

Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

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

Location: Field Guide



Board Attendees:

Erik Timmerman	Lucy Nersesian	Jeff Kauffman (by phone)
Andrew Volansky	Rob Connerty	Nikolas Coffrin
Leslie Gauff	Mike Waldert	

Quorum present? Yes (8/8)

Other Attendees:

Rachel Fussell	Executive Director, STP
Lauren Hwang-Finkelman	Americorps volunteer

Item	Notes
Approve September Board Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September Board Meeting Minutes • Rob moved to approve the September board meeting minutes • Erik seconded • All approved
Ideas to honor Roger and Cyril, after leaving board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob will coordinate a date and time for all to gather for celebratory dinner • Rachel will ask Cyril about making a commemorative sign for Roger • Rachel will follow up with Dave Sautter/Dave Couch Signs for a sign/plaque that could be attached to a commemorative rock from S&A, for Cyril
Staffing Proposal For Grady Vigneau, Trail Manager	<p>Rachel outlined the proposal for Grady to be working 10-16 hours/week during the winter months (roughly 22 weeks) and 40 hours/week during the summer months (roughly 30 weeks). Suggested pay rate of \$23/hr.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike moved to accept staffing proposal • Nik seconded • All approved <p>Separate motion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob moved to offer job to Grady • Nik seconded • All approved <p>Prior Discussion: Mike expressed potential concern that Grady lives in BTV (trail tasks that need immediate attention like ropes, etc.). Erik noted Grady will need to plan ahead Goal: for Grady to ultimately take over social media from Mike</p>
Grants update for 2022	<p>Rachel said grants are competitive. She is looking into new opportunities and is working on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5k Ranch Camp/Loyal to the Soil • We got the naming grant from Cabot in 2020 - was 5k • We got the VMBA trail grant for 11k in 2020. • Has applied for ERSA grant (from FPR) - 45k for maintenance (mainly for Charlie's and Eagle's Ridge redesign and improvements) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mike expressed if we got all of the money, we would have to expand the trail crew, but new Trail Manager position should take care of that

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant for Alex's Trail and adaptive trail • Fuse Marketing will be applied for in 2021 for skills area
Sterling Connector	<p>Mountain Haus/Bullrock is no longer interested in working with us on the project, although they did not give a specific reason. Rachel believes that the new apartment complex was the main reason. They don't want it going through their property with construction on site. This would eliminate possibility of having a bidirectional trail AND advanced downhill. We could move ahead, but it would be a bit trickier with terrain and other conditions. Alternative is to see if Brian Spector would/could purchase a piece of the Bullrock property to retain the desired corridor. Perhaps Andrew and Jesse Goldfine could approach.</p>
Annual Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel suggested revisiting idea and is working on language for such an endeavor • We've never had a year-end/operations fundraising campaign before • Debate ensued regarding how much and when to ask for donations, and as a result it was decided to put the idea of an Annual Fund drive on hold, and instead wait for a specific project to fundraise for
Board Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob outlined benefits of adding a Vice President/VP position as a better strategy moving forward to support each other and Rachel. Bylaws say we can do it. • VP would fill out the same term that President and Secretary which would be to January when the Annual Meeting would be scheduled • Leslie moved STP add a VP position • Nik seconded • All approved <p>Mike points out discrepancy between bylaws and STP's Roles/Responsibilities doc re: the length of officer term. It was agreed that STP would defer to the Bylaws for now which state Board Officers serve one-year terms, elected annually at Annual Meeting, but as a clarification, we will vote at STP board's Annual <u>Strategic Meeting</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel: Vacancy of President and Secretary positions need to be filled • Rob nominated Lucy for President • Mike moved to vote on Lucy for President • Nik seconded • All approved <p>Discussion about VP position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew expressed his interest in becoming VP, and nominated himself • Rob expressed his interest in becoming VP • Leslie nominated Rob of VP • Rob and Andrew articulated their respective interest(s) in the position and why • The board agreed to take a vote for VP by written ballot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Rachel tabulated the written ballots, resulting in Rob being voted in as VP • Lucy nominated Leslie for Secretary • Mike moved to vote on Leslie as Secretary • Nik seconded • All approved
Meeting adjourned	8:20 pm