

VHSA Meeting Notes

VHSA Board Meeting

August 5, 2020 Wednesday 9:00 – 10:00 am

Present: William Bohnyak, Pat Murray, Norma Griffiths, Bill Jenkins, Rachel Noyes, Kevin Geno, Tara Thomas, Roger Thompson, Mandy White, Paul White, Nancy Andrus, Stephanie Busch, Barb Brody, Ann Gammell, Al Fortin, Christopher Lynch, Dan Goodman, Karen Yacos, Jay Riggen.

Notes: Evelyn McFarlane

William Bohnyak – Chair
Vacancy – Vice Chair
Barbara Brody – Secretary
Vacancy – Treasurer

9:00 Welcome/Chair Updates William Bohnyak

- Vote to accept VHSA Board minutes for June 2020
Meeting notes were accepted as written.
- Discussion of Vacancies: Chair and Secretary terms end in December. Vote for new executive positions at December Board meeting. In need of a treasurer immediately. Al Fortin has accepted position as interim treasurer as nominated by Kevin Geno. Position from now until December. Vote approved and accepted.

Welcome to Christopher Lynch, the new Driver Education Coordinator, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, Enforcement and Safety Division

9:10 VHSA Coordinator Updates: Evelyn McFarlane
Lake Monsters contract for highway safety social media at events.

Workshop for evaluation and assessment of the SHSP process is tentatively scheduled in October (Oct 22 tentative) More soon, and a save the date to come.

Extension on filing taxes for VHSA 2019 financials. VHSA 2019 taxes are being prepared currently by Associates in Accounting. Evelyn will share and post (on Website) the final documents once complete.

9:20 Treasurer Report: Evelyn McFarlane – Balance : \$3,597.50 (\$500) designated for the PSA contest. SHSO BSU grant funds are being used for the social media ads. There will be a balance of un-used funds due to cancelled events. There is no word yet from the BSU on approved funds for FFY2021

9:25 Partner Updates: VHSA Members

Barb Brody: Update on schools. Public schools start Sept 8th. Drivers ed will resume with limited classroom contact and virtual classes. Virtual professional development starts in the fall. Barb to send info the Evelyn for posting on the Website for the schedule. Discussion of back seat passengers. Low percentages for people buckled in the back seat. When belt laws are primary, the backseat percentages increase.

Stephanie Busch, DOH: Car seat program has started again with car seat fitting stations with social distancing guidelines. DOH has also started car seat technician training program. Sid has developed guidelines that are being used by other states as well.

Bill Jenkins: Upcoming Labor Day Campaign - 8/21 to 8/27. Stressed importance of campaign given the stats for fatalities in VT recently.

Discussion of high fatalities over the first weekend in August. Discussion of speed and cell phone use as an issue, and increased enforcement to help deter these behaviors.

Tara Thomas: Reported on VT as one of a few states in the US chosen for an impaired driving rate study. Vermont exceeds the national average. There will be a series of conferences with the GHSA on the collection of data and approach to impaired driving.

9:30 Adjourn



[Call for Posters – How to Make Rural Roads Safe for Everyone:](#) Posted on July, 20th 2020

The National Center for Rural Road Safety invites students, researchers, and professionals to apply to present at a unique virtual poster session entitled How to Make Rural Roads Safe for Everyone.

Poster Topics - The theme for this poster session was purposely left broad to allow for a wide range of potential poster topics. We invite you to talk about everything rural road safety from

research to evaluations to deployment to innovative techniques. Topics could include, but are certainly not limited to,

- noteworthy practices on the road to zero,
- safe road users,
- safe vehicles,
- safe speeds,
- safe roads,
- post crash care, and
- inequities/disparities in road safety, especially having to do with rural settings.

Poster Session Details

The How to Make Rural Roads Safe for Everyone Poster Session will be held during the 3rd National Summit on Rural Road Safety on Thursday, October 1, 2020 from 12:55 – 1:55 pm Central Time.

Include:

Info on VSP Project

Bike and Pedestrian Flyer

August 2020 NHTSA Impaired Driving Info

Driving Seminar info from Mary Catherine

DOH Fitting stations: Due to COVID-19 many fitting stations are closed, however some are open. <http://www.beseatsmart.org/permanent-car-seat-fitting-stations.php>

