

CRAG-VT BOARD MEETING

November 5th 2019 – Vermont Land Trust

In Attendance: Rob, Tim, Mischa, Roderick, Andrew, Kris, Seth, Andrea, Steve, Emily

Absent: Travis

Guests: Keese, John, McKinley, Kel, Chris Olson, Shawn Jerecki

Start Time: 6:40 **End Time:** 8:45

BOARD BUSINESS AND GREETINGS

- Treasurer's Report
 - o Grant awarded from Access Fund
 - o Grant awarded from REI
- Crag VT Bylaws
 - o Add in section 4.11 something to notify members of fee changes X days in advance
 - o 4.12 Add a minimum number of committee numbers (3 or more)
 - o 4.12 Board needs to establish a budget for a committee upon formation or each year
- Should CRAG add a paid Executive Director Position
 - o Executive Director – Non voting board membership
 - o Board hires ED
 - o ED to maintain better accounting, apply for grants, recruit members, run events
 - o Kris to put together more information about yearly finances, talk with LCOs with Mischa and continue investigating feasibility
 - o What does CRAG growth look like? Where are we in 1, 5, 10 years?

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Membership

- Over 250 Members!!
- Need to advertise member benefits better

Access

- Bolton Dome
 - o Ty Tyler and Mike Morin (from Access Fund) and CRAG did a walk through of the Dome with Bernie Sanders staffers as part of Access Fund climb the hill campaign
 - o Ty and Mike are planning to send a professional crew to make trails at the Dome next year
 - o Seth received quote for \$36500 to do easement for Dome property. Stewardship endowment of \$25000 and additional funds as Bob is concerned about parking situation. Similar conserved properties do not have this concern
 - o Kris to talk with Access Fund about easement quote
 - o Emily will write report to AF describing how AF grant will be used
- Quarry Plowing
 - o Do not plan to plow quarry this year. We need a plan to plow year after year if we want to start plowing again
- East Side
 - o Kris spoke with Ethan Tapper about building a parking lot and trails. Kris to work with Ethan on details
 - o Property has a new owner. Mischa to contact new owner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Flatbread benefit bake raised \$450. Will do again next year. October 27th 2020 will be next benefit bake
- Skinny Pancake has similar event.
 - o Kel connected to Skinny Pancake and they are interested as well. Can have a keg provided to raise additional funds and live music as well. We can decide to charge a cover for live music as well. Kel to set up date around late March early April on a Friday night if possible and investigate music options
 - o Mischa to investigate beer
- Reel Rock at Petra Cliffs 11/7
- REI Event 11/14
- Dark Horse Comp at Metro 11/16
- Reel Rock at UVM 11/21