

# CRAG-VT BOARD MEETING MAY 2026

May 5th @ 6:00-Social      7-8:30pm Meeting

In Person at **Metro Rock**

OR

Via WebEx Join meeting link:

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Meeting number (access code): 2342 250 8916

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**In Attendance(members welcome):** Steve, Geneo, Georgia, Claudine, Lauren, Mischa, Deane, Andrea, Phil, Julia, Sean, Matt, Joey

**Guests:** Jenn, Amy

**Start Time:** 7:12pm    **End Time:** 8:15pm

## BOARD BUSINESS AND GREETINGS

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- **Introductions**
- **Adaptive Climbing Discussion with adaptive athlete/guest Amy MacDonald**
  - Is there a way climbers can get off the ramp that has been built by crag-vt?
    - Now that we have built this ramp what can we do to make it more accessible
    - This is the most frequently accessed climb for climbers with accessibility issues
    - Rungs?
    - Bolted on holds on the rock?
    - How do we make it so that we aren't pulling climbers up the wall
    - Amy suggests chipping out some foot holds
      - The first 6 feet of the climb is very cruxy
    - Phil suggests that nobody would be too bothered if we went and manufactured the routes

- Mischa says that some people might think this is a bad practice and this is why there is some debate around it
- Phil adds that this is not Yosemite this is the Quarry and that we should go forward to alter the route in order to continue to support the adaptive community
- Joey adds that the community committee will be placing a sign describing the ethics of the situation and explaining why this specific route is being altered to assist our adaptive climbers
- Deane adds that he thinks adding bolted rock holds would be the best instead of drilling out better foot holds because he wants to make sure people understand that there is a very specific purpose for altering these routes and this approach might make it less repeatable
- Working with Real Rock Holds in order to help us build holds out of the green schist already in the quarry
  - Geneo has a contact with them
  - Look into grants for this project
- Bringing in a consultant to help us with adaptive situations
  - Possible grant situations
  - Current issue is funding
- Need a plan regarding
  - How many holds?- 8-10 each
  - How many routes? -2 climbs with 6 feet bolted on each
  - Connect with Vermont Adaptive

#### **Treasurer Report (Phil)**

- Monthly Total Revenue: \$8,345.49
- Monthly Net Revenue: \$3,371.35
- Yearly Net Revenue: -\$17,946.45
  - A lot of this was fundraised last year and needed to be paid to contractors
    - Overall we are almost even for the year!!

#### **Executive Director Update (Mischa)**

- Attended the Access Fund Advocacy Conference
- Spent a lot of hours on Mellow Film Tour
- Plans to amp up festival stuff this month and planning to launch registration by summer kickoff !!
- Bolton outdoor film night
- Continuing Chospile and behind the name series !

#### **Membership Report (Georgia)**

- [May Updates](#)

#### **Board Business**

## Committee Updates

- Community Committee (Joey & Julia)
  - Community climb at the Dome on the 21st of May!
    - Metro if it's raining :(
  - Festival planning meeting next Monday at Julia's house
  - Projects being worked on throughout the group!
- Stewardship Committee (Sean)
  - Summer KO (6/6)
    - Will reach out to board members to lead trail crews
  - July Trail Day (Sun 7/12)
    - Lone Rock Point
    - Details to come
  - Economic Impact Analysis - Pro Bono by CRO Planning + Design
    - For climbing at crag owned climbing areas
  - Trail Counters
    - Submitted AAC grant application
    - Pursuing loaners from Access Fund
      - Trail counters are also lended out by Fund Advocacy Conference hosts
        - Look into Chattanooga
- Access Committee (Matt)
  - Deer Leap update
    - For sale, still on the market
    - Conversations have been had with them
    - Owner is interested in the continuation of climbing
  - Nichols Ledge
    - Possible acquisition
    - Fact finding currently
  - Wolf Run
    - Bouldering and rope climbing
    - Owned by Jericho Underhill Landtrust
      - Reached out and haven't heard back yet
      - Protected land but not sure about climbing development yet
- Finance Committee (Deane)
  - Matt working with Mischa on Annual Fund
    - First week of July roll out
    - Social before board meeting, envelope stuffing party
      - Stamps and personal letters

## Upcoming Events

- BHS day -6/5 (Julia, Matt, ??)
  - At Burlington High School there is a year end studies program
  - Alternative learning
    - Classes that teach different skills
    - Crag day where someone from crag talks to the students about stewardship and access
- Summer Kickoff - 6/6
- Bolton Outdoors - 6/6
  - Humble Schist
  - Best Day Ever
  - Tickets by donation
    - Split money between the two organizations
- Next meeting - 6/2