

VASA Board of Director Minutes
February 9,, 2026
VASA HQ

Doug 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, Brian Benoit, Tom Nazzewski, George Barton, Mike Small, Fred Elliott, Vern Stone

BOD Present Online:

Kurt Girard, Ken Wetherell, Ian MacKenzie, Chuck Lyman, Bartholomew Howes, Laura Champagne, Steve Bean

E-Board Present: Doug Stone, Doug Wheeler (Online), Bill Huff, Melissa LaBounty, Bartholomew Howes (online)

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

Secretary's Report:

Are there any additions or corrections to the secretaries report?

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

Treasurer's Report:

-Bill starts by looking at January results, nothing jumps out there, the bottom line ends up being positive just short of \$24,000. There is a formatting issue on the bottom page for January the # 158,460 is a negative (the negative is above it). The reports sent via email with the packet have been corrected & distributed this evening. If you have the emailed one in front of you it is not accurate. The difference is the National Forest Grants have changed going back to September, October & November. In the past because they were listed as an expense & were somehow reported in the income section as a negative. They have been moved to the expenses where they belong but that changes previous months reports & the bottomline (which is still negative as it tends to be in the winter months). There are a few factors that contribute to the negative bottomline; expenses like Insurance costs (\$50,000) which have not been reimbursed by a grant yet plus VOREC Grants that are waiting to be paid for jobs that have been completed & expensed (\$60,000). Plus. the delay in the TAD sale process due to the signing on of the new CRM Program. Overall, we are in good shape & on the right track.

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

Staff Reports:

Office Manager from Erik Moreau:

- **Membership CRM Update:** The new CRM is all setup & the testing process has been started. The hope is to have it up & running tomorrow morning. Asking BOD members to go on the website to test it and give him feedback. Also, includes an instruction section to help with the process.

Trails Coordinator - Ethan Hill:

- **VTMP:** Working on 2026 project schedule, if you have projects in mind please get them submitted as soon as possible so we can work from one end of the state to the other efficiently. Landowner permission forms need to be updated when submitting trail maintenance applications. If clubs would like a copy of the Landowner Permission forms on file, he can send them out via email. The google earth side of the ride command revamp is getting close, once that is done he can switch to getting the ride command changed to reflect trail vs road.
- **Equipment:** The John Deere Excavator is finished. The Hydraulic cylinder seals have been replaced for the thumb, the bucket shimmed and a plate was built to protect the angle blade piston and it has been thoroughly cleaned. Replaced the A-arm bushing on the Can-am defender, added terminals to use the diesel transfer tank. The red track truck has been fully serviced, oil changed, filters etc and deep clean. The Freightliner will be pulled into the shop next.
- **Grants:** National Forest Foundation has been reimbursed in full & completely closed out.
- He is hoping to start with Grant projects first then head back down south to Jack Pines Pirates to finish the projects down there.

Executive Director - Dani Luce:

-Officially one week in! Happy to see that VASA has come a long way from where it was 6 years ago. She has spent a lot of time getting to know office staff, learning the ins & out of their & what they are currently working on. Also, looking into the budget for efficiencies etc.

She will be attending a Trails & Greenways meeting this week. FPR has mentioned that she will be nominated for chair of the Trails & Greenways Committee which she plans to accept as it is important to have a strong role in it. Other meetings will be with VAST, FPR etc.

One of the main discussions that have come up in the office are the Annual Meeting & the importance of planning ahead for it. Planning for a successful meeting should start as soon as the previous year ends. There is concern that there will not be enough time for Northwest Vermont Wheelers to plan for a successful meeting in July. There has been a lot going on in the VASA office so they have not been able to completely support NWVW properly. The office staff has come up with an alternative idea which she fully supports. It has been proposed to have the Billtown Wheelers host this year's meeting, which is closer to the VASA office. Billtown Wheelers is willing to take this task on. There is a venue available that is centrally located between 2 trail systems. The date that it is scheduled for may change due to the venue availability date.

Donations will still be needed from each club for the auction. Sponsorships will be still explored. Hoping to have a representative from every club present at the meeting. Judy MacCormack of Billtown Wheelers would love to sit down & meet with VASA for more info on hosting the annual

meeting. The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity for free PR and it is important that we all come together to show how important our sport is.

She reminds everyone that communication & transparency are very important to her. Feel free to reach out to her with any questions or concerns etc. She is available for any discussion etc.

-Doug Wheeler asks if VASA plans to do the Springfield MA show this year. Dani says that we will not be attending that event this year, and feels it is important to focus on getting VASA settled with all the important tasks that need to be dealt with in the office.

Additional Business:

- **Yankee Sportsman Classic - Doug Stone:**
 - He extends a huge Thank you to all that volunteered to help with it. Thank you to Jeremy & Gordon for setting it up on Friday. Thank you to Doug Wheeler & Tom Nazzewski for working on Saturday with Doug Stone and Thank you to Fred Elliott, Melissa LaBounty & Bruce LaBounty for working it and picking it up on Sunday.
 - On Sunday, a discussion was had about track riding with more clubs than one. A member wondered why there were limited options. He wanted us to ask about it at the BOD meeting.
- **Charter agreements - Jeremy Sneed:**
 - They need to be signed & handed in ASAP
- Doug Stone mentions that the letters for Clubs missing meetings will be going out soon.
- **Great Trails Workshop - Ethan Hill:**
 - Anyone interested in it? Would like at least one person from each club
 - He has a meeting set up this week to set up a potential date to host it, potentially in the Hardwick area, possibly in the September / October time frame. Will be a weekend event, potentially a Saturday / Sunday event.

A motion was made to adjourn by Steve Mosher, seconded by Lloyd MacCormack meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.