

CRAG-VT BOARD MEETING

March 9, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: None!

Guests: Kevin Lutsky, Jordan Rowell, Brian Espe, Matt Severson, Dr. Katzman, Phillip, Kel Rossiter, Jasper

Start Time: 6:30pm **End Time:** 8:35pm

BOARD BUSINESS AND GREETINGS

- Treasurer Report
 - See treasurer report
- Roderick Membership report
 - 381 Active members
 - See membership report for additional details
- Executive Director Report
 - Budget created
 - New Committee Structure and Cliff Stewards discussed
 - **Lauren** to create google form to probe board members' committee interests
 - Events discussed and Vermont Climbing Fest in more detail
 - Board generally agrees that we should be working towards a 'normalish' in person even.
 - Take precautions similar to last year on monitoring pandemic in case this is not possible
 - See report for additional details

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Stewardship & Access

- Emergency Rescue Partnerships and Willoughby Rescue Cache
 - Travis has given digital guidebooks to Stowe Rescue and Richmond Rescue and can help in that way with more people and organizations
 - Rakkup guidebook contains GPS coordinates of cliffs and route names. Rakkup guide only contains rock routes
 - Ice routes are on mountain project to an extent
 - Some crags are well known by rescue agencies, some are not.
 - Kel is happy and excited to work with more rescue organizations to help them understand the available resources and how to use them to make other areas known to rescue agencies
 - Ben Mirkin has been putting up both caches, stocking it and taking it down
 - Kel to reach out to Ben about how he is currently managing it
- Quarry Parking
 - Two cars towed in front of power station last weekend

- Peregrine Falcons
 - Travis doing virtual education with GMC and Margaret Fowler about peregrine falcons
 - www.greenmountainclub.org/calendar-outings-events/
 - March 17th
- Black Mountain VOREC Grant
 - Mischa has updated, waiting on state to open applications
- Barre Quarries
 - Mischa has reached out to Millstone trails association
 - VMBA, Disc Golf, VAST all currently working with Millstone
 - Mischa did walk through for rock and ice climbing potential
 - Most interest is on Rock of Ages land, but Rock of Ages not very interested in liability due to cliff jumpers
 - Town land has potential for ice farming
- Lone Rock Annual Meeting
 - Happened last month
 - Meeting went well
- Shelburne Pillars
 - Working group convened to discuss the cliffs
 - Last year Mischa and Pete and Ryan Rossi and Andy Salo had zoom calls to try to put together access strategy
 - Pete talking with homeowners association that owns some of the cliff
- Ethan Allen
 - Town is interested in working with Crag to promote climbing at Ethan Allen in Burlington
 - Project needs a leader
- Kiosks
 - We have a large stack of sign in sheets from kiosks
 - Needs to be processed
 - Can we go digital to reduce paperwork? Use QR code?
 - Have raffle at end of year to encourage participation? Need to make sure we aren't incentivizing people to game system
 - **Kris, Roderick and Phil** to meet about QR codes
 - Pete would like to bring this to Lone Rock to reduce data entry burden
 - **Kris** to make sure sandwich boards go into kiosks
 - This could be a great responsibility for a cliff steward

Committees

- Bolton Dome (Kris)
 - **Kris** to investigate if parking lot is ready for opening on 3/15
- 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)
 - No updates
- JDEI
 - Hunter looking for additional members interested in participating
 - AF grants require a JDEI policy

UPCOMING EVENTS

- None

OTHER BUSINESS

- No updates