trails**
      - **Membership**
      - **Fundraising**
    - **Long range outlook**

# 2016 Overview

- **Membership**

- **Approx 700 Members**

- **380 “paying entities”**

- **282 primary chapter memberships**
- **81 individual add-ons**
- **17 family add-ons**

- **2017 YTD:**

- **192 “paying entities”**

# 2016 Overview

- **Budget**

- **2016 Net Income: \$32,500**

- **Income exceeded expenses:**

- **Weather / trail maintenance**

- **Donations**

- » **Establishment of SMBC Trail Fund**



# 2016 Overview

## 2016 Expenses:

- **Trail Maintenance**
- **Strategic Planning**
  - Expanded trail access,
  - New trails opportunities,
  - Improved trail maintenance.

# 2016 Overview

- **Fundraising**

- **Private donations**
- **\$2,000 grant from Lamoille Area Board of Realtors**
- **\$6,300 VMBA Trail Grant**
- **Town of Stowe: \$7,500**
  - **Discretionary**
  - **Recurring**

# Support businesses that support MTB

- **Copley Hospital**
- **Central VT Medical Center**
- **MTBVT.com**
- **Trapp Family Lodge**
- **ARFA Property Management**
- **Golden Eagle Resort**
- **Illume Advisors, Inc.**
- **IRide**
- **Mountain Ops / Mansfield Cycles**
- **Metropolitan Music**
- **Picasso**
- **Sisler Builders**
- **Stowe Bowl**
- **Stowe Motel**
- **Stoweflake Resort**
- **Sushi Yoshi**

# Support businesses that support MTB

- **Four Points, VT**
- **Academy Mortgage**
- **AJ's Ski & Sports**
- **The Alchemist**
- **The Bench**
- **The Brass Lantern Inn**
- **Caledonia Spirits**
- **Coldwell Banker Carlson Real Estate**
- **Commodities Natural Market**
- **Commodores Inn**
- **Concept 2**
- **Dave Couch Signs**
- **Elmore Mountain Farm**
- **Green Mountain Inn**
- **Gristmill Builders**

# Support businesses that support MTB

- **Hartigan**
- **Idletyme Brewing Company**
- **Jimmz Pizza**
- **Johnson Hardware & Rental**
- **Lamoille Valley Ford**
- **Morrisville Lumber**
- **Notchbrook General Store**
- **Optical Expressions**
- **Personalized - PT**
- **Pinnacle Ski & Sports**
- **PK Coffee**
- **Points North Physical Therapy**
- **Smugglers' Notch**
- **Stowe Family Dentistry**
- **Stowe Hardware**
- **Stowe Mountain Lodge**

# Support businesses that support MTB

- **Stowehof**
- **Sun & Ski Inn & Suites**
- **Sunset Grille & Taproom**
- **Topnotch Resort & Spa**
- **Town & Country Resort**
- **Turtle Fur**
- **Union Bank**
- **UVMHN - CVMC Orthopedics and Sports Medicine**
- **Volansky Studio**
- **Walker Construction**
- **Waterbury Dentistry**
- **Well - Heeled / Yoga Barn**

# 2016: Trail Maintenance

- **Sustainable Trailworks / Town of Stowe**
  - **\$10,000 trail maintenance budget**
    - **\$10k does not include SMBC allocations**
    - **Specific to trails on Town-owned land**
    - **Agreement renewed again for 2017**

# 2016: Trail Maintenance

- **Trail Maintenance Plan:**

- **2016, 2017 and beyond**

- **Drafted in collaboration with Hardy Avery:**

- **Long-term sustainability, not just seasonal repairs**

- **Upgrades to:**

- **Accommodate increased use**
- **Incorporate modern trail building techniques where needed**
- **Enhance with features as appropriate**



# 2016: Trail Maintenance

- **Long-range planning and budgeting**
  - **“Commercial level of use”**
    - **Florence**

# 2016: Trail Maintenance

- **2016 Trail Maintenance Plan**

- **Under budget for 2016**

- **Town funds carry over (Zog's / Flo reroute)**

- **2016 Projects:**

- **Bear's - new berms, etc.**
- **Schween's - multiple reroutes**
- **Sap Bucket - culverts**
- **Rock berm on lower**
- **8 Bridges - new bridges**

