



Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2022

BeeHive: 253 Sunset Road, Barre, VT

Attendance

(P: Present, A: Absent)

Officers

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

Directors

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

Members

11. Paul Hennessey
12. Mike Perrigo
13. Gage Simpson
14. Carl Robinson
15. Francine Perkins

Call to Order

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

Opening Remarks: *Add Pete Lamberti's passing, and potential gift to New Business.*

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

* *Made by: Dan Caddy*

* *2nd: Greg Rouleau*

* *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: Mike Perrigo*

* *2nd: Steve Conti*

* *Discussion: None*

* *Vote: Carried unanimously*

Treasurer's Report:

\$1000 has been paid out towards our groomer loan....~\$8k outstanding. There have been jus basic expenses outsiders of that, some groomer repair/maintenance bills. We may be able to forego basic preseason maintenance next year based off of hours put on the machines. (not a lot of run time this year...roughly 100hours)

***** 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: Mike Perrigo

* 2nd: Shawn Avery

* Vote: Carried unanimously

Trails Report:

Both of the machines are in great shape, but the trails are not. We'll see if we get a bonus March storm.

Projects have been planned out for the coming year; reroute "in the works" headed down towards the lobster pot (Berlin, Route 302 Crossing).

Kyle Bellevance debrushing project was done. They were able to get a lot of work done for the money in a reasonable amount of time and trail team would consider doing it again in the future.

Dave presented that we put in for a new 10' mogul master drag for the new machine. (\$31k cost to the club)

Long discussion ensued...end all was that Matt and Dave will bring forth a more formal proposal for next month's meeting about pursuing said purchase.

Dave and Matt would like to purchase another gas-powered pole/trimming saw. Again, a proposal will be brought forth for next month's meeting.

NO MOTIONS MADE

Membership Report:

Francine Perkins presented.

We recorded 21 February TMA sales, which puts us at 341 total for the season, ahead by 13 from last year. 8% of our TMA sales this year were from out of staters. Francine is looking into WHY they happened to pick the SnoBees. Total volunteer count is at 26 people at this point (1 new one from February). Francine is continuing to work on more volunteer spotlights. They have been lots of fun for her.

NO MOTIONS MADE

Webmaster Report:

HI DAN!

Ideas moving forward: volunteer spotlights are a great thing we are doing. We could also spin off of those and turn to local business spotlights, landowner spotlights,etc. Dan is always looking for trail friendly photo submissions and encourages them for others to keep social media drama to a minimum. Dan is also coming up with some ideas for passive income generation for the club through stickers or other simple things like that.

The club's response was overwhelmingly positive for the new spotlight ideas. Send it Dan.

NO MOTIONS MADE

County Report:

[Greg Rouleau reporting]

The county sherriff was present at this month's meeting and had nothing but good things to report. They have been out and about, inspecting sleds as needed (68 total) at the time. Steve Avery spoke to the fact that it would be beneficial for the SnoBees to have a club (VAST) trail safety ambassador(highlighter vest). The state police auxiliary for snowmobiling is basically non-existent at this point. No treasurer's report was presented. Jeff Fay was voted in as VAST President, with Mark Reaves now in as Vice President, and Jeff Halpin now in as county director. The associate director position is now open/vacant. There have been similar TMA sales compared to last year (~24000). New VAST internal insurance deal is still in progress, but they are continuing to make headway. The Bolton club is DONE; no longer considered a club or affiliated with VAST. There have been a lot of equipment failures across the county clubs this season. Northfield club is looking to work with Moretown to "re-establish a trail that use to be there." More to come on that from the off-season.

NO MOTIONS MADE

Committee Reports:

Capital Campaign: Another \$2500 has come in from Spruce Mountain Custom Sandblast.

Budget: Next meeting scheduled for 03/16 at the BeeHive, 7.P.M.

NO MOTIONS MADE

OLD BUSINESS:

Ride-in Event: Went better than expected for a first time event, and considering the lack of snow. Amazing job done by Campo organizing the event, and to all others involved that made it happen and go off without a hitch.

NO MOTIONS MADE

NEW BUSINESS:

***** MOTION #4** – Use first 15 minute meeting extension.

* Made by: Steve Conti

* 2nd: Shawn Avery

* Vote: Carried unanimously

Bylaws: The VFW Ride-in event and Spaulding Scholarship prompted the discussion of reconsidering the clubs mission. How involved do we want to become, and where does this lead? Should we reconsider re-writing our bylaws to be "in compliance?" Paul H explained how we are technically not prohibited from holding such events, or doing such things. This led in to a discussion of 501c3 eligibility for the club (a TALL order).

***** MOTION #5** – Steve Conti to further investigate what it would take for the club to become a 501c3.

* Made by: Steve Avery

* 2nd: Matt Marsh

* Discussion: None

* Vote: 1 NAY, Vote carries, Motion passes.

VAST Annual Submissions: Steve Avery brought up that the club apply again for “Club of The Year.”

Bylaws: All available information will be brought forward to next month’s meeting for review of the new program proposed to be used for the 2022-2023 season, and into the future.

Pete Lamberti:

***** MOTION #6** – Motion made to donate up to \$50 as club’s response to Pete’s passing. (however seen fit)

- * Made by: Mike Perrigo
- * 2nd: Shawn Avery
- * Discussion: None
- * Vote: Carries Unanimously

Monthly Money Raffle

\$25 (4):

1. Sally Brochu (#203)
2. JR Lacourse (#358)
3. Dawn Carrillo (#265)
4. Dave Dingins (#330)

\$50 (3)

1. Kim Frangamore (#236)
2. Mike and Missy Benson (#338)
3. Jamison Coyle (#461)

\$100 (2):

1. Jeff Mclaughlin (#332)
2. Dave Watson (#384)

***** MOTION #7 – ADJOURN**

- * Made by: Shawn Avery
- * 2nd: Steve Conti
- * Discussion: NONE
- * Vote: Carried unanimously

Respectfully,

Shawn Avery (Club Secretary)