

# Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

April 08, 2020 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual



## Board Attendees:

Roger Murphy	Jeff Kauffman	Andrew Volansky
Cyril Brunner	Leslie Gauff	Rob Connerty
Lucy Nersesian	Mike Waldert	Evan Chismark

**Quorum present?** Yes (9/9)

## Other Attendees:

Rachel Fussell	Executive Director, STP
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Item	Notes
Approve March Board Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mike moves to approve the March board meeting minutes</i></li> <li>• <i>Lucy seconds</i></li> <li>• <i>All approve</i></li> </ul>
Trails in time of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Vermont Greenways and Trail Council Statement</a></li> <li>• Discussed maintenance, technically includes volunteer work as well</li> <li>• What is VMBA's role in this, what are they advocating for?</li> <li>• FPR, National Parks, are not closing but parking areas are going to be closed.</li> <li>• SLT is not closing their trails, Tom J. advocates for closing Cady Hill, however not concerned about Sterling and Adams Camp.</li> <li>• SVT and Trapps want a combined opening if we do decide to open. SLT and Town are hoping the same</li> <li>• Discussed access to parking and impacts</li> <li>• Conversation of privilege and access to trails need alignment with other groups perhaps WATA/FOTW before we make our announcement</li> <li>• Governor making a new announcement on Friday</li> <li>• If the sanctioned networks close it puts pressure on the unsanctioned networks (Cadys Falls and Waterworks, etc.)</li> <li>• Group agreed that we should close the parking lots, re-evaluate based on governor directives, and other trail chapters.</li> <li>• COVID-19 Trail Signage <a href="#">See attachment</a></li> </ul>
Approve 2020 Budget: Plan B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">See attached Budget</a></li> <li>• Reviewed Plan B Budget</li> <li>• <i>Lucy moves to approve the Plan B 2020 Budget</i></li> <li>• <i>Roger seconds</i></li> <li>• <i>All approve</i></li> </ul>
EIDL and PPP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel to apply for the EIDL (loan for her payroll and bookkeeper)</li> <li>• PPP - Money for the first round is pretty much gone, Andrew mentioned he can help guide through that process. Process is taking a long time.</li> <li>• <i>Roger moves for Rachel to pursue EIDL and PPP</i></li> <li>• <i>Andrew seconds</i></li> <li>• <i>All approve</i></li> </ul>
Fundraising Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking for support on Community Supporters</li> <li>• Potentially having STP board members contact community supporters who have supported STP in the past</li> <li>• Bulleted talking point list to be put together</li> </ul>

2020 Trail Personnel Hire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed that quantity and duration of trail hires is something that we do not have the ability to determine now given COVID-19, budget is completely in flux. All of the candidates fully understand this.</li> <li>• Reviewed document of trail hires and recommendations</li> </ul>
Trail Update & Trail Committee Structure Vote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">See attachment</a></li> <li>• Trail committee recommended that Cyril and Andrew Co-Chair the trail committee</li> <li>• <i>Roger moves for Andrew and Cyril to be Trail Committee co-chairs and for the board to approve the trail committee structure attached.</i></li> <li>• <i>Lucy seconds</i></li> <li>• <i>All approve</i></li> <li>• Discussed Trail Stewards, Cyril sent document to Mike and Andrew</li> <li>• <a href="#">See Trail Stewards and Leaders Tab</a></li> <li>• Met with SVT to talk about Fat Biking, COVID-19, New Adams Camp Trails (Cheddar Shredder Reroute and New Hardys Downhill), Private landowner agreements.</li> </ul>
Trail Blazes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">See STP Blazes attachment</a></li> <li>• Reviewed STP Blazes</li> <li>• Roger mentioned a walking and trail running route</li> <li>• Jeff to send Cyril a running route. Macutchan could be the walking route.</li> </ul>
2020 Spring Trail Work Day: COVID Brainstorm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel working on a plan B (plan C) for Trail Work day. With governors directives this has been pushed back to June or maybe later.</li> </ul>
Asana/Weekly Check In/Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed how we can remain informed as a board and simultaneously make Rachels updates effective.</li> <li>• Rachel was looking into alternatives (Trello, which is used by FPR). Lucy mentioned that this may be just as clunky.</li> <li>• Mike mentioned that having an email update with links to Asana would be helpful. Group agreed that this seems like the best/easiest approach.</li> <li>• Briefly discussed statistics including memberships, sponsorships etc.</li> </ul>
New Board Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roger mentioned that it's a great time to reach out to excited folks who may be interested in joining the board.</li> </ul>
SMBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What a great partnership, the messaging from SMBA has been great as it relates to ride at home, practice at home etc.</li> </ul>
Meeting adjourned	8:07 pm