

Stowe Trails Partnership September 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13, 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	
Chandra (remote)	Jeff Barden (remote)	

Quorum present? Yes (7/9)

Other Attendees:

Carolyn Lawrence, ED; Ken Marin (remote); Josh Salvo	
--	--

Item	Notes
Approve August Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- August Minutes- Motion from Leslie to approve; Erik seconded- All were in favor
Board updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Leslie will be departing as board member and Secretary. Need to fill the position of Secretary which will begin next year in January. Leslie urged board members to consider nominating themselves or others to be voted in. She also mentioned how important it is to fill Rob's spot on the fundraising committee. As a result, Leslie has volunteered to stay on the fundraising committee for this next/upcoming sponsor/CS campaign, but urged board members to consider joining the FR committee as it is critically important to raise the revenue needed to operate STP.- Lucy added that the trails committee is 'sexy', but fundraising is the biggest need.- Mike would like to step down as Treasurer, but remain on the board- Mike requested that Leslie to think about another real estate agent who might want to join the board since having knowledge about certain property owners is valuable
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mike had nothing to report at this time- Carolyn got some more CS to sign up, and Sponsor dollars are still coming in
Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Spring Cady Hill RFPs<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mike: Great that we have so many extensive project options, but maybe too expensive? Something like Sap Bucket for instance might be low priority.- Lucy - let's get the numbers back and then make a financial decision about what we want to do. Erik thinks we should spend 10k to refurbish Flo every year; something like Sterling is secondary.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mike: Sterling should be its own RFP. Perhaps break out Sterling on its own RFP. Last year we spent around 100k on trail maintenance. - Carolyn will work with Grady to prioritize and split up RFPs - Max working on Shredder. Will hopefully be done by the end of the month. Carolyn thought we should consider a Trail work payment policy, especially since Max asked for a specific payment plan - Lucy moved to accept trail build proposals, Mike seconded. All approved. Carolyn will connect with Sarah McShane to deliver proposals etc. to move forward - CHF new trail proposal discussion and vote (see above) - S&A design plan update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SLT is conducting an assessment of Adams Camp's ecology and trails. The info will be used to update the mgmt plan in the spring. This will potentially impact STP's intended use of S&A. Mike was on S&A recently and reported how quiet it was. SLT thinks the bridges make it feel 'urbanized'. CL will continue to work with SLT Carolyn to finish the design plan for S&A and hope for SLT's approval. Carolyn SLT will let us know if it's going to get approved by SLT's stewardship committee. - Pipeline skills area update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn: What's the priority, what can we afford for this and all the other pump track projects - Lucy: We need to think strategically about all. If we build them how are we going to pay for the maintenance on top of building - Mike: We had a problem coming into this year with 'shovel ready projects', and now all of a sudden we have all these projects to consider building..... - Skills area behind Springer-Miller property update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn will check with Grady and Niels on where they are at with this and Pipeline. Springer-Miller property owner really wants us to do a pump track there - Trailer plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn will get Great Big Graphics to remove the Sun Common wrap
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SLT 's Annual Meeting is at Chase Farm from 2-5 October 1. Carolyn will set up an STP table. Nick Bennette may be joining. STP board encouraged to attend - Leaf Blower <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn: Ride leaders and volunteers still needed for the event on October 14. - Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn working with Michael Cyr of Skinny Pancake to host there, ideally on Thursday, November 9 - Velo Stowe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning to do again next year
Fundraising/ membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning for February 8 Spruce Peak fundraising event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still waiting to hear from Amanda re location and other details - Photo contest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This fundraising idea was discussed. Other organizations have had a lot of excess success with this so would like to implement it. Kingdom and Trails just rolled out theirs.
Adjourn	7:55 pm