

VASA Board of Directors Minutes
February 13th, 2023
VASA HQ

Adam Lane calls the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

BoD Present: Steve Mosher, Ray Blakeney, Ray Blakeney, Gordon Pirie, Ted Lane, Tom Nazzewski, Steve Bean, Mike Small, Chris Putney, Maynard Earle, Bill Huff, Adam Lane, Lloyd Church, Gary Nolan, Tim Joyal

BoD Present Online: Dorrان Dougherty, Joe Pelkey, Spencer Leggett, Bart Howes, Chris Hill, Cathy Keller, Mike Coleman, George Barton, Fred Elliot

Staff (non-voting): Danny Hale, Ethan Hill, Jim Dwinell, Carson Anderson, Frank Stanley

Secretary's Report: It is asked if there are any questions of changes needed. Nothing is brought up, Steve Mosher motions to accept the Secretary's Report as written, seconded by Ted Lane. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report and Quarterly Mileage: It is asked if there are any questions. Nothing is brought up, Tom Nazzewski motions to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Steve Mosher. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Staff Reports—

Systems Consultant: To date we have sold 140 TADs for the 2023 season. Everyone should have received their ACH deposits for sales by now, it took a little longer than normal due to some technical difficulties we were having with onedrive. There has been a password protected page made on the website for club resources and policies. We are working on a way for clubs or individuals to purchase copies of the 25th anniversary banner, hats, shirts, or other merchandise directly from the printer. We have sent the volunteer shirt order to the printer and will hopefully see them soon.

Trails Coordinator: Clubs should start getting together their paperwork for any 2023 trail projects they would like done. Three RTP grants have been submitted for the 2023 season. We did not receive the American Trails Grant funding for the Stamford Ridge Riders, 84 applications were submitted and only 33 were chosen. We will be looking into other grant options for the

project. We have been working with Flek on the trailhead maps, if your club wants more than one map per trail head, send me an email with your request.

Executive Director: Our USDA Grant money finally came in from the track truck purchase. There is an RTP ranking committee meeting on Thursday. We have been running into problems with the new act 250 stuff. Any single parcel of land with more than 10 acres of trail, about 8 miles in our case with the width that we build at, could be subject to going through act 250 permitting processes.

Our audit finally came back, we will be reviewing the many documents in it and making the necessary adjustments to the books.

We have brought Dani Luce back on staff part time as a Project Manager to help with getting the safety program back up and running, she will also assist with some grant writing and any other project that may pop up.

NWVW has been repaid some money in a settlement from an old case a few years ago, Tim Joyal has been hard at work looking into land and what he could use this money for to benefit VASA as a whole. Buying a parcel of land probably is not the best way to go for us, but we would like to start a fund for the legal fees and purchase of easements. This is something that VAST has had for some time, so we will work on modeling our fund after theirs and we will discuss it further in the finance and policy committee meeting then look at starting a new committee to take on this venture.

We are looking for an equipment operator for this summer, could start immediately, and could potentially end up being a year-round job. If anyone knows someone who may be interested, send them our way.

Lobbyist Report: Frank made his report on legislature, keeping an eye on the bills passing through this session.

Events Committee Report: The Events Committee has been working on nailing down catering and other amenities for the annual meeting. In order to move forward we would like to approve a budget for the meeting. With the numbers we have collected it looks like we are going to be looking at about \$12,000 for a total cost. We can look into sponsors and ways to help cover those costs, but we would like to have an approved budget for the full amount just in case. Bart Howes motions to approve the \$12,000 budget, seconded by Dorran Dougherty. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

To get an idea of attendance numbers we will have at the meeting we will put together an RSVP for folks and have meal tickets to be purchased ahead of time. We plan on having raffle tickets for sale and we can also sell tickets for the poker ride. For raffle prizes, please have your club's donation to the office by the June BoD meeting.

Adam asks if there is any other business to discuss. Chris Putney asks about the empty Eboard seat for the past few meetings and if anything is going to be done about enforcing Eboard attendance and accountability. He feels as though the leaders should be leading by example, and not attending meetings sets a bad example.

Steve Mosher motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm, seconded by Ted Lane. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.