

Stowe Trails Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: SAA Conference Room

Submitted: Leslie Gauff



Board Attendees:

Lucy Nersesian	Mike Waldert	Leslie Gauff
Jeff Elbaum	Erik Timmerman	Jeff Kauffman
Chandra Richter	Jeff Barden	

Quorum present? Yes (8/9)

Other Attendees:

Carolyn Lawrence, ED; Ken Marin, Nolan Langweil, Josh Salvo, George Merrill	
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Item	Notes
Approve August Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- September minutes- Motion from Mike to approve; Lucy seconded- All were in favor
Board updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reminder: Secretary and Treasurer upcoming openings<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mike and Leslie available to chat about the responsibilities- Committee numbers cap? The trails committee has 15, for instance, and other committees are in need of volunteers<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mike: We don't want to discourage people from getting involved, so we shouldn't cap for now- Rob commemoration<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lucy: Susie Connerty interested to know if STP board had any ideas about how to spend the 'Rob commemoration' money collected- Ken proposed a Mtb safety awareness and/or CPR class/training in Rob's honor which Susie thought might be a good idea to do.- Rob was very involved with Christian youth athletes and other youth programs, so that option as a commemorative initiative was discussed by the board as well- Small group to meet with Susie to discuss what her preferences are
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mike: Revenue about \$10k off our target (\$208k). Hopefully between Leaf Blower and end of year giving we can exceed this- Currently at about \$132k in expenses. Projected expenses around \$168k . We had budgeted for the \$200k range.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trailer, Great big graphics is ready to remove the wrap on the trailer that Sun Common offered STP, but SC withdrew the offer of that particular trailer. Jeff B. said he will be meeting and will follow up with SC to see what we can secure
Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trail crew end dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TC is winding down for the season. Neils leaving Nov. 3. They got the bulk of the projects done. Mike talked about presumed upcoming wind events and the need for felled trees to be dealt with. Grady has plenty of hours left banked for through the end of December. They recently spruced up Bear's and Flo. Niels said he could jump back in and help if needed - Pipeline RFP discussion for skills area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucy moved to approve the RFP with Jeff E. amendments, and send it out. Jeff K. seconded; all approved - Leslie recommended better and more signage at the Hardy/Adrenaline 'intersection' is needed. Carolyn will connect with Grady to have made and installed - Master Trail Plans/Strategic Planning Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn suggested the board focus of the Jan meeting be on strategic planning for each of the networks - Stowe Conservation Commission told Carolyn they are redoing the Sterling Mgmt plan, so another reason to focus on STP strategic planning for the Sterling network, as well as with the stakeholders
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leaf Blower recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 150 +/- riders (less than last year). Carolyn shared her debrief with ENR. Always things to work on to make better - Chandra - sign up sheets for the rides should be at the Friday night pre-event - Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skinny Pancake Nov. 9, 6 pm. Skinny providing food. Cash bar
Fundraising/ membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9k secured for 8 Bridges revamp. Mike thought it was intended NOT to be done in house - need to clarify with grant awarders if we can hire out - 4,1k secured from Kelly Brush to be used for Charlie's, Eagle Ridge improvements for adaptive, and will add 4+ additional miles of adaptive users - February Spruce Peak event - 2024 sponsor and Community Supporter programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lots of good discussion and ideas from everyone!
Adjourn	7:55 pm