

Staff Report: March 2021

- Danny Hale: Executive Director • Ethan Hill: Trails Coordinator
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Finance/TAD: We will be direct depositing all online club dues to the club's bank accounts this year instead of writing checks. We have attached a form we need every club to fill out and get back to VASA HQ so we can get this set up **before April 1st**. (For monthly distribution, will also need club contact & phone number.) 2021 TADs, applications, and maps are available at VASA HQ. All membership materials will need to be picked up and signed for at VASA HQ by a BoD Representative. **PLEASE CALL AND SCHEDULE A TIME TO PICK UP.**

Note: Emily will be out on maternity leave, starting in two weeks.

Online sales will be live by the 15th of March.

Safety/Enforcement: Continuing to work with DMV and F&W on the helmet definition, we need one soon. We have also started working on our 2021 safety messaging with UVM.

No final answer on this yet. The agency of transportation has updated their process but seems to be the same as the old one at this time.

Trails: A couple of clubs have begun scheduling 2021 trail projects. If your club has work, you should contact Ethan and/or Danny. Work is continuing on the RTP projects. We have added an excavator mounted brush cutter to the VTMP program this year. We did have a chance to try it last fall and feel that in the right circumstances it will work well. It will cut up to 2" but works best on a little smaller. If your club has a section of trail that you would like to see how it works, please let us know ASAP.

TOW has been scheduled. Note: VASA now have a mower that fits on the excavator, works great for brush clearing on the trails.

Website: It's that time of year again. The office needs you to check out your club pages on the website and fill out the attached form if you have any changes that need to be made.

Other: We still are waiting to receive many signed codes of conduct forms back from the BoD. If you have not, please sign the attached code of conduct and get it back to the VASA HQ.

Membership/Events: Committee discussed that the trail work vouchers will no longer be an option once we go fully online next season. We need to come up with a new way to reward the hard-working volunteers in the clubs. This is an incentive from VASA but needs to be run through the clubs. The idea of giving out t-shirts instead of (money) was suggested. The consensus was that a gift rather than (money) would be more of a motivator for people to volunteer within their club.

Clubs to pick a member each year to be submitted for nomination.

We discussed club dues for the next riding season and how they need to be decided by the BoD.

The VASA BoD will need to decide on one fee for club dues for next year when we go fully online. Mike Cole suggests that the clubs meet somewhere in the middle of the current club dues.

This issue to be discussed at a later date to set an amount for 2022 season.

There is a poster being made up that can be hung up at POS and trail heads that suggests joining online and encourages everyone to use the Polaris Ride Command App with QR codes.

Posters are 11" X 17"

We discussed the plans for the annual meeting. We were thinking a virtual annual meeting in June to still stay on the safe side this year. Clubs are welcome to have a club ride after the annual meeting in their areas, but we won't be having a large gathering with a ride this year.

VASA to have a virtual annual meeting, tentative date is set for June 14th, more details to be discussed a

New Business: Mt. Washington ride for 2021, VASA has elected not to participate. Anyone wishing to go on their own can go June or September on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. You must schedule ahead of time; you can get information by going online. VASA is working with an Architect for preliminary exploration (permits, zoning etc.) at this time for an addition to the existing building. Danny will be starting trail work in Wheelock next week. Adam Lane thanked Danny for donating two side by sides for the softball tournament that VASA help sponsor. Act 250-much more discussions on this will be updated at next meeting.