

Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2020 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Sushi Yoshi



Board Attendees:

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

Quorum present? Yes (8/9)

Other Attendees:

Rachel Fussell	Executive Director, STP
Erik Timmerman	Member
Chantelle Fisher-McKone	WATA Board Member
John Duston	WATA Board President

Item	Notes
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyone introduced themselves and shared their favorite trail
Approve August Board Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August Meeting Minutes• <i>Cyril moves to approve the August board meeting minutes</i>• <i>Lucy seconded</i>• <i>All approve</i>
End of Season WATA and STP Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed leaf blower alternative event.• How can we include little river, perry, and STP's trail• Discussed stickers, maybe we can create signs and then have folks take photos in front of the signs• Cooler stashes likely not an option but we could have people out there on the trails potentially handing things out in a COVID safe way• Event would be saturday and sunday (10/10 and 10/11)Provided• What about trapps? Agreement for prior events was that Trapps access would be required. Can we get something from SVT, perhaps if we include Hop Over• What about Little River, could it be a free entry to Little River.• \$20 to enter the raffle• For the selfies you get beer pints and stickers.• Mike mentioned whether or not that we should offer a \$30 option that may include a hat, a shirt, something like that.• Costumes didn't quite work last time..
Sponsor and Appreciation Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 10/17, meet at Luce Hill Road and TUCXS. Field below the road• Need some additional people to bring food• Can park in the Bartletts driveway if needed.• Mike mentioned that we should have a conversation with the Springer Millers about the parking situation.
Trail Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed trail crew activity<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Eagle ridge bridge finished, Tom J had concerns on the "walkability" of the feature○ Next week going to fix the Cady Hill Connector bridge

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dropped off wood for the Sterling Run “drop”. Will be a ride around option ○ Looked at Niels work on TUCXS, berm sections are completed ● TUCXS (Teds Unicorn Express) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Met out on the trail and looked at the trail, we need to move forward with an official name. ○ <i>Cyril moves to name the trail TUCXS unless the Bartletts say otherwise</i> ○ <i>Roger seconded</i> ○ <i>All approve</i> ○ Niels work looks awesome, everyone is encouraged to ride it and provide feedback ○ Cyril, Niels, Andrew, and Kelly are meeting on Friday to measure bridges ○ Getting wood soon. ○ Trail day next wednesday night (09/16), and some other days. Hoping to finish by mid October ● Haulapalooza <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed legitimizing an existing “rouge” rock roll at the start of Haulapalooza and how that would affect speed going into the existing trail. ○ Most likely a project for 2021 as we are quite busy this year. ● Brownsville <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rachel, Niels and Grady meeting next week on site with FPR ○ Opportunity for our trail crew to build a new trail to connect the meadow to the parking lot through SLT & FPR funding sources. ● Sterling Connector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rachel heard back from Justin Reheyer about PBF, will walk the new line and hopefully get approval soon! ○ Still need a contact who lives at Top Notch since they have been difficult to get a hold of ● Velomont <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with Mariah to finalize the document, hoping for submission later this year, walking next year, and perhaps construction in 2022. ● Serenity And Adrenaline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rachel is still waiting to hear back from Percy on lower section ○ Upper section is almost estimated and designed, Andrew, Kelly and Cyril to get it done by end of September ● Pipeline Kiosk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SVT has approved, wants a map, closure signs, no ebike signs ○ Working on Maps, Rachel and Lucy ● Spring Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Landowner would like to extend existing easement. ○ <i>Jeff moves to re-up existing easement</i> ○ <i>Mike seconded</i> ○ <i>All approve</i> ○ Cyril to send out map of Trail
<p>Haulapalooza Excavator Work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Niels provided an estimate for some work on Haulapalooza (\$2800), reroute near the long bridge ● How do we ensure we are getting the best price ● Purchasing policy is clear for anything over \$1,000 we need additional estimates before proceeding. ● Rachel to coordinate with additional builders over RFP and also discuss ● John mentioned it would be good for SVT, Max and others at Trapps to ride.
<p>Americorps Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alex is starting on Monday ● Rachel to do orientation on Monday, and then Grady will do a walk around the network ● Cyril to get Rachel the remaining route blazes (sterling left).
<p>Trailforks change in service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trailforks is moving to a new model (pay to access for certain features) called Trailforks Pro.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To access an area outside of your home area (36 mile square area) you need to pay ~\$18 annually to do so. • Shouldn't have an impact on browser access since you do not have to login to get those. Mike/Cyril to confirm. • From an administrative perspective Trailforks is giving us 5 free administrative users (primarily STP's area is managed by Cyril, Mike and Lucy)
VMBA : Proposed Change to Chapter Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel reached out to John Duston (WATA) and Tom Kupfer (FOTW) • Those who consistently meet the cap would be most affected. • Currently cap is at \$13,000. • Looking to nearly double the amount that they receive from cap members • We need more information to VMBA to make an informed decision
DEI Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support BIPOC in the outdoors through a donation each year. • Salsa Bikes to help sponsor Mirna event • Hoping to pull in other sponsors. • Also trying to split the workshop into two target workshops. One for high school students/families (30) and then for leaders in the outdoor industry (30 people). • Concerns on cost (potentially \$200 to cover cost) and who that limits it to. • STP hosting the event. • Can we reach out to the other chapters and see if each chapter is willing to send someone?
Social Media Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone agreed to read it before the next board meeting when we will vote to approve it
E-Bike Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting in winter, waiting for the Town to make a decision on the rec path.
Communication within STP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel wanted to ensure everyone is feeling like communication has been effective and that while things are moving quickly everyone is getting what the need and has an opportunity to contribute • Mike mentioned that it's always a challenge to take advantage of opportunities that come up and when to pursue them immediately and when to sit back. • Roger indicated he wants to make sure that everyone is in the loop on what we are doing. The board should remain informed, not necessarily on all of the details but have a sense of what is going on. • Rob mentioned that Rachels communication to the board has been excellent. Current format (Asana) is working great. • Roger said that as a group we've done more than we have in other years even during the pandemic.
Meeting adjourned	8:07 pm