

# Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: SAA Conference Room



## Board Attendees:

Mike Waldert	Andrew Volansky	Lucy Nersesian
Rob Connerty	Cyril Brunner	Roger Murphy
Erik Timmerman	Evan Chismark	

**Quorum present?** Yes

## Other Attendees:

Rachel Fussell	Executive Director, STP
Frank Foti	Local (fatbiker, member of STP)
Russell Barr	Local (fatbiker, member of STP)
Bruce Bell	Local (fatbiker, member of STP)
Tom Jackman	Town of Stowe Town Planner
Darcy Moon	Stowe Land Trust Board of Director
Elisabeth Fenn	Stowe Land Trust Conservation Program Director

Item	Notes
Approve January Board Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed plans for new sterling hut (higher up on upper gorge loop)</li> <li>• Mike Waldert moves to approve</li> <li>• Lucy Seconds</li> <li>• All in favor</li> </ul>
Tom Jackman and Fat Biking at Cady Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See packet of history of Cady Hill (documents related to Act 250 and easement acquisition)</li> <li>• Fish and Wildlife generally concerned with preserving and enhancing deer wintering habitat within Cady Hill Forest.</li> <li>• 2015 Management plan approved by Town of Stowe Selectboard, SLT, and STP (SMBC at the time) included language allowing for fat biking in Cady Hill with no motorized grooming</li> <li>• If motorized grooming to be allowed, we would need to go through the public process including Stowe Town Conservation Commission, SLT, STP, and selectboard.</li> <li>• Group agreed that “don't ask, don't tell” may be the best strategy for now</li> <li>• Concerns raised on growth/promotion of Cady Hill Fat Biking</li> <li>• Next step would be for STP to have a discussion on alternative locations or a revision of the easement</li> <li>• Does STP want to be involved with Fat Biking? Past history has been to keep things quiet with fat biking.</li> <li>• May be worthwhile to wait for results from WATA and Mad River Riders and their conversations with the state/Fish and Wildlife</li> <li>• If someone asks about Fat Biking we should respond with “STP does not maintain winter trails, please contact a local shop”</li> </ul>

VMBA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Roger met with Tom Stuessey from VMBA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reset of relationship, concerns, what is VMBA doing</li> <li>○ How can STP coordinate more with other chapters (BRMC, WATA, MAMBA, MRR, FOTW) in the area as the organization has matured</li> <li>○ What can VMBA do that doesn't cost any money.</li> <li>○ Roger proposed a group ride, gathering, ideas meeting.</li> <li>○ Also mention to Tom the idea of a VMBA calendar that included all chapter's events</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Merchandise Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mike Waldert has put together some ideas (<a href="https://drive.google.com/a/stowetrails.org/file/d/oB665p9mSoFJXWkpVUTloU3BS2OtTUxLNjRTbmEtLTg4NUTZ/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/a/stowetrails.org/file/d/oB665p9mSoFJXWkpVUTloU3BS2OtTUxLNjRTbmEtLTg4NUTZ/view?usp=sharing</a>)</li> <li>● Expectation to be revenue positive</li> <li>● First purchases would be a discussion on shirts and hats.</li> <li>● Cyril makes motion for Mike to purchase shirts and hats, and choose types.</li> <li>● Erik seconded</li> <li>● All in favor, Mike abstained</li> </ul>
2018 Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proof is ready, great work Lucy!</li> <li>● Will be sent out to prospective and current corporate sponsors and community supporters</li> </ul>
April Event Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stowe Cider (April 20th) fundraiser. Asked if STP wanted to be the recipient of the fundraiser. Group agreed that we should pursue. Rachel will mention corporate sponsorship levels to Stowe Cider. Would be good to have a table to sell merchandise and have VMBA sell memberships</li> <li>● Annual Meeting at Trapps (Rachel to send out)</li> <li>● April 27th Chapter Summit</li> <li>● Rachel to update calendar</li> <li>● Mike mentioned that it would be good to have a Facebook save the date post.</li> </ul>
ED Work Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rachel reviewed work plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Going to discuss budget with Deb</li> <li>○ STP still needs a bookkeeper</li> <li>○ Still need a treasurer</li> <li>○ Mike is open to being treasurer, heading to Europe for 3 weeks, so no time to meet with Deb</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion on ED Annual Review</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting adjourned</b>	8:06 p.m.