

CRAG-VT BOARD MEETING

February 6, 2024 – Zoom and at Mammut

In Attendance: Deane, Phil, Kristen, Julia, Gene O, Mischa, Lauren, Seth

Absent: Rob, Pete, Steve, Matt, Sam, Joey

Guests: Andrea

Start Time: 7:05 pm **End Time:** 8:15 pm

BOARD BUSINESS AND GREETINGS

- Treasurer Report
 - See treasurer report for more info

- Executive Director Update
 - Most non-grant fundraising comes directly from memberships
 - Events are a close second
 - Corporate sponsors round out third
 - Phil is looking into ways to gain interest on our savings
 - Phil and Lauren are reviewing taxes for payroll
 - Move Forward Vermont
 - Need to get the word out for people to fill out survey
 - Please fill out operations calendars!

- Membership Report
 - See membership report for more details

- Board Business
 - Meeting with the State
 - Hadn't happened since before 2020/ had new state employees who needed to be updated
 - Talked about future projects
 - They were concerned about a rare fern - route removal is underway thanks to Travis
 - The state might continue to have questions about the process of route development and the lack of restrictions
 - Ice bash recap
 - Awesome raffle == lots of money raised for CRAG - shoutout Asha!
 - Dark Horse Comp
 - Stoke from metro management about outdoor community stewardship collabs with CRAG
 - Board Retreat - March 3rd
 - Session topics
 - Food coordinator volunteer- Kristen *Action item * (chili?)

- Absent: Matt, seth, sam?, steve
- Kingdom Climbing Weekend (Labor Day - 8/31-9/2)

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Stewardship (**Joey**)
 - Black mountain plan
 - Draft sent around- look at it and give edits by the 16th
 - The state has put in funding for 5 weeks of trail crews
 - Apply for access fund grant — Deane is on it
 - Parking lot fee for the dome?
 - Composting toilet???
 - Back mtn *** best option since we have deets
 - Ice park feasibility study?
 - *Action Item* - look at the specifics of the grant to see what we can apply for
 - Uvm climb club spring project
- Access (**Matt**)
 - UWB parking update (Lauren)
 - \$3,000 a spot based on the estimate Matt got
 - Maybe makes more sense to increase parking at Preston Pond? – longer approach and more other user groups & would have to work with the town
 - *Action Item * Reach out to the town to see if we can make a connector trail from Preston Pond
 - *Stewardship Day Action Item – trail day to connect Preston Pond Trails to Rose area of Upper West so we can advertise it as overflow?
 - Important to secure access to the approach trail before we invest significantly in that parking location
 - *Action Item for Matt* — look into maintenance costs of culverts over time
 - GMC might want to help? They are prioritizing working on the section from Notch road NE
 - Notch Road Bouldering
 - *Action Item * - GD write some frontcountry/ backcountry social media blurbs to send to Lauren before we roll into the Spring Bouldering season
 - Bolton Recreation Survey
 - Lots of reasonable comments about recreation & managing assets
 - No negative comments about climbing
 - Ice Park working group & feasibility study (Mischa)
 - Working group forming - reach out to Mischa
 - Andrea & Deane are interested!
 - Engineers(hydrologists?) & GIS/ mapping skills requeste

- JDEI ()
 - Members will be added during the March 3 Retreat

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Meeting with 82 crag owner on 2/21 @ 10 AM >> Rescheduled for June TBD

OTHER BUSINESS

- None