

Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: SAA Conference Room

Submitted: Leslie Gauff



Board Attendees:

Jeff Kauffman	Mike Waldert	Leslie Gauff
Jeff Elbaum	Chandra Richter	Andrew Volansky

Quorum present? Yes (6/9)

Other Attendees:

Carolyn Lawrence, ED; Ken Marin, Nolan Langweil, Josh Salvo, George Merrill, Kurt Fehrenbach from Trapp Family Outdoor Center	
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Item	Notes
Approve August Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- October minutes- Motion from Jeff Kauffman to approve October Minutes; Chandra seconded- All were in favor
Board updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- New Board of Director members votes<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Andrew moved to install Ken Marin as an STP Board Director. Jeff K seconded- all were in favor,- Jeff Kauffman moved to install Josh Salvo as an STP Board Director - Andrew seconded-all were in favor- Reminder: Upcoming Secretary and Treasurer vacancies need to be filled- Rob Connerty commemoration<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Susie Connerty has proposed for STP to collaborate with Fellowship Christian Athlete (FCA) to create a week-long camp in Stowe in summer. The idea would be for STP to lend its resources, such as mailing lists and coaches for FCA to put on this kind of youth programming.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rob personally very involved with FCA- The Board agreed to continue discussing this opportunity to honor Rob, but wants to make sure we have the resources and bandwidth to participate
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mike: pretty much the same report as last month. Financials are on target for budget and revenue (approx. \$200k). We have money available to invest in the trails.
Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Trail crew annual reviews

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CL sent out the documents to trail committee and others for feedback for trail crew annual review - Act 250 and Pipeline skills area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn and Grady walked onsite with Sam von Trapp and Kurt from TFL Outdoor Center. Sam comfortable with the concept of building a skills area there. Subject to ACT 250? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - STP Waiting for proposals - Sterling Connector progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since we still lack a number of landowner commitments should STP pause on commencing with phase I - Board agreed to discuss in more detail at the upcoming strategic planning meeting in December - Waterworks formalization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town of Waterbury reached out to STP re these unsanctioned trails. The municipal manager is worried about the increased traffic, new unauthorized trails being built, potentially compromising the town's water source despite recognizing the recreation value. Waterbury wants a trail org like STP to be in charge of and manage this network. They've talked to WATA also - After discussion, STP board decided to talk to WATA to explore, including potential opportunities to manage together, perhaps, recognizing it a large responsibility and complex issue - S&A update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn Loeb of SLT will be presenting the design plan to stewardship committee for approval subject to the updated and approved management plan. - Adams Camp Management Plan update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ecological study underway is going to impact the above - We are diligently working with all stakeholders to ensure cooperation on above. Once the design and mgmt plans are approved, we should be able to resume building the 2nd part of the trail i.e. Adrenaline - 2024 TWD - Sterling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trail Committee thought focus on this general area in the spring would be a good idea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - STP board agreed and to shoot for weekend after Green Up Day - Other TWDs will be scheduled for the rest of the network throughout the spring with TW crew and board members
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leaf Blower 2024 discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newly formed Leafblower committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do we want to bring this event in-house after licensing agreement with RC/ENR has expired (1 more yr.)? The committee Leans toward 'yes', subject to having the time and resources; and raising enough money. Pluses and minuses have been discussed. Josh said it's important for the future for STP. The committee will continue exploring - Annual Meeting reminder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nov. 9 at 6 pm, at the Skinny Pancake
Fundraising/ membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sponsor program underway - Annual report will be ready hopefully around the new year - Still need fundraising helpers :)
Adjourn	7:50 pm

