

VASA Board of Director Minutes
August 10, 2026
VASA HQ

Douglas Stone calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Douglas Stone begins the meeting with everyone standing for the Pledge of Alliance.

Roll Call

BOD Present:

Steve Mosher, Ray Blakeney, Lloyd Maccormack, Bob Cruickshank, James Sullivan, Jay Potvin, Bruce LaBounty, Mike Small, Fred Elliott, Russell Stone

BOD Present Online:

Kurt Girard, Ian MacKenzie, Judy Perdue, Brent Labree, Tyler Scott, Jeff Gilcris, Carole Canfield, Laura Champagne, Dylan Bell, William Faford

E-Board Present: Douglas Stone, George Barton, Tom Nazzewski, Melissa LaBounty, Mike Smith

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

Lobbyist / consultant: Frank Stanley

Secretary's Report:

1. July's BOD minutes:

Are there any additions or corrections to the secretaries report?

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

2. Annual meeting minutes:

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Treasurer's Report:

-Tom reviews the Statement of Activities report bringing attention to the bottom line being negative \$481.22 at the end of July 2026.

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

Staff Reports:

Trails Coordinator - Ethan Hill:

VTMP:

- NEKW Dunn mountain trail is now completed. We had to rework and resurface just over a mile of trail that was damaged during the spring. We are now working on red schoolhouse rd to replace a culvert in collaboration with the local snowmobile club
- Green Mountain ATV is going to be our next stop to open a new section of trail adding roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of trail.

EQUIPMENT:

This season continues to be a bit of a battle, the can am defender is running rough and after checking a few things suspect low fuel pressure from the pump but do not have the testing equipment to verify. We will bring it to Walts to verify and replace the fuel pump.

James Sullivan asks roughly what the timeline is for a new project. It depends on when the project is requested, or if it is something that can be worked on during the winter. He is trying to work on projects while being cognizant of fuel prices / efficiency, so he plans to work from one end of the state to the other. There is also a section of the trail maintenance program where an outside source can be hired to do the work. Feel free to contact me at the office to discuss it more in depth.

Frank Stanley gave a legislative report. Also, reminds that tomorrow is Primary Day, don't forget to get out & vote!

Executive Director - Dani Luce:

- **Financial Stabilization:**
 - We are now in the process of closing out our 2026 Big Grant. The state's black out period is over and we have submitted the final invoice for FY26. We are currently working on providing the rest of the reporting details needed to officially close the grant. It will not be officially closed until the audit is complete, but we will have everything else we need ready before then.
 - We have received the Yamaha grant. It is our biggest grant from Yamaha to date. Currently stock piling materials in planning and preparations for the projects are underway, and the trails team will be heading to Readsboro at the end of the month.
- **Partnerships:**
 - Our final goal for partnership sponsors was \$22,500. My goal was \$6000- and thanks to the generosity of many clubs and local businesses, we were able to more than triple that goal. These funds will be used for the annual meeting, professional fees (keeping the accountant on under the advice of our auditors),

and to increase David's work time an extra day per week for the end of the season.

- We have received payment from the National Forest Foundation for the grant for SRR trail system,

- **Personnel & Efficiency:**

- Beyond proud of the staff and how they prepared and handled the annual meeting. I'd like to also give a very special shoutout to Amber- Ethan's wife and Kristy- Gordon's wife- they showed up ready to help and they truly made the day go so much smoother. Thank you to everyone who helped out. Its definitely a collective effort and we pulled it off as a team!
- We will be increasing David's time by one day per week starting in August to help get more accomplished.

- **Program Operations:**

- **Membership-** At the time of this report, we currently have 4505 human members and 5274 TADs sold.
- **Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting was very successful, total costs came in at \$6097.32 while revenue came in at \$6179.65 putting us just over breaking even with a profit of \$82.33. We had a total of 118 guests and \$1770 of our revenue was from the raffle!
 - Next year's annual meeting date is July 24, 2027 (the second Saturday after the BOD meeting as approved in the Bylaws), mark your calendars. TBD as to where the meeting will be held.
- **Insurance:** Met with our brokers at the end of July to discuss our renewal which occurs annually in August. The quote came in incredibly high due to a new assessment of our property causing replacement costs to go through the roof. That being said, within our risk category assignment- we were in the bottom 4% for increases. Meaning, of all the organizations within our shared risk category, our increase was one of the lowest. Despite this, I was not happy with the price and worked with them to come up with some creative solutions to get the price lower. I am happy to report that I was able to rework some numbers with them. We are unfortunately still coming in over budget for this line item, but originally we would have been over by \$13,000- and now we will only be over by \$7000- (accomplished mostly by changing and / or adding deductibles) a much more manageable amount to work into an already very tight budget.
- **Newsletter:** These seem to be generating a lot of positivity for us. I'll plan to do another to end the season (putting one out on a quarterly basis), which I will aim to put out the first week of October. If you would like to include something from your club, please send me a story and picture(s) by September 30.
- **Audit:** The office team has had to quickly switch gears from annual meeting to audit. The last week of July was our scheduled week to provide all of the deliverables to the auditors, which includes hundreds of documents. The audit team will go through everything and then will work closely with Jeremy and I on the week of August 10 to finalize.

- **Law Enforcement-** we have received two bills and two activity reports from F&W for this calendar year so far. 539 contacts have been made, 90 of those were warnings and 47 tickets. They have used over 50% of their allotted budget, but warnings are still far exceeding actual tickets written. It was promised to me that this would not be the case this year but we are still experiencing it. She has discussed the results with them, there needs to be more tickets. They are experiencing staffing issues which is the main problem with getting better results. Frank and I are working on researching what other options may be available to us.
- **Donation Program (stickers):** Please make sure to check this out- the decal is very cool
- **The Great Trails Workshop:** Getting clubs to sign up for this is not going well. It is very important that we get participation from all clubs in order for FPR to fund us for this! Currently we have 10 clubs that have not signed up out of 24.
 - The e-board & Dani met and have decided that the consequence of your club not signing up will be the suspension of trail work for your club and a \$500 fee will be charged.
 - There is a tab on the website to sign up for the workshop (under resources), she can also resend the email for those that missed it.

Old / New Business:

-Douglas Stone reminds us that if your club is having any special events to let VASA know so we can help promote it too.

- NWVW - BBQ at the trailhead in Enosburg, more info on website
- Lunenburg Black Bears & Top of the World have a poker run on Sept 5th (labor day weekend). Lunenburg is also doing a gun raffle to be drawn at the poker run
- JPP's have a poker run on Sept 15th
- SRR is doing a cash raffle

A motion was made to adjourn by Steve Mosher, seconded by Russell Stone, meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.