

# Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 11, 2022, 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Field Guide

Submitted: Leslie Gauff



## Board Attendees:

Lucy Nersesian	Mike Waldert	Leslie Gauff
Erik Timmerman	Nik Coffrin	Andrew Volansky
Rob Connerty		

Quorum present? Yes (7/9)

## Other Attendees:

Carolyn Lawrence, ED	
Grady, Trails Manager	

Item	Notes	To Do
Approve July Board Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#">July meeting minutes</a></li><li>- Motion from Nik to approve, Rob seconded</li><li>- All were in favor</li></ul>	
Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Grady: Trail crew has done a lot of weed wacking, culvert on Alex's trail, tune up on Flo and Bears, wasp nest on Tucxs. Connected with Annie and Sam about installation of kiosk for Tucxs</li><li>- Carolyn: Stakeholder meeting. Cyril submitted design plan, and then will walk with stakeholders (S&amp;A update (<a href="#">TTF design plan</a>)).</li><li>- Carolyn had a follow up meeting with Kristen Sharpless which went well</li><li>- AC master plan - Grady working on, included good ideas<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Master plan was requested prior, and wasn't done, but now being put together by Grady and Carolyn</li></ul></li><li>- Future Strawberry Hill Farm work<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The board agreed to move forward with some designated upgrades, weed wacking, and finish up what we'd identified prior. Keep it mostly volunteer work w Grady and Niels</li></ul></li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grady thinks 16+/- hrs. Sam Gaines has a group of volunteers he may bring</li> </ul> <p>OPDMD policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carolyn will craft/draft a policy to be reviewed and approved by STP board</li> <li>- Mike recommended doing trail sits out at Sterling for the ebike testing/pilot project, to acquire more 'live data'</li> <li>- We have trail counter data, need any accident reports, and/or any trail damage</li> <li>- LG made a motion for board members to do at least 3 trail sits by end of season, compile all our data, and then present to Stowe Land Trust for next steps in creating a policy to allow for e-bikes. Lucy seconded, all were in favor</li> </ul>	
Fundraising/ Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carolyn: Our membership numbers are down by about 200 compared to last year, but we are still ahead of 2020. FOTW is down about as much as we are this year. WATA is up</li> <li>- STP Sponsorships are up this year, and Copley Hospital and Mansfield orthopedic just committed to the Ripper level</li> <li>- Sponsor/Community Supporter Appreciation Party date: Sept 8, Sept. 15 is rain date</li> </ul>	
Finance -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mike: We have reached \$177k in Revenue year to date. Our Revenue target in our budget was \$194-196k</li> <li>- We are in a profit position, but we will continue to have expenses through the rest of the year, and then not much more 'predictable'. Separately we have not spent about \$16k in wages that we budgeted for</li> <li>- We are down on merch sales, grants are barely down. We need more donors, and more members. Last year we ended up with year end donations, so hoping for same. We will also have Leaf Blower revenue coming in. We may also have a couple of trails ("No. 9" in Cady, and Sterling Connector) coming on line that we can fundraise for</li> </ul>	
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cady Hill 10-Year celebration recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Great community event. Carolyn and Barry did an awesome job putting together!</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Stokebury: Sept 10/11. Need help putting up signs and other</li> <li>- Leaf Blower: October 8. ENR to review amended MOU and is subject to review next year. We need to recruit volunteers and ride leaders! We will get 25% of proceeds</li> <li>- Carolyn working on a plan for STP Annual Meeting. We did not have one last year</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pride Outdoors: Carolyn collaborating with to help with the development of their program: Glam Outdoors. An assortment of events are in the works<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Want to add a Pride ride to Leaf Blower</li></ul></li><li>- Carolyn met with Mad River Path. Their effort is to get more people to the Valley to recreate. Looking at creating a kind of rec hub center where they can sell merch, day passes, memberships, etc. Akin to what we'd looked into doing years ago. Perhaps rekindle?</li></ul>	
Adjourn	7:50 p.m.	