

Connecticut Valley Sno-Riders  
Minutes to the Meeting for April 21,2012

Vice President Brad McVetty called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with 21 members present for the Annual Dinner Meeting. to end the 2011-2012 season. A delicious meal was had by all.

**Secretary's Report:** was read and accepted as written

**Treasurer's Report:** was read and accepted ( Motion to accept Allison Rogers -second by Linwood Mixer)

Mary reported **that the total number of TMA's sold** this season for **the club was 250, and that includes 12** volunteer TMA's. With 3 volunteer TMA's returned to VAST. This season's sales are down approx. 25% from last year. Mary reported that the majority of the TMA sales were from early birds.

**Trail Master's Report:** Dennis reported that Kassbohrer has done the regular maintenance on the groomer. Bert reported that one panel will need to be replaced due to cracks caused by vibration. Kassbohrer should be replacing the panel for free to the club. Bert reported that the groomer ran very nice during the season.

Dennis reported that the average number of weeks that the VAST trails were groomed this year was 7-8 weeks.

CTVSR groomed for 9 weeks this season out of a possible 16 week season.

Dennis reported that he and Linwood Mixer attended the 14th Annual Spring Construction Seminar in Barre earlier in the day. Dennis reported that trail signing was one topic discussed. It was reported that VAST is going to change the signage when coming to an intersection. The major trail approaching the intersection will have the right of way and no stop sign. Feeder trails will have stop signs at the intersections. **VAST is recommending that at each intersection have the following information: intersection number, corridor route number and direction accompanied by a directional arrow, the next trail intersection number along the anticipated route of travel accompanied by a directional arrow.** VAST purpose for changing the signage is to get consistency on all trails in the VAST trail system.

Dennis reported that 57% of the 2011-2012- contract was fulfilled.

Dennis reported on potential trail work that needs to be done before the upcoming season. The Route 1 bridge, at the big culvert, has to be looked at. The club will have to check with Plum Creek to see what, if any, their intentions are for that bridge. There are misc. stream openings, possible trail closing into the town of Guildhall, the trail leading down to Vermont Route 102 to DeBanville's Store needs major work, and debrushing.

Dennis reported that all Construction Grants need to be in to VAST by June 1st. VAST will not be paying for "handwork". Work being paid for must be "mechanized".

Brad McVetty reported that the stone culvert on the railroad bed needs major repair also.

**County Meeting:** motion was made by Linwood Mixer and second by John Orlowski to accept the minutes as written.

John Orlowski reported that he has created a power point presentation on the Courtesy Patrol for the season. John Orlowski, Jay Thietten, and Norman Gallant(?), covered thousands of miles for this patrol and had a few stops that helped riders out on the trail. John suggests that the patrol starts earlier next season. Look at what the primary role for the courtesy patrol will be as this was a learning season for them . Ray Dubriel had said John and the patrol did an excellent job this season. A big Thank You goes out to John for heading this program up.

**Old Business:** Mary Stewart, Nancy Desrochers, and Sam Gorham were the nominating committee for new officers for the 2012-2014 seasons. A written ballot was passed out. **Results of the election of new officers for the 2012-2014 seasons were: President-Linwood Mixer, Vice President- Brad McVetty,**

**Treasurer- Mary Stewart and Secretary-Jana Marshall.** Congratulations to all.

Mary reported that the minutes to the last meeting have now been posted on the website. A total of 2312 hits to the website were recorded this season.

Linwood Mixer reported that putting the club on Facebook was a good idea and got the club "happenings" out to more people along with the website.  
Mary read a Certificate of Appreciation, that VAST sent to the club for donating \$100.00 to the Military Ride-In.

**New Business:** Mary reported that the club sent a card and flowers to Jay Thietten while he was in the hospital recently. Jay sent a Thank You and said he was on the road to recovery!  
Valerie has passed around a list of food items needed for the **Mother's Day Breakfast** to be held on **May 13th** at the Guild Hall.

The date for the VAST Annual Meeting is September 8, 2012.

It was suggested that the club by-laws be reviewed and possibly updated if needed. A motion was made by Bert Desrochers and second by Linwood Mixer to form a committee to look over the club by-laws. The committee will be made up off John Orłowski, Nancy Desrochers, Lee Stewart and Mary Stewart.

The first club meeting for the CTVSR this coming fall, will be on Sept. 15, 2012.

Incoming President Linwood Mixer asked Dennis Bacon to once again be the Trail Master for the club. John Orłowski to once again be the director of the Courtesy Patrol, Mary Stewart to be the director of the TMA sales, and Jay Thietten to represent the club at the county meetings.

It was suggested that a date be set up to discuss upcoming trail work that will need to be done this fall. Dennis will send out an email.

A gift was given to outgoing President Allison Rogers for his years of dedication to the club. **Thank You Allison!**  
Motion was made by Linwood Mixer and second by Allison Rogers to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Jana Marshall

Recording Secretary