

Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: SAA Conference Room



Board Attendees:

Andrew Volansky	Rob Connerty	Erik Chismark
Cyril Brunner	Leslie Gauff	
Roger Murphy	Mike Waldert	

Quorum present? Yes (7/8)

Other Attendees:

Rachel Fussell	Executive Director, STP
Erik Timmerman	STP Trail Crew

Item	Notes
Apple Sauce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone sampled Rob's delicious apple sauce
Approve September Board Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roger moves to approve the September board meeting minutes Rob seconds All approve
Financial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are in a great place financially The more money we can raise the more we can spend We should have a future conversation (next board meeting) on what we should do. Trail committee to discuss plans and move forward
Leaf Blower 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roger brought up a potential last minute (massage) vendor Drop off coolers at Ranch Camp Coolers available after 3PM at Ranch Camp Registrations are up from last year, things are looking good Discussed existing pricing for ride leaders, potential for family discount Have two people at each parking site (Springer Miller and Mayo Farm) Discussed existing shuttles (2 trailers and vans). Discussed vans/shuttles, who will drive them, logistics, etc. Evan requested an extension cord as RC seems to have lost several of theirs
Stowe Mountain Film Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 25/26 Mike, Rob, and Rachel staffing the tables (merchandise 85/15 split). Depending on leaf blower remaining merchandise
Trails Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheddar Shredder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erik hoping to finish last remaining bridge Trail held up very well after latest rain event Boulder progressing on section past Bobcat Trail Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rachel to set up a meeting after leaf blower Velomont <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angus has asked Rachel (STP), John Dustin (Trapps and WATA) to be on board for the Velomont Meeting Rep from each section of the state Trail Counters

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed trail counter data, potential for Strava Metro purchase in tandem with VMBA ○ Counters will run through the winter, Cyril to manage ○ Roger mentioned whether or not a sign in/comment card of some sort would be helpful. Evan mentioned that he could set something up at Ranch Camp ○ Leslie brought up donation boxes, may revisit at a later date ○ Brief conversation about additional ways to allow people to donate (easy URL, Trailforks Trail Karma) ● Leafblower Trail Outlook and Fall Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SLT no longer involved in trails discussions, just between STP and FPR (Walter) ● Epic Promise Grant ● Oakland Foundation ● RTP Grant (first round Nov 15) ● VMBA Naming Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Naming grants are coming from VOICE businesses ○ Rachel received list of specifications and requirements, reviewing the list ○ Additional grants also available for things like Strava Metro ○ Rachel primarily focusing on maintenance related grants, Cyril mentioned a lot more flexibility with our own funds versus grant requirements
OuterBike in Vermont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rachel meeting with Mark from OuterBike ● Discussed headcount, trail impacts ● Limited appreciable uptake in sales as a result of OuterBike ● Mike brought up the location constraints, Trapps was not interested, Mayo Farm? ● Leslie asked the question of “What value does this have to our members and the community?” ● Good optics for STP, but need to make sure the trail riding experience is equivalent or greater ● Discussed potential times of the year August and July ● Potential impacts for corporate sponsorships, maybe a benefit
E-Bike Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rachel has been compiling FPF responses ● NEMBA has a great link ● Mike presented his frustration with FPF ● Rachel discussed committee, who could be on the committee. Rachel to move that along and keep updates ● Mike mentioned regardless of the perspective its coming (its here), its more of a question about where than if.
British Columbia Trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussed remote working ● Rachel will ask Roger to send out proposal and then board will have an opportunity to chime in via email.
Meeting adjourned	8:18pm