

Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: LandVest conference room

Submitted: Leslie Gauff



Board Attendees:

Lucy Nersesian	Mike Waldert	Andrew Volansky
Rob Connerty	Leslie Gauff	Erik Timmerman
Rachel Fussell via Zoom	Nik Coffrin via Zoom	Jeff Kauffman

Quorum present? Yes (9/9)

Other Attendees:

Carolyn Lawrence, ED	
Grady Vigneau	

Item	Notes
Approve March Board Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- March Minutes- Motion from Lucy to approve, seconded by Jeff- All were in favor
Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CL: We should have an events 'committee' under Outreach Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CL will look to form one- DEI Committee recruitment- We need more people, as many dropped off - CL will work on recruiting
Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- This Update provided prior to this meeting- Grady: Neils and Grady walked Cady, basically dry but we need a sunny stretch before opening. They did a few hours work on Bears, and in good shape which took a beating w freeze/thaw.- Good response to request for Stewards- Landowner agreements for projects<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discussion about the importance of having agreements with landowners prior to investing in projects. Relationships are critical and every project and landowner is different, as a result, it is difficult to have a specific policy that applies to each individual project.- There was no consensus surrounding having a specific policy but to otherwise have a goal of having agreements so there are no misunderstandings, and STP isn't at risk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Landowner Relation Plan for prospective private landowners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grady willing to speak with landowners - Commemorative/memorial plan update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn has first draft, still working on - Charlie's and Eagle's Ridge upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greg Fatigate's proposal: \$14k+ from Fatigate for the above - CL submitted a grant for the above American Trail Fund - Mike: Charlie's/Eagle's - we are in a good cash position for this - Board voted to approve the additional \$1440 that Greg proposed <p>Andrew would like Haulapalooza work addressed as well.</p> <p>Lucy made a motion to spend the money for additional improvements above original quotation to Charlie's/Eagle's as per Greg Fatigate's additional proposals. Rob seconded. All agreed.</p> <p>Trail Work Day: Andrew: Cheddar needs some work on some sore spots on some berms, and proposed a few to go out there on TWD.</p>
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update from Rob - In the home stretch. Deadline 4/15 - Taking more time for reminders and follow up than in the past - Have reached out to a bunch of new ones, and new ones have signed up - Community Supporters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lagging on them as well
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mike: We are 30% behind on membership YOY - Carolyn: FOTW had a membership committee, so let's explore concept for enhancing our membership drive, especially with all the time it takes the fundraising committee to do both Community Supporter and Sponsor campaigns. Extremely time consuming with all the outreach for both
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Season Kick-Off - 4.20.22 (4:30-7:00) - Spring Trail Work Day, 5.7.22 - 10 Year Cady Hill Celebration - July 29-31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strawberry Hill Farm - Critical mass ride Friday. Saturday celebrations, nature walks and rides. Group rides Sat. and Sun. Pride ride.
Staff	<p>Carolyn update: 3 applications received for community engagement job, but no one for the internship</p>
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