

VASA Board of Director Minutes
June 8, 2026
VASA HQ

Douglas Stone calls the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Douglas Stone begins the meeting with everyone standing for the

Pledge of Alliance.

Roll Call

BOD Present:

Steve Mosher, Ray Blakeney, Lloyd McCormack, Brian Benoit, Mike Smith,
George Barton, , Steve Bean, Mike Small, Fred Elliott, Vern Stone

BOD Present Online:

Kurt Girard, Ken Wetherell, Ian MacKenzie, Judy Perdue, Brent Labree,
Bartholomew Howes, Nikolas Sargent, Chris Hill, Mark Carpenter, James
Sullivan, Jeff Gilcris, Laura Champagne, William Faford, Chris Putney

E-Board Present: Douglas Stone, Doug Wheeler, Tom Nazzewski,
Melissa LaBounty, Bartholomew Howes (online)

Staff (Non-voting) present: Dani Luce, Jeremy Sneed, Ethan Hill (online), Gordon Pirie

Secretary's Report:

Are there any additions or corrections to the secretaries report?

-Steve Mosher made a motion to accept the report, seconded by George
Barton approved by all, none opposed, motion carries

Treasurer's Report:

-Tom reviews the reports, pointing out that May is actually in the positive which
brings us into the positive for the year also. Still unsure if we will stay in the
positive as of fiscal year end, TAD sales are going to be the factor that
determines whether we break even or not. May was a big month for TAD sales.

-Billtown Wheelers donated \$2000 to VASA.

-All clubs have handed in their Charter Agreements / Code of Ethics /Contact
List packets. Only 1 needs to update their SOS status & all IRS statuses are
current

-A motion to accept the report by Steve Mosher, seconded by Fred Elliot
approved by all, none opposed, motion carries.

Staff Reports:

Trails Coordinator - Ethan Hill:

VTMP:

- Billtown wheelers Trailhead Kiosk has been completed, This was a VOREC grant project that has been submitted for reimbursement. The Kiosk turned out great with many moving parts. David supplied the rough sawn lumber from his own property and mill, Gordon's brother Hunter donated a beautiful standing seam roof to the project as well. It will be on display at this year's annual meeting and is something we should all be proud of.
- Billtown Wheelers Wetland delineation is scheduled for June 17th, this is a requirement for that VOREC grant and once that process is complete we can begin the dirt work for that project • The trails team is currently at Northeast Kingdom Wheelers Sugarhouse trail, this is also a VOREC Grant project that was postponed due to logging operations across all 3 landowners properties. Since logging this project has become much more time intensive than initially planned for but opened up the opportunity for much more trail on the property as well.

EQUIPMENT:

The Yellow track truck is in the shop because it is leaking oil around the fuel injectors, we will be ordering parts for that this week (6-1-26) and the Dumptruck is having an electrical issue where it will just die driving down the road..not ideal. I have ordered the part and Evan Shangraw is going to take a look at that. We are currently moving material with the Red dump truck while I do site prep in the excavator.

Executive Director - Dani Luce:

• Financial Stabilization:

- Since the budget was approved, we have been able to move forward with preparations for our "Big Grant" with the State of Vermont. We have submitted our state budget and are awaiting a draft for review.
- The amendment that we submitted to the state for the rest of this current year has been accepted and implemented.
- Yamaha Grant- the grant has been approved for \$26K (minus the fuel amount portion). The biggest grant we have ever received from Yamaha. Lisa at Yamaha is looking for ways to get us more money.
- Partnerships- we have surpassed our goals for annual sponsorships and are actively working on giving our partners their deliverables. You will start to see sponsor spotlights on social media as well as within newsletters. Sponsorships are going well! The sponsorship spotlights on the website have started with Laquerre's Powersports.
- We have received an update on the National Forest Foundation Grant (to perform maintenance and repair on the Sucker Pond

Trail), \$50K was awarded, which is more than we asked for.

- **Personnel & Efficiency:**

- Annual reviews for staff are being completed this week. She is very grateful for the staff & all the positive stuff they are doing!
- Field season has officially begun meaning Team Trails will be in the woods more and the office less

- **Program Operations:**

- Membership- At the time of this report, we currently have 3302 human members and 3906 TADs sold. We've been taking member feedback and implementing it wherever possible to make the new system as user friendly as possible. Jeremy has implemented a new front page that has considerably cut down the amount of incorrect memberships we come across.
- Continuing preparations for renewal of "Big Grant" -Budget/Work Plan/Audit/Reports and beginning prep to close out FY26 grant.
- Annual Meeting: please get in touch with me about your contribution to the raffle. RSVPs are up- if you RSVP before the deadline, you will get your T-shirt for free. Please ask your members to attend- the goal is a minimum representation of two people from each club. We can do it! Please see attached draft agenda for the annual meeting. Suggestions welcome! We have a change in our candidates for Vice President. Doug Wheeler has decided not to run for re-election and George Barton from SVTR has decided to run. The candidates for VP now include Bart Howes (JPP) and George Barton (SVTR). Tom Nazzewski nominated for Treasurer & Mike Smith for Member at Large. Also, a reminder that John Rogers was invited to attend the meeting & not speak at it. Hoping to focus on the office / staff and what happens behind the scenes at VASA.
- TAD Prices- please see the attached spreadsheet documentation regarding whether or not we should raise TAD prices and if so, by how much. Be prepared to have this discussion at our June meeting so we know how to frame this discussion at the Annual Meeting. The 2027 TAD pricing structure chart was created by Bartholomew Howes.
 - Tom asks if we know how much we would gain by eliminating the multiple machine discount.
- Newsletter: I would like to put out another newsletter in the beginning of July to help advertise the annual meeting. If you have content that you would like to add, please send it to me absolutely no later than June 26. Please include any photos and or write ups that you would like to be published in the newsletter.
- Law Enforcement- There was an extra heavy law enforcement presence for the opening and Memorial Day weekends. We are awaiting official reports but initial reports from the wardens state

a ticket heavy May, and there was also an arrest in the Southern VT area.

- Donation Program (stickers): Please make sure to check this out- the decal is very cool!
- Resources: we have published two new resources on the website including municipal information (please send this to towns who are considering ATV use) and one for trail sharing that can be pushed to your members.

● **Government/External Partners:**

- VAST
- Trails & Greenways
- FPR
- NOHVCC
- Ride Command

Old / New Business:

-Douglas Stone asks if we have had any clubs respond showing interest in the Great Trails Workshop? Has anyone signed up yet? Ethan says no, Dani mentions 2 signed up so far & reminds that 1 per club needs to sign up.

-Douglas Stone reminds if your Club has any Activities happening, let VASA know so VASA Can support and help promote them.

-Douglas Stone also reminds all clubs to get their donations into VASA for the raffle. The Annual Meeting is a big event to get all members together and to show our support to the Billtown Wheelers Club who have been working very hard to host this event. This is a meeting where all members get their chance to vote and have their voice heard.

A motion was made to adjourn by Steve Mosher, seconded by Ray Blakeney, meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.