

CRAG-VT BOARD MEETING

October 6, 2020 – Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Kris, Andrea, Rob, Andrew, Roderick, Mischa, Tim, Seth, Dana, Pete, Steve, Keese, Travis

Absent: None!

Guests: Kevin Lutsky, Ryan L, Joe Sambataro, Andy Salo, Jordan Rowell, John Casari

Start Time: 6:30pm **End Time:** 8:50pm

BOARD BUSINESS AND GREETINGS

- Bone Mountain owner has changed hands. It has an easement for climbing however, it is now owned by Penny Hill Maple, run by the forestry legacy coordinator from the state, there will be a large scale sugar bush near Bone Mountain. Kris will do a site visit in the next couple of weeks to review the location of the access trail. New owners are okay with formal trail work.
- It is okay to do trail work to 82 from the land manager Adam Taschereau as long as we aren't using heavy equipment.
- Update from Mischa regarding Mt. Horr access in conjunction with the state. There are rare plants in the area, the forest recreation specialist of the state along with the NEK GMC is excited to work on a trail around Black Mountain which could be used as an access trail for climbers and potentially primitive camp areas. Black Mountain is increasing in popularity and it is very good climbing. Open invitation for Crag VTers to attend the walk-through on IP Day to help represent climbers to the state and GMC.
- Upper West neighbor has reached out to Crag VT about trails coming from Crag property onto his property. Seth/Trav/Kris to follow up more with a neighbor as well.
- Seth mentions that we have not been successful with grants recently.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Committees

- COVID Response Team
 - No updates
- Bolton Dome (Kris)
 - Joe Sambataro from the Access Fund introduction. Here to help discuss how to manage the easement.
 - Kris would like to break down votes onto specific issues and then a final vote on the easement. Reminder there is no need to finalize the language on the agreement for the Dome now.
 - Joe has provided drafts and templates for Crag VT to consider in regards to how to integrate Abenaki needs into the easement.
 - AF draft allows Crag VT to open a separate user agreement with the Abenaki without involving AF.
 - A motion was made to vote on the easement. A motion was made to postpone that vote.
 - Continued discussion around the need to continue to discuss. Motion is tabled.

- A motion was made to vote by secret ballot. This has never been done so it needs to be investigated. Mischa is going to look into the practical methods of having a secret ballot vote.
- Southern Vermont Committee Formed (Danny, Seth, Travis)
 - No updates
- East Side Committee (Seth, Travis, Mischa, Kris)
 - No updates
- 2020 VCF Committee (Voting members: Roderick, Mischa, Keese, Dana, Volunteer members: Emily H, Gwen R, Claire T, Levi L, John C, Brandon M, Alek)
 - 2020 VCF Committee Report (Total raised from event: \$6,619.16!)
 - Clinics: 10 Clinics Run, 40 Participants
 - Main Event: 146 attendees (74 drive-in tickets, 72 watch from home tickets)
 - Stewardship: 4 Trail Days, ~40 Participants, Trail completed to Summit (roughed in, may need additional work in certain spots down the line), Work begun on Railroad Gully (AF team builds for long term, great start and will be a slow process. Hope to get the Regional Team for a long stint next year)
 - Competitions: Sign ups: 25 Rope comp and 10 Bouldering comp (though about half submitted scorecards)
 - Silent Auction: Raised \$3,843 (~53% of total MSRP for items. Online format paid off as that percentage is significantly higher than the in-person silent auction)
 - Terra Incognito Campaign: \$1,295 raised during festival (now at \$2,334)
 - Raise your glass to thank the Festival Committee for pulling this together. To Phil for his tech work, Roderick for putting together clinics and web design, Levi for creating awesome competitions, Mark for being a trail boss, Emily and Mischa for their logistical coordination, and everyone else who pitched in to help design the creative adaptation this year and for making it happen!
- Bear Trap Committee (Travis, Seth, Pete, Andrew, Keese, Mischa)
 - No updates
- Paid Position Committee (Travis, Seth, Kris, Rob)
 - No updates

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/12 - Black Mountain Walk
- ?? - Bone Mountain Walk

OTHER BUSINESS

- None