

# Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: SAA Conference Room



## Board Attendees:

Andrew Volansky	Rob Connerty	Lucy Neresian
Cyril Brunner	Erik Timmerman	Leslie Gauff
Roger Murphy	Mike Waldert	

**Quorum present?** Yes (8/10)

## Other Attendees:

Rachel Fussell	Executive Director, STP
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Item	Notes
How is everyone doing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rachel asked how everyone is doing? Board asked how Rachel is doing? Things are going well all around</li> </ul>
Leaf Blower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rachel discussed some concerns on a needing additional resources (people) for Leaf Blower planning. Folks who have helped in the past are not available to assist in the same capacity this year.</li> <li>Discussed ride routes.</li> </ul>
Approve June Board Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roger moves to approve the June board meeting minutes</li> <li>Cyril seconds</li> <li>Not enough people had read the minutes to approve</li> <li>Cyril to send out link to BOD for folder location, Rachel to add to weekly update</li> </ul>
Trail Work Schedule for 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed whether or not existing trail work strategy is working</li> <li>Need to identify leaders more regularly</li> <li>Leaders need to take ownership over contacting volunteers to show up</li> <li>Cyril and Mike mentioned the benefit of giveaways, free food, and beer as an additional way of getting people to come.</li> <li>Roger mentioned BRMC does a “Bagels and Bongs” Saturday morning trail work day</li> </ul>
Saturday Trail Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several board members are attending, discussed some logistics.</li> <li>Reminder that it starts at 9AM at the end of the bike path</li> <li>Roger to bring the trailer</li> <li>Rachel to grab pizza with a table for after</li> </ul>
Brownsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very detailed assessment performed by state (Walter/Ganon)</li> <li>Rachel also discussed potentially doing a field trip with the state to Quebec to see how other state entities are working with mountain bikers.</li> <li>Seems very likely that the state will continue to allow the historical use of mountain biking</li> <li>Drew Clymer to be official steward, existing builders had limited interest in official conversations with the state.</li> </ul>
Trail Sit Schedule & EIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rachel been out a couple of times, group discussed giveaways when people fill out surveys</li> <li>So far ~25 surveys have been filled out</li> <li>Cyril to look into camera for license plate calculation.</li> </ul>

B3 2020 Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No float this year, just a truck with speakers</li> </ul>
Bike Demo at STP Trailheads Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Jackman had some concerns over bike demos, does STP have a policy</li> <li>• Leslie mentioned that we could put some simple parameters (which side of the parking lot, how many spaces)</li> <li>• Rachel to follow up with Tom, keep it simple, STP does not want to be policing</li> </ul>
E-bike signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member/community supporter reached out to Tom Jackman and Rachel to offer to pay for E-bike signs.</li> <li>• Town has made decision, no E-bikes on town land</li> <li>• Tom Jackman has put up new no-E-bike signs on all kiosks at Cady</li> </ul>
Strategic Trail Planning: Review and Discuss Draft 2019-2026 Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel discussed strategic trail plan document</li> <li>• Numbers on trail plan match up the boards ranking</li> <li>• Board agreed that before we continue to expand we need to hire a part time trail resource</li> <li>• Rachel to follow up with FOTW on workmans comp</li> <li>• Cyril to send out job description</li> <li>• Resource who is available on a daily basis would resolve some concerns with “problematic” areas on Haulapalooza.</li> <li>• 3 - year capital projection benefit</li> </ul>
Edson Hill Connector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed proposed map</li> <li>• Discussed landowners, who we’ve talked to</li> <li>• Rachel to continue working with Catamount trail (Matt) on landowner relations</li> </ul>
B3 Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group (Leslie, Rachel, Lucy and others) met to discuss B3</li> <li>• Morgan, Ed, and STP agreed that B3 does not have a sole contact/project manager</li> <li>• Has been shrinking because of that</li> <li>• Option 1 - Provide presentation to why SAA should take over B3. Lucy mentioned they do not currently do events</li> <li>• SAA would be the marketing portal who would reach out to the hotels/restaurants</li> <li>• Option 2- STP would take it over but create an alternative event (potential gravel race, etc.)</li> <li>• Option 3 - Working with another event in town (Stowe Brewers fest, etc.)</li> <li>• Lots of ideas about trail event ideas “Stowe Adventure Ride”, limitations with races etc.</li> <li>• Rachel to put together high level structure</li> </ul>
Board fun time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board fun time - Cadys falls ride</li> <li>• Burke Mini Enduro (September 25)</li> </ul>
VMBA CDM’s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel to send out summary of CDMs</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting adjourned</b>	8:21 p.m.