

CRAG-VT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday October 7th 7pm – WebEx

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Meeting number (access code): 2342 250 8916

Meeting password: mpVVtWhD242

In Attendance: Steve Charest, Mischa Tourin, Joey Catania, Sean Neely, Matt Bresler, Deane Calcagni, Phil England, Julia Vitale

Absent: Seth Maciejowski , claudine safar, Kristen Fiore

Guests: Matt Furtch, Andrew Morin, Rebecca Roman

Start Time: 7:05pm End Time:

BOARD BUSINESS AND GREETINGS

- Vermont Land Trust Presentation (Rebecca Roman)
 - Non-profit conservation organization – holds and manages conservation easements on properties owned by CRAG-VT (protects land forever) — Landowner gets PAID by VLT for the development rights (based on appraisal) – conservation easements only reduce the value if you are selling to a developer
 - 2004 conserved “Bolton Quarry” (2.4ac added on additionally in 2011)
 - 2004 management plan & 2004 overflow parking area approval)
 - 2010 conserved “The bolton cliffs” (upper and lower west) 23ac
 - Primary purpose – recreation
 - Secondary - forestry wildlife flora & fauna etc.
 - Both easements outline:
 - Restricted uses
 - no residential commercial or mining
 - No third party agreements (unless approved)
 - No billboards, dumping, excavation or extraction
 - No manipulation of water courses
 - No motor vehicles
 - Permitted uses
 - Recreation
 - Mgmt plan must be approved by vlt
 - Maintain trails and routes
 - Events (and we can charge fees for them)
 - Permits or licenses authorizing use
 - public access
 - Minor variations between easements

- Bolton cliffs
 - Two composting toilets on the property (with restrictions)
 - Special Treatment area– forest management etc. restricted in the area
 - Bolton Quarry
 - Construct and maintain a parking area for no more than 15 spots
 - Construct and maintain approved minor structures and 1 composting toilet (with restrictions)
 - 2.4ac add on in 2011 (carcass crag)
- When to contact VLT — CRAG-VT can Rebecca directly through Executive Director
 - Updates revisions and amendments to management plans
 - New third party agreements
 - Updated forest management plan
 - New structures (kiosks don't need approval but we should notify VLT)
 - Forest management activities
 - New trails
 - Parking area changes
- *The Access Fund holds an easement on the Dome * so this is the third easement on a CRAG-VT property, it just wasn't covered by Rebecca since it is not through VLT
- Treasurer Report
 - Difficult to compare to this month last year, some years we settle up more fest things in Sept, some months more in Oct
 - The fest probably about broke even, we are on track to spend more than we make this year (which is what we budgeted for this year)
- Executive Director Update
 - LOTS of fest planning
 - FPR + black mtn work upcoming
 - Investigating an intern position
- Membership Report
 - Will send via email
- Board Business
 - 30 second fest financial report
 - Attendance was about average
 - We made less than in the past but thats because our sponsorship money was 1/4 or 1/5 th of what it was in the past

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Stewardship (**Sean**)
 - Black Mountain
 - Northwoods currently working on trail from Invisibilia to Black Dreams
 - Did site visit and waiting for quote on parking lot work

- Dome
 - Hermit Woods will do work at the Cave Route the last week of Oct.
 - Stone Stair training is Nov 1. Please sign up if you're interested. Limited to 10: <https://forms.gle/8JKNxxweR6oNAHKRA>
- Walkthrough with Kathryn Wrigley of FPR for Bog Wall & Pit Crag 10/22
- Site Visit for Eagle Hollow trail inventory is 11/7
- Access (**Matt**)
 - East side temporarily stalled
 - Bolton Bouldering – EXCELLENT new access / ethics resources
 - Bear Trap - call for info...
 - LRP - Jasper new steward. 3 year meeting is scheduled for 11/3
 - Call to replace fixed Dome lines - Cloud9 and Bat Cave
- Community (**Julia & Joey**)
 - Focused heavily on festival preparation the last two months
 - Survey is live!
 - Next Community climb next Wed the 15th @ Burly Bloc
 - Focus on integrating more of the community in crag
 - Next meeting is october 13th at 7 at Petra
- Finance (**Deane**)
 - 2026 development plan in progress
 - Grant outreach & recaps, Athletic Brewing, Access Fund?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Climbing Film Fest at Main Street Landing this Saturday the 11th
- November 8th – slabapalooza climbing event at Petra Cliffs– if anyone wants to spend part of the day tabling and hyping up how much great slab we have in VT talk to GD, even just a couple hours later in the day would be rad, bonus if you have a slab themed game to host while tabling

OTHER BUSINESS

- Festival Recap Presentation (**Mischa, Phil, Deane**) --- pushed to next month