

Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: SAA Conference Room



Board Attendees:

Andrew Volansky	Roger Murphy	
Cyril Brunner	Susan Clifford	
Leslie Gauff		

Quorum present? Yes

Other Attendees:

Rachel Fussell	Executive Director, STP
Kristen Sharpless	Executive Director, Stowe Land Trust
Jeff Dixon	VMBA President

Item	Notes
Approve February Board Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cyril moves to approve ● Roger Seconds ● All in favor
Kristen Sharpless (SLT) Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Map provided of SLT's known trails and property map. ● Brownsville property has been on the SLT's radar for a long time. ● SLT is interested in early input from STP ● How does this fit into the larger trails picture ● Fundraising is still not done!! Still need \$75ok before July ● Discussed State ownership. Town does not have the appetite to take it over themselves (too much work already) ● "Historical Use" how and who defines that. ● Primary versus secondary uses. Primary for this property would be forest management and habitat, secondary uses of recreation. ● Provide to SLT (by snowmelt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do legacy trails fit into STP broader vision. ○ How are they managed ○ Map with priorities ● Discussion on inclusion of "Brownsville" trail, is that worthwhile? Need to ask where are we headed? ● Need to mention to Mike Waldert to add something to social media on this.
Legacy Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to formalize the vision ● Discussion required (Rachel to pick date)
Trail Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to discuss Tom Lepasquer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can only give us three weeks of time ○ Erik provided proposal (link) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$7,500 for maintenance on Bears and Florence ■ \$16,850 for pebble beach rebuild ■ \$9,900 Baby Bears ■ Bears alternative \$9,900 ○ Board agreed to finish existing trails before we start new ones. We can afford this with trail fund

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed rough budget for trails ○ Cyril makes motion to do \$7,500 maintenance in Cady, and if Dave funds the project to complete Pebble beach ○ Seconded by Andrew ○ All in favor ● Trail work day (meeting on Saturday 4/27) with all crew leaders to do assessment ● Tuesday 04/23 to have a meeting to discuss plan for May 11th ● Discussed Spring trail (concerns over god street owners) ● Rachel to send out minutes this week from meeting ● Brief discussion of trail survey (Rachel to send out)
STP Bookkeeper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rachel has been having discussions with Michele (last name?) who has been doing bookkeeping for several years. ● Rachel trying to coordinate meeting between Deb and Michele to get a sense of how many hours. Michele would want to be paid (~\$10 to \$20 per hour). ● Roger mentioned putting out the word on a bookkeeper. ● Rachel to speak with Deb to get job description and rough estimate of hours.
Bikes and Beers Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$1200 donation ● Need to design and coordinate route ● We would love to make this work next year but we are just booked. Responsibility to our membership for getting trails together this year.
2019 Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual Meeting March 30th @ Stoweflake ● Board Meeting April 3rd ● Season Kickoff Party April 11th @ Alchemist ● Chapter Summit April 13th @ Trapps ● Stowe Cider Fundraiser on April 20th ● 2019 Trail Work Day May 11th ● VMBA Trail Training Day June 8-9th w/ WATA ● B3 June 21st-23rd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stowe Vibrancy wants to “dish it off on us” ○ Is this something we can be ourselves? Can it be done by SAA? ● Membership tabling at trailheads (TBD) ● ● Weekly Kids Bike Night (Rachel meeting with Audrey, Mike, Tim to get kids bike night off the ground). Sue mentioned that she had put together a emergency list of contacts/protocols for ride leaders. ● Group of women in central vermont met (WATA, MRR, FOTW, STP). Concept was to do a different location each month. Highland field trip for women (Sue mentioned Killington would be a better idea). ● Idea was raised to have a women’s MTB festival (perhaps in Stowe). 1 day event sometime in July. Need RFP. Sue mentioned that areas to clinic are limited in Stowe (Trapps, Stowe High School). ● Weekly Group Rides (Tuesdays) , coordinated by Sue, Leslie (Roger and Dave Clifford can help too) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion of Friday nights (Skiershop used to do this), coordinate with Ranch Camp ○ Potential weekend group rides ● 2019 Summer Trail Work Nights (fluid, setting up group list)
Former Board member Appreciation Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Idea of naming a trail, however it may set a precedent, where does that end ● Will be honored at annual meeting and/or kickoff party ● Idea of a plaque/trail sign for former board members ● Sue mentioned adding something to the trailer ● Prints from Evan? With some wording on the back?

Bylaws Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cyril working on reviewing these.
Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of ED review
Meeting adjourned	8:16 p.m.