Staff Report: September 2019

Stevens October 14, 2019 VASA meeting notes.

Danny Hale: Executive Director David Gilderdale: Trails Coordinator

Dani Luce: Operations Director Emily Hale: Business Manager

<u>Website:</u> As 10/8/19 we have sold 688 online memberships. We only sold 500 total last year so online sales are becoming more popular. We have not experienced any issues with the system this year.

<u>Membership:</u> Please remember to submit your memberships monthly, even if you do not have many. Also please remember that the policy is, you cannot have additional membership materials until you turn some in. The deadline to submit your 2019 membership material is at the December meeting, but it would be helpful if you submitted as early as possible.

Events: We would like to set a date for the annual meeting at the October BOD meeting. Please come with your calendars in hand so we can make that happen. We will also hear any proposals from interested clubs in hosting the annual meeting.

Proposed June 27, 2020 for annual event.

<u>Grants:</u> We have received our total reimbursements from the Safety grant and Great Trails Workshop. Those grants are closed. We are finishing up with dispersing the last of the extra kiosks. We will now focus on the pre-applications for next year's RTP grants.

<u>Office:</u> we will shift our focus now towards closing out this year's membership and getting material ready for next year.

<u>Trails:</u> We are in desperate need of all clubs to submit their landowner permissions, and copies of all town ordinances. Please contact David to schedule any trail work if need be.

Please submit paperwork for next year's trail work ASAP.

<u>Maps:</u> The time is NOW to start thinking about the 2020 map. Danny will begin the process, but if you have big changes, you need to start the process now. Please contact Danny for assistance.

<u>Law Enforcement:</u> We are still having law enforcement patrols but still are suffering from a shortage of deputies.

<u>Finances:</u> The audit and accomplishments report have been submitted to the state. If anyone would like copies of these documents, please let us know.

Employment: We have hired a trails assistant and a trails coordinator and our summer office intern has ended her internship.

Ethan has been hired as the new trails coordinator.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business:

- a) VASA is looking into purchasing another track truck. VASA will rent one for one month this year for \$4,000.00 with this amount going against purchase of proposed track truck for \$17,700. Using the track truck for one month will determine its condition if deciding to purchase.
- b) Loydd Church has attended three clubs meetings.
- c) Newport will be voting on allowing ATV's to use some streets next season.
- d) The governor attended a review event of the Bennington's club trail work within the National Forrest.