Annual dinner March 26, 2018 Minutes

Andy Shinn opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Business side: reviewed last year’s budget with expenditures and voted on proposed budget that passed 100%.

Dave Wallstrom presented the Rutland City Parks Foundation which is a non-profit, incorporated to support specific city projects. They will get support from local businesses for specific projects that Rutland Rec and DPW have identified. Also will be reaching out for grants and doing some cold calling.

Moved on to Pine Hill Partnership’s review of 2017.

 Maps-by end of 2018 we will have distributed 37,500 maps

 Built Jigsaw-1450’ of trail

 Southern Cross

 Corner on Underdog

 Svelte Tiger corners got a little TLC

 Evergreen Falls had more rerouting done

 Hour Glass bridge pulled up out of the water

New business:

 New trail from Sore Elbow/Jigsaw intersection to top of Upper Halfpipe is roughly 3800’.

 Trail counter for solid user data for grants, economic study

 History by Mary Ellen Shaw is started and will be comprehensive in one place

 Grooming trails in winter. Bryan Sell talked about Snowdog, raising money for one, would be for multiuse users. There will be an education/outreach part to folks. Maybe fat bike festival in conjunctions with MTBVT which is a media company.

Next up were our guest speakers:

 Ben Colona from KMBC discussed their new website and new trails going in at Gifford Woods. 13 miles of new trail this will take a couple of years to complete. Velomont Trail in early stages from Killington to Stowe, Pro DH race in early August, Bike Bum series. Ben mentioned VMBA survey said number 1 suggestion was a long point to point trail; number 2 are more beginner trails.

 Matt Baatz from GMT had a great story to tell:

 Peter Kunz from Slate Valley reviewed all their projects going on in various places

 Claus Bartenstein discussed VT Adaptive coming to Pine Hill Park to show us what these bikes are capable of and potentially being part of a wider spectrum with Disabled Sports, who could potentially use Pine Hill Park as a one day training segment.

 Shelley Lutz: West Rutland Town Forest update. Mary Ann Goulette town manager is hoping Velco takes on the board walk across the swamp.

Long Range Plans:

 Killington Valley Trail-from Pico to Pine Hill Park. Working with various stake holders. We are in the very early stages of this process.

 Trail will be 16-20 miles long.

 Ideally we’ll be able to connect to the Velomont trail in Killington.

 Will give hikers from AT a sustainable trail to get to Rutland

Grow membership, bring friends have them join, recruit.

Shelley mentioned that YES Plan and Youth Works could overlap on June 17th, 18th. Means 60 people up in the woods with sharp tools

Share Ideas-open discussion:

 Joel Flewelling talked about Marble Valley running group that runs Saturday’s and Tuesdays-trails to ale

 Andy Paluch asked about income in the budget and how our budget grows from year to year-about 10%/year.

 April Hayden discussed Little Bella’s and coming to Rutland through Rutland Rec

 Tom Horrocks brought up the E bike discussion to hear what the take was in the room.

 Class 1 is pedal assist

 Class 2 is a throttle with max speed of 20mph

 Class 3 is throttle with engine and needs to be registered

 Erosion is a concern due to torque

 Local bike shops are selling E bikes like hot cakes

 Would it get more users in the park?

Board of Director elections: Andy Shinn asked if anyone from the floor wanted to be involved. No.

 Peter Kunz nominated our slate of: Joel Blumenthal , Claus Bartenstein, Tom Horrocks, Dave Jenne, Shelley Lutz, Bryan Sell, Peggy Shinn, Andy Shinn.

 Karin McGrath seconded the motion.

 Voted whole board in.