

CRAG-VT BOARD MEETING

May 4, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

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

Absent: Pete

Guests: Katelyn, John Casari, Jordan Rowell, Kel Rossiter, Andy McMillan, Dr. Katzman

Start Time: 6:30pm **End Time:** 8:15pm

BOARD BUSINESS AND GREETINGS

- Treasurer Report
 - See treasurer report
- Roderick Membership report
 - 408 Active members
 - See membership report for additional details
- Executive Director Report
 - Website updates nearly finished.
 - **Travis** to write up 2-4 sentences for climbing on state managed lands like Smuggs, Pisgah, Wheeler, Marshfield.
 - Access Fund loan extension request submitted. Awaiting reply. 6 year repayment plan proposed
 - Athletic Brewing Grant
 - Just heard JEDI and non-profits lead and we are eligible to apply
 - Organization is excited for us to apply
 - Due 5/31
- Dr. Katzman asked if Crag has a reimbursement policy
 - Current policy is unwritten and that expenses should be pre approved by board
 - Crag should consider writing formal policy
 - **Kris** has action to write down a policy and send out for vote

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- New committee structure established
 - It is recommended that initially each committee meet at least once a month to establish a committee structure and then meet on an as needed/desired basis.
 - Chairs bolded. Some chairs TBD.
 - Consider merging Stewardship and Events committee, at least for now.
- Access (Anna, Mischa, Pete, Sam, Seth, **Travis**)
 - Formative meeting held.
 - Annual meeting with ANR being scheduled
 - Black Mountain management plan written up. Plan needs to be submitted to logging company that manages land.
 - VOREC grants are approved by the state government

- Application timeline TBD
 - Access committee reviewing near term access projects and evaluating projects for grant applications
 - Potentially partner with Town of Bolton to develop more parking for access
- Management plan for climbing on National Forest land has been submitted. Meeting with Holly Knox on 5/10
- Reach out to City of Burlington to let them know about Crag Vermont
- Development (Anna, Andrea, **Lauren**, Rob, Roderick, Seth)
 - 2 membership drives per year
 - Major donor survey
 - Anna and Andrea to lead corporate partnerships
 - Rob to lead grant management
 - Mischa, Seth, Kris have written grants for Crag and other orgs
 - Developing a narrative is about what they are asking. How grant is written really depends on how grant is written
 - Ann Lazak grant ghostwriter has some good how to material
- Events (Hunter, Lauren, +Volunteers)
 - Currently planning Spring Kickoff event
 - Saturday June 5th
 - Trailwork lead by Stewardship time
 - Social climbing time
 - Food and Drinks
 - Walk and Talks
 - At Quarry
 - 2-4 board members to manage table over the event
 - Mischa happy to if it doesn't overlap with trail stuff
 - Hunter will do in morning
 - Seth
 - Travis
 - Tabling material refresh
 - Weekend of 9/18 for climbing festival
- JDEI (Andrea, Anna, **Hunter**, Kris, Travis)
 - Analyzing route names and crag names and places
 - Andrea putting together database of local outdoor and DEI organizations that we can potentially partner with
 - Anna is talking with Western Mass Climbers Coalition
 - WMCC doing listening sessions to listen to marginalized communities tell their stories about climbing
 - Kris, Lauren, Hunter putting together JDEI statement for Crag
 - Next steps is to put together a list of action items
- Stewardship (Christian, **Mischa**, Steve)
 - Went over goals and charter
 - Large turnout to the initial meeting.
 - Discussed historical involvement and what future involvement should look like

- Try to build a more scheduled approach to stewardship events like days with LRP, green up day, normal trail days, etc...
- Developing master plans for trail needs
- Is there a chair?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- See events committee

OTHER BUSINESS

- No updates