

### **Staff Report: May 10, 2021**

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**Finance/TAD:** We prefer in person delivery and pickup of membership materials, however if you do choose to use the USPS, please make sure that there is a signature required both ways. Online sales to date are 1,060 Tads'. We will be mailing checks for the first couple of months as we haven't gotten everyone's electronic deposit info. Each club will receive an emailed monthly club TAD sales report with name, address, phone, email, date submitted. # of ATV's and club fees collected. The first batch will be for 3/21 and 4/21. We are continuing to work on the FY22 budget and will have a draft to share with everyone mid-May for approval at the June meeting. **A substantial increase in income will show due to next year all TAD's will be online.**

**Safety/Enforcement:** Continuing to work with DMV and F&W on the helmet definition, it is now back at the legislature. The draft has passed the house and is now in the Senate, we should have an answer by June meeting. **Sport helmet for side by sides and possible DOT helmets for all else.** 2021 safety messaging with UVM will be passed along soon.

**Trails:** If your club has work, you should contact Ethan and or Danny. Work is continuing, the plan of Bennington RTP project (**not going well**). WE have been forced to return the Pipersville RTP grant as the permitting and engineering cost have become prohibitive.

**Membership/Events:** Annual Meeting will be BOD in person (**only one member from each club**) and virtual for members, at VASA headquarters. In June meeting a 30-day notice will be sent to each member for the July annual meeting.

**Maps:** New maps for the club kiosks are in final stages are available at VASA HQ for pickup, they cannot be mailed.

**Old Business:** None at this time.

#### **New Business:**

- 1) **New VTRANS state highway crossing applications are available. Please contact Ethan to go over and check to see if active old applications need to be updated.**
- 2) **If anyone inquires regarding trails that can be ridden, just refer them to ride command as these are the only approved VASA trails. They should also check with each town for their ATV ordinances as all towns are different.**
- 3) **VASA is very adamant that all clubs use the same year opening and closing dates (May 15<sup>th</sup> for opening). The remark was made by Adam Lane that VASA may not fund any projects for clubs that do not comply.**
- 4) **If any club has revised trail closings or openings, please contact Ethan ASAP so that Ride**

Command can be updated. Facebook and Twitter information should not be used for opening and closing of trails as much erroneous information is posted and not verified.

- 5) Just a note Southern Vermont Trail Riders president Bill Ortley is relocating out west and George Barton is the new president.
- 6) VASA support the Vermont Sportsman Federation, and each club should investigate joining.
- 7) VORA, Motorcycle group and Jeep groups are not doing much and prefer to stay under the radar.
- 8) Dave Guilderdale will be returning to work for VASA within the next week or two.