

VHSA Meeting Agenda - Draft

VHSA Board Meeting

*June 3rd, 2020 Wednesday 9:00 – 11:00 am
Team Meeting*

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Present: Nancy Avery, James Baraw, Sidney Bradley, Stephanie Busch, Chris Conway, Mario Dupigny-Giroux, Allen Fortin, Ann Gammell, Kevin Geno, Bill Jenkins, Allison Laflamme, Evelyn McFarlane, George Merkel, Pat Murray, Rachel Noyes, Richard Wobby, Jay Riggen, Megan Rigoni, Tara Thomas, Roger Thompson, Mandy White, Paul White, Ted Minall, Barb Brody, Eric Grunfeld, Michael Allen, Joe Arduca

9:00 Welcome/Chair Updates William Bohnyak

- Vote to accept VHSA Board minutes for February 2020

9:10 VHSA Coordinator Updates: Evelyn McFarlane

Donor contribution to the DMV selfie zone, photo zone project, high school students. The donation was made on behalf of the VHSA. The date of the ceremony to be announced.

802phonesdown!headsup! – Was postponed. Discussion of whether to open it up immediately for students who have already produced the videos to submit, or wait until the fall. Following discussion, it was decided to postpone all entries and participation until the fall.

Cancelled Events – Walk to End Distracted Driving, Hartford, RAVE. Rutland State Fair, CVF. In addition, the EMS group has cancelled their conference.

Events still waiting to hear from – Lake Monsters (assumed that will be cancelled)

Ongoing – Social Media Campaign – Rachel Noyes heading this up with Place Creative, Burlington. Focusing on CEA’s, Occupant Protection, Bike Safety, Speeding and Aggressive, Distracted, and Impaired Driving. Hoping to launch in July. Jon Kaplan was included for Bike and Ped stats.

Update on possible Executive Director position: Upon hearing from the BSU Grant, NHTSA funding, **IF** the Exec Directorship funding is approved, the VHSA will reopen the job search for an Executive Director for FFY2021.

Review of grant proposal for FFY 2021 – And grant balances from FFY2020

The VHSA Annual Meeting: Discussion on how to proceed. Plan a virtual event, or in person event, and when. Consensus is that the networking is important thus the in-person event is preferred. Decision was made to postpone until spring and hope for a robust attendance. Majority of board vote to postpone and run the conference independently in the spring. Date and venue to be determined.

Data report from Mandy. Slightly higher fatality rates & 50% seatbelt usage in fatalities. Many states seeing an increase in fatal crashes and given the lower VMT, the rates are possibly even higher. LE confirmed that outliers are more common for excessive speed given the open roads and light traffic. State Police will be starting with OP and DUI grants starting in June.

9:20 Treasurer Report: Beg Balance: May **\$3,439**. Ending Balance for June 1st. **\$1,737**.

9:25 Partner Updates: VHSA Members

Barb Brody VDTSEA: Discussion of opening of the DMV road testing and training using PPE and sanitizing precaution measures. Agency of Education proposing to waiver the required time behind the wheel with certified teachers. VDTSEA is pushing back on this measure.

Doug Masson: AARP. All classes have been cancelled and AARP classes are on a holding pattern

Ted Minall, NHTSA: CIOT pushed back from Memorial Day to November 16th to the 29th with the traditional border to border event. Six State Speed reduction campaign has been postponed indefinitely. Annual DRE conference, will be held in San Antonio. Almost all events are tentative. Across the Nation speeds are up. LE agencies in all states are looking forward to getting back to normal

Roger Thompson, Federal Highways: in April, VTrans was notified that Vermont met the 5 safety performance measures. Lag is 2 years behind. (2018 stats).

Paul White, LEL: Vermont noting high speeds. Public has reacted to the reduction in highway enforcement. (campaigns that have been cancelled) Vermont LE did plan a

Memorial Campaign, with emphasis on Speed. There was good participation. Recaps can be shared. Permission granted from NHTSA to spend Federal funding on breath testing devices. A bulk purchase of 285 are currently being distributed.

Abbey Beerman, UVM: TXTUL8R event(s) cancelled indefinitely.

Karen Yacos, Local Motion: Moved training to online training. Would like to collaborate with Barb's group. Working with Police training. Developing *Pass with Care* signage for buses or perhaps lawn signs. Message, respect community. (neighbors). Can share the campaign info at next meeting. Discussion of increased use of bikes, with new people using the roads in alternative ways. Looking at temporary bike lanes and crosswalks.

Mike Allen: ADTSEA, 3M: Continued outreach with NE states. Spring meeting in Maine Oct 7th. Will be back in VT next year, goal to work with AGC. Working with guardrail training, paving marking, signing and work zone training. Looking forward to more events here in VT. Doing more online training,

Sid Bradley, DOH: Child Passenger Safety: Certification Class in Grand Isle, June 24th to 27th. Includes COVID safety measures. Have submitted some COVID 19 procedures, to open up some of the fitting stations. Hospital stations for CPS fittings have continued.

Richard Wobby: AGC: Discussed Steer Clear, multi month program, with DD for career technical centers. 500 contacts, and 8000 social media engagements. (before COVID hit) Will be starting programs again in the Fall. In Feb had a pro driver refresher event for CDL drivers.

10:00 Legislative Updates: Jake Elovirta: Highway Safety related items have been trimmed down. [Bill S339](#) – out of Senate, communicated to the House Transportation committee. Bill on the Website to review.

10:15 Presentation: Plugged In, Safe Driving Ecosystem, Eric Grunfeld

Distracted Driving APP incentive.

11:00 Adjourn