



Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2022

BeeHive: 253 Sunset Road, Barre, VT

Attendance

(P: Present, A: Absent)

Officers

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

Directors

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

Members

9. Paul Hennessey
10. Jamie Evans
11. Dawson Terrill
12. Gage Simpson
13. Carl Robinson
14. Francine Perkins

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Steve A.

*** **MOTION #1** – Approve Agenda as presented.

* Made by: Scott Lange

* 2nd: Dave Watson

* Discussion:

* Vote: Carried unanimously

Secretary's Report:

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

*** **MOTION #2** – Approve the Secretary's Report as presented.

* Made by: Steve Avery

* 2nd: Steve Conti

* Discussion: None

* Vote: Carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

SnoBees bank account is currently sitting at \$78k. Major expenses this month were groomer repairs. Total expenses for Queen Bee IV were around \$30k, and another \$10k for Queen Bee V. \$2500 in from Lenny's for Capital Campaign (this will end up being a \$5000 total donation....the other \$2500 will be paid out next season)

Discussion ensued about rising fuel prices (groomer fuel and clubhouse heating).

***** MOTION #3** – *Approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, with the club to follow up on related fuel prices, usage (groomer vs clubhouse) and also look into possible clubhouse related upgrades. (See below in MORE Discussion)*

* *Made by: Shawn Avery*

* *2nd: Paul Hennessey*

* *MORE Discussion: Dave W brought up the idea of looking into possibly pre-buying fuel for the season. Aside, but related to that, Steve C recommended that we get a separate fuel tank for the furnace so that we can use fuel oil there (or a cheaper fuel), and this would also allow the club to better track usage.*

* *Vote: Carried unanimously*

Trails Report:

Having two groomers and two drags is an absolute game-changer, both for the trails, but even more so for the guys taking care of grooming. It all shows!

GPS tracking is what VAST is now using to keep an eye on mileage. There has been some discussion/complaints among clubs to VAST of the GPS trackers not always working, so Dave is going to cross-compare with VAST on a few dates to make sure we match up to their numbers. Dave is going to reach out to Lambert/Groton to see if they would like a little assistance with their grooming schedule.

Dave W brought up the idea of using Kyle Bellevance for some "express" trail de-brushing on the mountain trail. Proposed it as a much more efficient way of taking care of A LOT of de-brushing in one shot.

***** MOTION #4** – *Club to allow the Trail Master and trail team to spend up to 1 days' worth, ~\$1500, for express trail de-brushing with Kyle Bellevance and his equipment, under the condition that the trails team also pursue any other means of possible funding for said project (VAST, County, etc.)*

* *Made by: Steve Conti*

* *2nd: Matt Marsh*

* *Discussion: None*

* *Vote: Carried unanimously*

Membership Report:

Francine Perkins compiled a list of members willing to be club volunteers, both new (25) and current (55), for **80 total**. There was then some discussion amongst the club of how to best utilize this information and the people that are available in this list. (Trail work, club errands, selling raffle tickets...etc.)

The big thing that everyone was in agreement with is that we can start training people from this list to possibly become new trail trustees. There are people out there, and they want to help! Thank you for all of your work on this Francine!

We are 33 members ahead of where we were at this same time last year.

Francine has also compiled 3 "Volunteer spotlight" interviews so far, and asked the club how best to get them out there in the public eye. One suggestion was to add a "Volunteer spotlight" section/dropdown under the "Volunteer" tab of our web page for the write-ups, with a more concise version of the same write-up to be of this posted to social media

(with link to full write-up), and then a quick blurb or the same shorter write-up (and link) to be included in the newsletter as well. Shawn Avery offered to take on writing up the condensed version of the full write-ups. Thank you again Francine!

NO MOTIONS MADE

Webmaster Report:

“Sergeant Send” himself is back in VT, WELCOME HOME DAN C! Steve A has updated the Capital campaign donors list.

NO MOTIONS MADE

County Report:

[In Greg R’s absence, Steve A reported on the County meeting with Greg R’s notes]
\$35k grand total in bank account. \$19k of that is available, \$16k is encumbered (emergencies, signs, club loans, club grants, and \$2000 for law enforcement). The county is working on a more formal/presentable budget for future meetings. The County has reached out to governor’s office, asking for \$50k for law enforcement, and \$1million for equipment funds. These numbers are officially in the governor’s budget now. The request for state assistance with the large land purchase in Woodbury has been withdrawn. If the state is not involved, it could be bad news for the trails in this area. (TBD) A letter was sent out to the Bolton club about disbanding, with no response.

NO MOTIONS MADE

Committee Reports:

Capital Campaign: We are now up to \$44k...amazing work by all!

Signboard: There are some outstanding balances that Steve C is working on tracking down. \$15,650 raised in total!

Cow Pasture: All good. No news is good news! Matt M brought up that there is some significant brush hogging/trimming that needs to be done down in that area that we will eventually need to address with the CPC.

NO MOTIONS MADE

OLD BUSINESS:

Ride-in Event: Bob C said he is all set and ready. He has people lined up to help where needed. Club talked about maybe getting some “pointing” signs for the event to put up at nearby intersections. Steve A spoke with Tera Simpson, the Spaulding softball coach; some members from the team are going to be at the event with a table set up to sell baked goods to raise money for new uniforms for the softball team.

NO MOTIONS MADE

NEW BUSINESS:

Clubhouse Supplies: A new portable toilet will be coming to the clubhouse for the Ride-In event. Dave W brought up the idea of maybe adding/keeping another one on site to leave outside during the season, to be used by passing riders and club events.

***** MOTION #5** – Club to acquire a second outdoor portable bathroom that will be accessible and maintained during the riding season for use. (Official location TBD)

* Made by: Dave Watson

* 2nd: Scott Lange

* Discussion: None

* Vote: Carried unanimously

Monthly Money Raffle

\$25 (4):

1. Larry Lessard (#19)
2. Tim Bashaw (#284)
3. Paul Swann (#490)
4. Bill Lowery (#25)

\$50 (3)

1. Terry Winters (#326)
2. Scott Norway (#587)
3. Tim Stone (#372)

\$100 (2):

1. L&D Safety Marking, Gray Ricker (#574)
2. Olivia Rouse (#244)

***** MOTION #6 – ADJOURN**

* Made by: Shawn Avery

* 2nd: Scott Lange

* Discussion: NONE

* Vote: Carried unanimously

Respectfully,

Shawn Avery (Club Secretary)