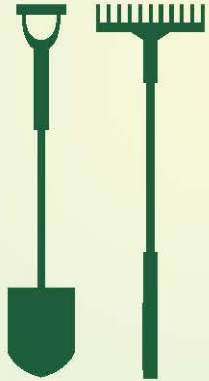
# 2017 Trail Maintenance

- **2017 Trail Maintenance Plan**

- **Highlights:**

- **Lower Florence: major rebuild**
- **Zog's / Flo intersection reroute**
- **Lauren's Loop: rebuild upper part**
- **Pipeline collab with Trapp's trail crew**
- **8 Bridges: completion of rebuild**

# Spring Trail Work Day!



**WHEN:** SATURDAY MAY 13, 2017, 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

**WHERE:** STERLING FOREST, 8 BRIDGES TRAIL  
(MEET NEAR THE POND)

**WHAT:** LET'S BUILD US SOME BRIDGES!

**WHY:** BECAUSE BUILDING TRAILS AND GRILLING WITH  
YOUR FRIENDS IS RAD

**WHO:** YOU, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR RIDING BUDDIES, A DOG OR  
TWO, AND PROBABLY SOME MOSQUITOES

OR



# 2016 New Trail Construction

- **Cady Hill Connector to Car Wash**
  - **Huge thanks to Lamoille Area Board of Realtors!**
- **Sap Bucket Spur Trail**
- **Golden Eagle Connector Trails**
- **Billings Road Re-route**

# 2016 New Trail Construction

- **Strategic Planning:**

- **Five - Year Trail Plan**

- **Identified trail building opportunities**

- **New trails**

- **Collaborative trail rehab projects**

- **Coordinated plan for connectivity within network and out to neighboring networks**

- **More cohesive network**

# 2017 New Trail Construction

- **Callagy's Trail, Sterling Forest**
  - **Background**
    - **Approval / permitting process**
    - **Huge thanks to Stowe Town Planner, Tom Jackman**
  - **Location**
  - **Connections:**
    - **Split Rock**
    - **Main Sterling network**

# 2017 New Trail Construction

- **Topnotch to Sterling Valley via Catamount Trail**
  - **Collaborative effort between SMBC & CTA**
  - **Next steps: secure permission for four-season use**
    - **Build Adams Camp Connector on West side of Mountain Road**



# 2017 New Trail Construction

- **2017 and Beyond:**

- **Eagle Ridge at Cady Hill Forest**

- **Cotton Brook / connection to Little River State Park**

# Strawberry Hill Farm

- **New ownership:**

- **These trails open and close in conjunction with CHF**
- **Use remains very much a privilege and not a right**
- **Maintenance needs**

# Other Cool Stuff for 2017

- **B3 Festival: June 23 - 25**
  - **Huge thanks to Stowe Vibrancy for coordinating the Block Party**
  - **And Stowe Area Association for coordinating media and publicity**
- **Trail Ride Tuesday / Trail Work Tuesday**
  - **We need ride leaders!**

# Other Cool Stuff for 2017

- **Dylan Conte Sponsorship**
  - **Dude's fast.**
- **SMBC Kids Program**
  - **Every Wednesday starting May 24 and running through September**
  - **We need ride leaders**
    - **Talk to Evan or Andrew**

# **SMBC: Evolution**

**New name,  
same mission**

# **SMBC Evolution**

**Thanks for the memories, Stowe  
Mountain Bike Club...**

# SMBC Evolution

## Stowe Trails Partnership

# SMBC: Evolution

- **SMBC: no longer a “club”**
  - **A trails stewardship, a mountain bike advocacy organization**
- **Why the change and why now?**
  - **Need a name that better represents the work being done**
  - **Inclusivity**
  - **A more broadly representational platform to advocate**



# SMBC Evolution

**And the Stowe Trails Partnership logo...**



# SMBC Evolution

**... will be unveiled in the  
Stowe Reporter's 2017 RIDE  
insert on June 22.**



# In closing...

**“If we think together and work together,  
good things are gonna happen.”**

**- Bill Nye**



**In closing...**

**Now let's go build some trails...**