

CRAG-VT BOARD MEETING

January 8th 2019 – 80 Bay Rd, Shelburne VT

In Attendance: Rob, Travis, Mischa, Tim, Roderick, Andrew, Kris, Emily

Absent: Seth, Andrea, Steve

Guests: Greg Kuchyt, Dennis Delay, Kel, Claire, Pete, Phil England, Albert, Ben, Adam

Start Time: 6:35 **End Time:** 8:14

BOARD BUSINESS AND GREETINGS

- Treasurer's Report
 - o Kris to get report from Andrea.
- Thanks to Mischa for the meeting space. Great place!
- Kris and Ben are going to speak more about Crag supporting climbers in Southern Vermont. Ben believes if Crag approaches Southern VT climbers that they would be receptive in working with us to help conserve climbing areas in Southern VT.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Education and outreach

- Steve Charest
 - o December 27th working in Smuggler's Notch when cleaning his own gear at workout wall and relying on pre-existing gear. Gear failed. 40 ft fall and 30 ft slide. Pretty severe head trauma, left extremities and abdominal. Able to stand up on right leg.
 - o Forensics ongoing.
- Dennis Delay has been speaking with Bolton Fire Volunteers about getting them trained for rescues in local recreational areas. The volunteer firefighters are sometimes getting lost when trying to respond to emergencies. Dennis will give the volunteers tours of local crags to aid.

Membership

- 13 members, \$495

Access

- Pete and Kris met with Craig Smith at Diocese about Rock Point for annual meeting
 - o Increased to 14 climbers at a time
 - o 2-3 new climbs will be allowed this year

- New routes to be allowed by permit. Crag to oversee permit process on behalf of Diocese and include Diocese in process.
- Put up application on website. Use social media to promote application. Pick a day when everyone goes down and discusses new routes as a group.
- Include Bob Zaino for opinion on local ecology.
- Recommend specific hardware types such as glue ins
- o Crag to work with Diocese on placing new signs to direct climbers to crag. Existing signs are mostly gone.
- o Crag writing a new MOU to send to Diocese for next year and write a check for \$500 to Diocese for continued access.
- Bolton Dome
 - o Kris emailed DRB last week and waiting to hear back
 - o DRB meeting is 1/24 in Bolton at Town Office at 7:30
 - o Crag to apply for Access Fund grant
- Use momentum for East Side, Ethan Tappers land, Bear Trap

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Smuggs Ice Bash 1/25 - 1/27
 - o Green Mountain Club Visitor Center on Saturday and Sunday
 - o Kickoff Party at Petra Friday