

# Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

December 9th 2020 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual



## Board Attendees:

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

**Quorum present?** Yes (8/9)

## Other Attendees:

Rachel Fussell	Executive Director, STP
Alex Reiber	Stewardship Coordinator, STP
Nikolas Coffrin	STP Member, DEI Committee
Erik Timmerman	STP Member, Trail Committee

Item	Notes
Rachel's Birthday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone wished Rachel a Happy Birthday</li> <li>It was a beautiful symphony</li> </ul>
Approve November Board Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">November Meeting Minutes</a></li> <li><i>Mike moves to approve the November board meeting minutes</i></li> <li><i>Roger seconded</i></li> <li><i>All in favor</i></li> </ul>
Fat Biking Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since last meeting Alex had a discussion with Frank Foti</li> <li>Working on routes/maps</li> <li>Sending to SLT and Town for feedback regarding other users</li> <li>Sending out information in newsletter for fat biking, looking for volunteers</li> <li>Mike discussed Stowe Fat Biker Facebook group, very active</li> <li>Roger indicated that we should encourage riders to stick to the loops, to demonstrate that we are recognizing the sensitivity of winter riding l.</li> <li>Mike mentioned that the loops feel a little isolated</li> <li>Would like to find a way to capture volunteer hours</li> <li>We want to be careful not to vilify walkers and other users (postholing etc.)</li> </ul>
Trapps 2.0 Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1DxbnxSKscbdZYGvYA5R26mhP1aa_ZRfjOTNzy92F12E/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1DxbnxSKscbdZYGvYA5R26mhP1aa_ZRfjOTNzy92F12E/edit?usp=sharing</a></li> <li>Cyril shared presentation with the board</li> <li>Briefly discussed various pricing models but board agreed that we should continue to discuss with SVT</li> <li>Cyril, Rachel, Andrew, and Mike to continue conversation with SVT.</li> </ul>
Trail Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alex shared trail counter data</li> <li>Mike requested Kimmers data</li> <li>Alex finished an inventory of the entire STP network (166 bridges across the network)</li> <li>Roger asked if it made sense to get some snow off of the 8 bridges long span bridges in the winter.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mike wanted to mention that we should really be impressed with what our executive director is doing for STP. Rachel is getting projects and plans over the line where volunteers would be unable to do so.</li> <li>● Rachel shared the Trail Plan for 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Construction in 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pipeline Bottom</li> <li>■ Brownsville</li> <li>■ Rick Gibbs Schween Ridge Cont. - LeScolea Property</li> <li>■ Bridgey Progression</li> <li>■ Edson Hill to Sterling</li> <li>■ Adaptive loop in CHF including Cady Hill Climb re-work</li> <li>■ Serenity and Adrenaline</li> <li>■ CHF Network touch up</li> <li>■ Haulapalooza exit and long bridge</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Planning for the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Top Notch to Edson Hill</li> <li>■ Skidder (Cady Hill)</li> <li>■ Trapps 2.0</li> <li>■ Serenity and Adrenaline Part 2 (Percy Land)</li> <li>■ Velomont</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● <i>Roger moves to approve the trail plan for 2021 as proposed</i></li> <li>● <i>Rob seconded</i></li> <li>● <i>All in favor</i></li> </ul>
Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Officially received 11k for Serenity and Adrenaline!</li> <li>● Great work Rachel!</li> <li>● Did not receive the Cabot grant , likely due to us having won last 2 years in a row</li> <li>● Rachel is currently working a grant with MVP healthcare for adaptive loop</li> <li>● Ranch Camp Loyal to Soil grant in progress.</li> </ul>
Giving Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SLT and STP joint newsletter going out on Friday.</li> <li>● Giving Tuesday campaign yielded ~\$1,050</li> <li>● Average donor gave approximately \$105</li> <li>● We also have lots of merchandise sold in the last 10 days (~ \$1,100)</li> <li>● Around \$780 of the \$1,100 was from signs.</li> <li>● Mike planning to an end of year giving message in the next couple of weeks</li> <li>● <i>Roger moves to allow Mike to buy hats</i></li> <li>● <i>Andrew seconded</i></li> <li>● <i>All in favor</i></li> </ul>
JEDI Council Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JEDI Council met last week</li> <li>● Nik brought his wife (Cat) to the meeting to discuss how we can develop some messaging to reflect the intention of the work we are doing and to provide an opportunity for STP to articulate and amplify our commitment surrounding diversity, inclusion, and equity on our trails</li> <li>● Discussed how we can set aside a time, can we do it as part of our strategic meeting or a separate board meeting.</li> <li>● Most agreed it should be a standalone discussion.</li> <li>● January 6th seemed like a good date.</li> <li>● Nik to check with his wife on timing.</li> <li>● Everyone appreciated the work being done by the JEDI Council, kudos to Leslie for spearheading it.</li> </ul>
2021 Strategic Planning Meeting Reminder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● January 16, 2021</li> <li>● Half day meeting: 12:30-4:30 PM</li> </ul>
New Board member Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nik Coffrin has attended four board meetings and submitted his new board member checklist. He is now eligible to be voted onto the board.</li> <li>● Erik filled out his board form but it didn't make it to Rachel, we will discuss his status next board meeting.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nik appreciated the opportunity to get involved prior to being asked to join the board.</li> <li>• Enthusiastic about the JEDI committee , most his background in strategy, pricing.</li> <li>• Really looking forward to get more involved in the community</li> <li>• Nik shared that his favorite trail is Cady Hill Climb, Charlies, Snake , spends 90% of time in Cady. Loves uphill!</li> </ul>
New Board member Vote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed board diversity and its importance.</li> <li>• <i>Andrew moves to bring Nik on to the board.</i></li> <li>• <i>Cyril seconded</i></li> <li>• <i>All in favor</i></li> </ul>
<b>Meeting adjourned</b>	7:52 pm