

VHC 2020 BOD ASSIMILATION & GOAL SETTING

Feb 9, 2020 @ Brown Public Library, Northfield VT.

Meeting called to order at 10 am by president Heidi Krantz.

Attendees: Robin Simpson, Heidi Krantz, Sharon Stearns, Amy Bidell, Jane LaGard, Jean Audet, and Jeannette Cole were present. Sue Miller and Sue Etsy joined the meeting at approximately 11 am. Absent were Jim Nickerson and Gloria Bruce.

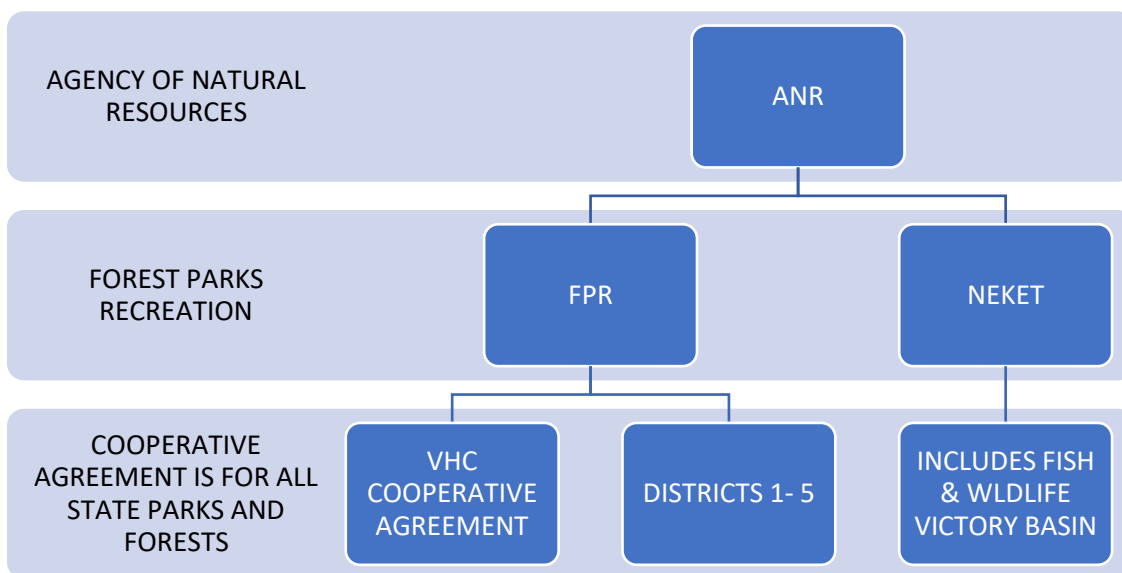
Introductions were made around the room.

Heidi reviewed Non-Profit Board members responsibilities and then she reviewed the VHC PowerPoint ("Unified Equine Voice") that is used when presenting to local riding clubs. This was done as an overview and grounding place for all BOD present.

Heidi reviewed VTGC – Vermont Trails & Greenways Council which acts in an advisory capacity. "The **Vermont Trails and Greenways Council** (VTGC) is an independent advisory body that works with the **Vermont** Agency of Forest Parks and Recreation (FPR) to support **Vermont Trails** and Outdoor Recreation. ... Our primary **mission** is to ensure that people will always have access to the **trails** and landscape of **Vermont**." Jean Audet, BOD attends meetings on behalf of VHC.



Heidi reviewed VOREC (VERMONT OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMIC COLLABORATIVE). "The VOREC steering committee's purpose is to engage with businesses, government, the nonprofit sector and the public to identify specific outcomes that promote business opportunities, increase participation opportunities, and strengthen the quality and stewardship of our recreational resources." *See voting members of the steering committee in appendix of these minutes. VHC is NOT a voting member. Jean Audet represents VHC at these meetings.



The group participated in a working lunch which included ideas to further awareness of VHC and to drive membership. We also talked about fundraising ideas, the need for representatives for all of the 5 ANR districts in order to meet the requirements of the ANR agreement and the need for more active members for all of the committees. Heidi passed around a sign-up sheet where each person present recorded their area of interest.

There were several items on the agenda that we did not get time to review and those will be taken up at the next meeting. We all decided to meet the 3rd Thursday of each month by phone at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeannette Cole, VHC Secretary/Treasurer

****Voting Members***

The VOREC Steering Committee will be made up of 15 voting members appointed by Governor at the recommendation of the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation in consultation with the Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development ("ACCD"). The voting members represent a diversity of outdoor recreation interests.

Appointed voting members include:

- Michael Snyder, Chair (Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation) Stowe, VT
- Josh Hanford, Vice Chair (Agency of Commerce and Community Development: Department of Tourism and Marketing), Randolph, VT
- Mike DeBonis (Green Mountain Club) Moretown, VT
- Hal Ellms (Pinnacle Outdoor Group), Middlesex, VT
- Karrie Thomas (Northern Forest Canoe Trail), Waitsfield, VT
- Josh Ryan (Timber and Stone, LLC), East Montpelier, VT
- Shelby Semmes (Trust for Public Land), Warren, VT
- Cindy Locke (Vermont Trails and Greenways Council/Vermont Association of Snow Travelers), Barre, VT
- Marc Sherman (Outdoor Gear Exchange), Burlington, VT
- Drew Simmons (Pale Morning Media), Waitsfield, VT
- Abby Long (Kingdom Trails Association), East Burke, VT
- Bill Supple (Mammut), Richmond, VT
- Frank Stanley (VT Traditions Coalition/Traditional Hunting and Fishing interests), Monkton, VT
- Sarah Lang (Southern Vermont Economy Project Manager, Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation), Brattleboro, VT
- Jeanne Gervais (Island Pond Chamber of Commerce), Island Pond, VT