

## **CRAG-VT BOARD MEETING**

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – Vermont Land Trust

**In Attendance:** Tim, Mischa, Seth, Roderick, Dana, Keese, Travis, Rob, Kris, Andrew

**Absent:** Andrea, Pete, Steve

**Guests:** John, Justin, Andy, Danny,

**Start Time:** 6:30pm **End Time:** 8:30pm

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### **BOARD BUSINESS AND GREETINGS**

- Grants
  - Project specific grants discussed in Committees

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

#### **Membership**

- 312 Members currently
- 92 Paypal subscribers left
- Member benefits
  - 34 businesses to reach out to

#### **Education and Outreach**

- Climber Parking discussed in Access section.

#### **Stewardship & Access**

- Bolton Quarry Parking
  - Bolton Town Clerk contacted Kris about parking on Green Mountain Drive
    - Kris has a phone call scheduled to talk to clerk. How can we support the town here? Can the town put official no parking signs? Crag wants to support the neighbors and town here. It is difficult for us to implement a complete solution because Crag doesn't have any authority over this parking area.
  - **Kris** to reach out to Access Fund about parking issues
  - **Mischa** to add Tow zone sign with number

#### **Committees**

- Bolton Dome (Kris)
  - Easement Call tomorrow with Access Fund
  - Grant Funding - Submitted application to Access Fund, Rivendale
  - Mischa applied for grant with VYCC to do trail work, and Ben and Jerry's Community Grant
- Southern Vermont Committee Formed (Danny, Seth, Travis)
  - Shatterack Forest LLC owns some of the land where the cliffs are on near Ball Mountain

- They have yearly meeting in November and they are considering posting their property line
- LLC consists of a few family members own the Shatterack forest land. They are aware of climbing happening on their property. They are concerned about climber impact to the property and liability
- Talked with Army Core of Engineers, Dale H. Barkness
  - No existing climbing policy
  - Very open to working with Crag to develop a climbing policy
  - Army Core would like Crag to reach out with next steps
  - **Kris** to email Army Core quickly
- There may be a third property owner on the southern cliffs
- Consider sharing Lone Rock Point report with landowners and Army Core
- Motion to Start Southen Vermont Committee, Seconded, All present vote yes
- East Side Committee (Seth, Travis, Mischa, Kris)
  - Seth spoke with people about buying a public easement
  - Working on details of a public access easement
- 2020 VCF Committee (Voting members: Roderick, Mischa, Keese, Dana, Volunteer members: Emily H, Gwen R, Claire T, Levi L, John C, Brandon M, Alek)
  - First meeting on 3/10 @ Mischa's house
- Bear Trap Committee (Travis, Seth, Pete, Andrew, Keese, Mischa)
  - No updates
- Paid Position Committee (Travis, Seth)
  - Mischa spoke with Executive Director of Access Fund about things that are going well and where they have had problems. Lessons learned
  - Mischa will share information with board and Andy
  - Fellowship of Wheel may have a paid position. Would be good to reach to them as well

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Board Retreat, April 5th, Northwoods Stewardship Center
  - Climbing Saturday and Sunday during day
  - Board planning Saturday night
- Women's Adventure Film Tour at OGE March 5th
- Pretty Strong Movie at Petra March 6th
- Climber's Crepe Night at Skinny Pancake March 13th
  - Podium Traverse Challenge from 7:30 to 8:30
  - 8:30 Haley Jane playing live music

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Tabled at Ascent film tabled
  - Was good to interact with community
- Local Schmo Presentation
  - Kris did a presentation at Halyard
  - 20-22 people turned up
  - Positive reception from people who attended