

## VHSA Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.



Present: Barb Brody, Lt. Al Fortin, Lt. Kevin Geno, Allison Laflamme, Evelyn McFarlane, Ture Nelson, Alexandra Breyer, Chris Norton, Daniel Kirkpatrick, Mario Dupigny- Giroux, James Lockridge, Bill Jenkins, Aleigh Jerome, John Flannigan, Mary Catherine Graziano, Patrick McManamon, Rachel Noyes, Christina Schechtman, Sue Hoxie, Roger Thompson, Mandy White, John Lynch, Paul White, Joe Arduca

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The meeting was called to order by Lt. Kevin Geno at 9:04 a.m.

- Vote to accept VHSA board meeting minutes from December 2021: Lt Fortin made a motion to accept; seconded by Evelyn McFarlane. No discussion. Unanimously approved.
- No election of officers necessary as current board officers will continue in their roles. All terms end in December 2023.
  - Chair: Kevin Geno
  - Vice Chair: Barb Brody
  - Secretary: Dan Goodman
  - Treasurer: Al Fortin

### VHSA Executive Director Updates

- Safe Driving for Fleets: Requested board members and partners to forward any contacts for fleet managers to Sue
- #SafeDrivesSaveLivesVT PSA Contest: Sue reviewed activities to date. We've received record sponsorship at \$4,100. Sue will distribute a proposed prize hierarchy to the planning committee.
- Impaired Driving Summit:
  - The summit will proceed as an in-person event
  - Email reminder will be sent to pre-registered attendees who signed up for Fall 2021 date
  - Likely that the VDTSEA attendees will attend virtually
  - Sue to research hybrid options and associated costs
  - Agreed to permanently move annual conference to spring
  - Recognition awards for VHSA board members will continue at annual conference
- Annual awards: SHSO's preference is to present safety awards in the fall.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Total assets of \$1,561.18
- Insurance bills paid so that certificate of insurance could be submitted with the FY22 grant contract
- Vote to accept Treasurer's report: Barb Brody made a motion to accept; seconded by John Lynch. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

## **2022 Sponsorship Opportunity with Thunder Road**

- VHSA will not pursue proposal submitted by Thunder Road
- VHSA will pursue sponsoring a driver—someone who can interact with young drivers, driver educators, outreach on VHSA's behalf.
- Requested board members and partners to forward contacts to Sue.
- CIOT signs are still in place from past sponsorship, but in disrepair.

## **Crash Statistics & Trends**

- Per Mandy White 2022 fatalities are already trending higher
- Still waiting for some data on 2021 fatalities. Numbers of unbelted, impaired, speeding, and total number of fatalities all higher than previous years.

## **Partner Updates**

- Local Motion: Mary-Catherine Graziano. Just ran a winter walk to school day event on February 2nd to encourage students to be outside. Events through March. Over 30 schools participating this year.
- VDH: Alexandra. Working closing with many partners for the Walk/Bike Summit. Extended date for proposal to present. Opportunities for Law Enforcement at the summit. GHSA sent out announcement about deaths rising across the country. Webinar on Safe Systems approach is coming out. CPS group has set up two classes this year—Vergennes and St. Albans. Reach out to Sid Bradley for more information
- DMV Enforcement: Pat McManaman. Justin McLane now the new contact for driver educators and schools. Adding the advanced rider course to the curriculum for the spring. RE: CDL drivers. There is a pilot project for CDL drivers for younger drivers 18 to 21. Pilot states are issuing licenses without restrictions for driving intrastate (18 to 21 year olds) Looking to fill driver shortages

## **Presentations/Discussions: Christina Schechtman, SADD Regional Manager: SADD 101**

- Now known as Students Against Destructive Decisions. Current four chapters in Vermont, but there may be others who aren't registered. Used to be a cost, but no more.
- Heavily involved in traffic safety
- Looking to have VHSA on board as a partner to connect with Vermont constituents
- SADD recruits student members, and chapters are formed in schools, and other entities
- SADD can enhance what VT already does. Free access to resources that they have
- Nationwide trainings and conferences.
- Leadership development opportunities

- Work with TextLessLiveMore
- Email Christina for more information ([cschechtman@sadd.org](mailto:cschechtman@sadd.org))
- Sue to connect Barb Brody and Christina

### **Adjournment**

Lt Al Fortin made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Evelyn McFarlane seconded.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 13, 9:00 a.m.