

Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

September 8th, 2021 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual



Board Attendees:

Erik Timmerman	Lucy Nersesian	Jeff Kauffman
Cyril Brunner	Rob Connerty	Roger Murphy
Leslie Gauff	Mike Waldert	Nikolas Coffrin

Quorum present? Yes (9/10)

Other Attendees:

Rachel Fussell	Executive Director, STP

Item	Notes
Approve August Board Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● August Board Meeting Minutes ● <i>Mike moves to approve the August board meeting minutes</i> ● <i>Rob seconded</i> ● <i>All approve</i>
Executive Session	
Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Leslie moves to use the November Board meeting to elect a new president and secretary</i> ● <i>Jeff seconded</i> ● <i>All approve</i> ● <i>Nik to take over taking minutes next meeting</i>
Trail Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See August Trail Committee Minutes here ● See Trail Priority Ranking from Trail Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintenance of the trails ○ Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ #1: Finish S&A - In progress ■ #2: Sterling Connector - Finalizing access ■ #3: Skidder - Working on access ■ #4: Haulapalooza Rework - RFPs in progress ■ #5: CHF Charlies Entrance & Eagle Ridge Refurb - RFPs in progress ■ #6: Skills Park- RFPs in progress ● Some discussions on skills park project management and consideration given that the proposed skills park is in a flood plain. ● No official vote but the board was in agreement.
E Bike Pilot project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brief discussion of Sterling Valley E-Bike pilot ● Trailforks updated to reflect E-Bike allowance, thanks Mike! ● Letter sent to Stowe Bike shops, positive feedback from all of the shops on etiquette and education. ● Brief discussion on God Street/landowners/future STP conversations

<p>Budget and Cash Planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some internet challenges with the thunderstorm/#technology ● Brief discussion of revenue and expense numbers ● We are in a very good cash position ● Trying to plan for contingencies (generally we don't have much revenue from Sep to March when we start with corporate sponsorships etc.) ● Reiterated the 40x40x40 conversation. ● Briefly discussed the amount we have saved for Sterling Connector and what we can do with it. ● Mike to look into putting 50k into a COD/index fund so that we can make income on it. ● Nik mentioned that it might be a good time to talk to the same people about a long term trust.
<p>Staff Proposals and Planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rachel shared a plan for a new Trails Director hire and a Community Engagement hire ● Discussed pay scales and potential start dates. ● Discussed wages at other chapters and potential candidates ● Rachel suggested that we vote on this during next month's meeting ● Nik suggested we develop the job description in particular what the winter activities are. ● Agreed to have Rachel send out the job description and then maybe vote online before next board meeting
<p>Meeting adjourned</p>	<p>8:18 pm</p>