

Meeting Began: 6:35

Board Present: Tim, Kris, Mischa, Dana, Roderick, Andrew, Seth, Pete, Travis, Andrea, Steve, Keese,

Absent: Rob

Visitors: Andy, Levi, Eric

Congratulations to Mischa who is a new Dad with baby Hazel Tourin!!

Treasurer's Report:

- \$8,000 check from REI received
- Quarterly taxes paid
- \$500 check for Lone Rock Point given to Pete C.
- Account at ~\$43,0000

Board Retreat

We're going to reschedule for later in April to try and get some rock climbing done. People seem to like the idea of it being in the NEK.

Lone Rock Point

- Another positive annual meeting. Craig Smith is stepping down so Pete and Mischa met with his replacement(s) Paul Habersang and Chuck Courcy .
- CRAG-VT continues to have a strong report with LRP folks.
- Erik brought up the trail erosion which was a good lead in to possible proactive work CRAG-VT can be doing. Possibly moving toward one trail instead of two down to the cliff and do some rock work for erosion control. This could be a spring priority.
- The kiosks are in need of updating
- The website has some misinformation about Lone Rock
- Discussion was had about the benefits of adding sign-in boxes to other CRAG-VT properties and the data we could draw from it. Board seems generally in agreement these could be a good idea if simple and quick.

Member Benefits

- Kris, Andrew and Keese will start reaching out to local businesses for possible connections for members.
- Food/Drink places in Richmond were talked about as being a good place to start.

Bolton Quarry Plowing

- Abundant conversation had about the pros and cons of plowing
- VOTE: To plow the quarry driveway at an expected cost of \$100-\$300 per year noting that the UVMOC has offered some assistance and with the caveat that a spring mud season plan is drafted.

1. **In Favor:** Dana, Mischa, Keese
2. **Opposed:** Kris, Travis, Roderick, Seth, Andrea, Pete, Andrew, Tim
3. **Abstentions:** Steve
Motion Fails.
Short discussion about signage which will be installed soon.

Bolton Dome:

- Check to Access Fund cashed - \$20,000 - Loan balance is \$63,000
- Kris will pursue work on the easement with Joe S. at Access Fund

- A neighbor is interested in selling their land for a possible parking lot. It's an unlikely option but Mischa will pursue further details.
- Seth will be applying for AF grant and another grant source that wishes to remain anonymous this spring

Southern VT:

Seth will be heading down in the spring to do a site visit. Some discussion about what a southern chapter might look like. Seems that folks might come together around a project similar to the way CRAG-VT was founded around Upper West.

East Side:

- Seth talked to Pierre who is seems hesitant about a public access easement
- Turns out public access easements are quite rare opposed to conservation easements
- Seth is talking to someone about doing a site visit/estimate which Pierre was ok with
- Work should continue with Ethan Tapper to see what his land has to offer and to get a proposal in front of the Access Fund for funding toward a parking lot/trails to the existing crags on Tapper's land.

2020 Vermont Climber's Fest:

- Not much to report yet but just a reminder that volunteers are welcome!

Bear Trap:

- Committee will reach out to land owner and start conversation
- Reminder to not engage with JS in the process.

Paid Position:

- Kris will start a quickbooks account so we can have a handle on in and out
- Put numbers in front of the board for a discussion. Possibly at retreat?

Upcoming Events Summary:

- February
 - Local Shmo Slide Show: Kris Fiore (Feb 28)
- March
 - Benefit Bake at Skinny Pancake (Mar 13th)
 - Board Retreat (Mar 21st)
- April
 - Pretty Strong Movie at Petra
 - Spring Kickoff?

Other Business:

- Kris is starting conversations with land owners around Bone Mountain for trail work and everyone laughed at him because they are mean people.

Note: These were written by Kris Fiore in Rob's absence and were from recollection after the meeting ended.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:40pm