

CRAG-VT BOARD MEETING

February 2, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Rob, Mischa, Hunter, Andrea, Travis, Lauren, Christian, Kris, Pete, Sam, Steve, Seth, Anna

Absent: Roderick

Guests: Phil England, Becky Wilson, Andy Salo, Kell Rossiter, John Casari, Jake, Richard Katzman

Start Time: 6:30pm **End Time:** 8:20pm

BOARD BUSINESS AND GREETINGS

- Treasurer Report
 - AF payment for Dome loan has been received
 - Payroll is up and running
 - Richard Darby paid for Dome easement work
 - Mischa reimbursed for December membership drive expenses
 - Anonymous grant received
 - Donation from OGE for group discount week received
- Joe Sambataro has resigned from AF to work with another non-profit
 - **Kris** - Put together thank you card for all of Joe's work with Crag
 - Leave at Petra desk so people can sign?
- Roderick Membership report
 - 383 Active members
 - See full report for additional details
- Executive Director Report
 - See report for details
- Executive Director Logistics
 - Announcement made
 - First day, Thursday January 14
 - Contract signed
 - Position Management, (Officers/ED/Board)
 - Voting Powers were never officially decided
 - ED is a non-voting position
- Lone Rock Annual Meeting coming up
 - Meeting next week with Diocese. Pete is putting together a report.
 - Fundraiser to pay for annual dues ongoing, but has already surpassed funding goal for 2021
- Application for retroactive reinstatement of non-profit status has been submitted and fees paid
- JEDI - Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion
 - Several people reaching out to Kris about Crag's interest in JEDI work
 - Potential Grant
 - <https://vermontcf.org/our-impact/programs-and-funds/nonprofit-capacity-building/>
 - **Hunter** to review potential for bringing in a consultant to talk about DEI

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Stewardship & Access

- Peregrine Falcon nesting failure at Prospect Rock.
 - Travis to lead a discussion between Crag other local organizations to give input from Crag about how climbing organizations handle area closures for peregrine falcons.
 - Pete interested in assisting
- Bolton Quarry Parking
 - Parking is legal by telecom hut (do not block hut)
 - Neighbors concerned that plowing is more difficult with cars parked there
 - Smilie not allowing parking during school hours due to COVID
 - **Hunter** to reach out to principal of school about parking
 - Potential to park by Bolton Valley Access Rd
 - Neighbors have still lodged complains even when road to quarry was plowed in the past
 - A closure will always be needed for mud season
 - Lease dome lot during winter and use that for parking?
 - Hill up Champ lane may require increase maintenance
 - Should lot be plowed?
 - Cost was ~\$600 per season last time it was done
 - Kris makes a motion that Crag VT begins plowing the driveway this season. Seconded
 - The motion passes
 - **Christian** to solicit quotes for plowing
 - **Mischa** will support continuing dialogue with neighbors
 - New signage to be added. **Mischa** to coordinate
- Black Mountain
 - VOREC state grant applied for
 - Forest Parks and Rec interested in managing Black Mountain with Crag

Committees

- Bolton Dome (Kris)
 - **Kris** followed up with neighbor about boundary line. Crag to put a sign up at Terra Incognita to let users know where boundary of Crag VT property is.
- Southern Vermont Committee Formed (Danny, Seth, Kris)
 - Site visit on April 16th with Holly Knox at Forest Service to discuss climbing opportunities and land mangement
 - Potential for VOREC grant
- 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)
 - No updates
- Bear Trap Committee (Travis, Seth, Pete, Mischa)
 - No updates
- Member recognition committee (Kris, Hunter)
 - Similar to sharp end of award? What is the process for the sharp end award?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- None

OTHER BUSINESS

- No updates