

Minutes from the November meeting of WRASC:

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. with 7 members present.

Secretary Report was read and accepted.

Treasurer Report was read and accepted.

Fund Raiser Committee: Candy bars are still available at meetings and events.

Ideas for a group fund raiser will be discussed at Jan. Meeting for Feb or March.

Event Committee : We have no actual events planned. Possible group fund raiser

in Feb. or March to be discussed at Jan. Meeting. VASA annual meeting on Jan 10th.

Publicity Committee: We have an article submitted for the VASA Holiday Newsletter along with several photo's of our last 4 rides. Sent Rutland Herald notice of our meeting for community events but it didn't get put into the paper.

Apparel Committee: Discussed if we should clearance our old shirts so we can get an inventory of new shirts. Group thought maybe at events we could. All new apparel available by order with a 1-5 day turn around for delivery. Xmas present anyone?

Just email Sherry or call her at 518-282-9781 or at Sherry12887@yahoo.com.

BOD Meeting: All officers attended the Nov. meeting in Barre, Vt. in Nov.

Topics were State VS Municipality on who has to prove that a historical road is a road. It is a continuous fight and an angle that the state did not think of when they passed it so land owners are responsible for proving roads. Where the state in several cases pending is the landowner and now do not want to do the footwork and says that the municipality in the land area is responsible though they are not the landowner.

VASA Maps- We talked to Danny Hale and everyone is being held up by the college.

They have not gotten the maps to Danny - hence we have no maps to put our trails on.

Since this time - We have talked to Danny and will be meeting with him at Dec.

Meeting in Barre to get some kind of map onto the VASA Map so all of our trails are accounted for.

We also brought up the subject of Day Passes to VASA Board and it was not taken to by many of the board because they didn't want to deal with it. It was stated that in the past it had been mentioned but was set aside and never looked into farther. We pushed the issue to be discussed and we found that as long as the landowner agreed to having invited individuals ride and we used a version of Hartford Club's waiver and required copy of Registration and Insurance that there was no problem of us having a day pass to invite non-members for events to get them to try our trails and maybe join. Other boarder clubs liked the idea and asked us to pass on what we do to them. We are still going to pursue this for VASA to pass as a state wide pass and not up to us to do individually at the club level.

VORA Meeting- Danny Hale got elected as Secretary of VORA. Steve Carlin is Vice President. Billy Baily is elected at a member at large. Main goal of VORA is going to be get their name out to local communities and offer assistance to local town board for disaster help. VORA is a club that promotes riding and access for off-road 4 wheel drives, Jeeps, ATV's, and other off road vehicles. It is a club VASA used to be against but now has joined forces with and has acquired positions on the board to help VASA's interest in what they do.

Closure Dates - It is complicated deal because of landowner permissions at different times. VASA wants universal dates and have clubs post actual open and close dates.

It has no real advantage and just makes things even more complicated.

Jan 10th is VASA annual meeting. Want each club represented and have their banner displayed. Would like also to have each club to have hand-outs about their club. 2010 Meeting would like for a club to Host the meeting. So it can be in another area of the state then just Barre.

Trail Report: All trails closed until after hunting season Dec. 15. Danby Mt., Dutch Hill, and Woodlawn all state that riding can resume after hunting season until snow is too deep.

Riverside Farm remains closed - though work is still taking place on them to remove beaver dams which have been pulled repeatedly. Also mention that we will need to replace bridge next season. We may have a culvert that will work and also have a possible lead on another to be donated.

Old Business:

Tom's Canopy Top: Tom and Dave have measured the tarp and lost the measurement. So Tom brought the top and Dave is to re-measure it and give Sherry the numbers so the top can be ordered.

Trail Maps - as stated above met with Danny Hale and working on problem.

New Business:

Suggestion to do Trail Maintenance Schedule ahead to season.

Work on gathering more information on trails over winter season.

Look for a gravel pit where aggressive riders can use up energy. Possible one in South Wallingford. Steve Dike - engineer on train is a contact. The North Country club has one and it really works well for them.

Voted to cancel Dec. WRASC club meeting since the holiday's and not much will be accomplished.

Albert Sanbourn has a small tractor with implements has offered to help with trail maintenance.

50/50 - Not held due to only 7 members present.
Adjourn at 8:27 pm.