



Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2021

BeeHive: 253 Sunset Road, Barre, VT

Attendance

(P: Present, A: Absent)

Officers

1. President: Steve Avery (P)
2. Vice President: Greg Rouleau (P)
3. Treasurer: Stephen Conti (P)
4. Secretary: Shawn Avery (P)
Membership:
5. Trail Master: Matt Marsh (P)
Webmaster: Dan Caddy (A)

Directors

6. Greg Blake (A)
7. Bob Campo (P)
8. Scott Lange (P)
9. Jim Morrill (P)
Bruce Rancourt (A)
10. Mike Perrigo (P)
11. John Plante (P)
Aaron Reed (A)
12. Dave Watson (P)

Members Present

12. Gage Simpson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Steve A.

Opening Remarks: Change to Agenda...moving \$20 raffle to the top of old business.

***** MOTION #1** – Approve Agenda as presented, with changes noted.

* Made by: Steve Conti

* 2nd: Greg Rouleau

* Discussion: None

* Vote: Carried unanimously

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the last month's meeting were emailed prior to this meeting for review and approval.

Amended to include 1st's and 2nd's for all motions to be Bob Campo (1st), and John Plante (2nd).

***** MOTION #2** – Approve the Secretary's Report as presented, with agreed upon amendments.

* Made by: Mike Perrigo

* 2nd: Greg Rouleau

* Discussion: None

* Vote: Carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

New Groomer! (\$50k hit to money market, plus additional expense for preseason maintenance). Normal expenses outside of that. Matt Goodyear will be back for some additional work.

Club has new Venmo and Paypal accounts (@snobeessinc)

***** MOTION #3** – *Approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.*

* *Made by: Mike P*

* *2nd: Shawn A*

* *Discussion: None*

* *Vote: Carried unanimously*

Trails Report:

New Groomer! (Dave W) There is a possible logging operation that could take place in orange. This is a wait and see, nothing definitive one way or the other right now situation. Lots of brush hogging to take place.

Groomer maintenance is underway for both machines.

Trail system.....some houses have sold, some new houses have been built, so there are new landowners to consider and be approached by trail trustees.

Brief discussion on some unexpected groomer repairs and possibly reaching back out to the SnoBlasters to cover some of the bill. Group consensus was that it should be expected with any used vehicle purchase. Best just to leave it at that.

NO MOTIONS MADE

Membership Report:

Club Apparel: Steve A brought up setting up an online store with Granite City graphics. (something more formal to be presented next meeting)

NO MOTIONS MADE

Webmaster Report:

Dan C still out. Steve A has been playing interim webmaster, updating the website, and making Facebook posts.

Talked about trying to dig up some old photos of sled races at Thunder Road. Scott L to reach out to Wayne Pelkey.

NO MOTIONS MADE

County Report:

(Greg R) New section of LVRT to be opening up near Swanton. Lots of bridges on the docket for being repaired/put in next year.

INSURANCE: VAST is looking into looking into RRG (Risk Retention Group) Insurance (internal to VAST). This would be a 3rd entity of the VAST umbrella (VAST could then hire our own independent lawyer for insurance issues). It would consist of

a five member board appointed for/by VAST. Govt docs have been created and submitted to the secretary of state. Vast is hoping to have something officially submitted for early winter this year. (VAST still had to pay the previously set up \$250K insurance coverage for this year) BUT, if the RRG plan goes through in time for this season, that would be at least partially refunded. Board members are working with attorneys to draft policies. VAST now has the ability to re-write a policy for water crossings on snowmobiles.

Berlin Pond/Irish Hill trail update: TRAIL APPROVED and will be open this winter. VAST has applied for a URSA recreational grant (\$25k)

Issues came up again about raising county dues, from \$3 to \$5. This is already approved...done deal.

New bridge at Farr's Field is not going to happen....cost estimate was way too high to even consider. Green MTN Roamers are getting a 2nd opinion from another engineer if there is ANYTHING that can be done to repair the current Winooski bridge as it stands. Stay tuned...

NO MOTIONS MADE

Committee Reports:

(Steve A)

Tabling policy committee until next month.

Grooming Equipment Committee: New groomer, new tracks for old groomer (~\$14k). GPS Unit is going to be moved in old machine to be more visible. New GPS Unit for new machine is coming from VAST. Matt meeting with Rangely Lake Snowmobile club for groomer blade exchange (one on new machine is too wide for our trails).

NO MOTIONS MADE

OLD BUSINESS:

(\$20 Money Raffle). Increased ticket sales, and more stuff to give out (3 TMA's or \$equivalent, more \$50 drawings. 1st drawing will be at the November Meeting

(Insurance Review). Not done. Tabled until next month. Mike B and Steve are kind of in a "waiting period" that takes place when you switch brokers. Should have something to report (hopefully as DONE) next month.

(Trail Signs) Some interest in replacing some of our "Welcome to SnoBees Trails" signs. (\$40 each....maybe 6 of them total to replace)

(BeeHive Lease Renewal, Painting the Wall of Honor, Intersection and 911 signs) Tabled

NO MOTIONS MADE

NEW BUSINESS:

(VAST map Points of Interest) VAST to be adding these to the VAST map this season. Current SnoBees suggestions are the Signboard, (top of) Baileys field [WN 4], Mountain Trail, The Valley, 302 Memorial Plaque

(Signboard) CALLING VOLUNTEERS. Steve C is looking at automating the invoicing process. The signboard itself may suffer a bit this year \$\$\$-wise (we don't want to eat away from capital campaign contributors).

Dinner Raffle is back on for in-person, date tbd, BBQ is tbd (will be aimed at smaller donors for capital campaigns)

***** MOTION #7 – Adjourn, 8:30 P.M.**

* *Made by: John Plante*

* *2nd: Shawn Avery*

* *Discussion: None*

* *Vote: Carried unanimously*

CHEERS!

Shawn Avery (Club Secretary)