

VPC Board Meeting Minutes  
5/14/2014 at Bluestone in Waterbury

Present: Alden, Tony, John, Paul, Ben, Ryan, Chris, AJ, Mike

- Calendar
  - Novice Clinic: June 7-8
  - Class II Clinic: July 12-13
  - Creeking clinic in June... maybe mid-June? If no water could keep bumping it back 1 month all the way until fall. Will is now ACA Level V certified and could run this.
  - Summer potluck - July 20. Could set up a Little River release.
- Bow & Stern (Alden)
  - Lots of trip reports are coming in
  - Should have it ready before potluck
- Website
  - Mike says it looks great
  - Tony thinks it still needs work.
  - Hosting: Godaddy is still the cheapest. Has Tony gotten reimbursed for hosting fees?
  - 100 message board posts/week in April
- Releases
  - Transcanada: Will set of flow study at Hartlands. Possible constructed feature in Bellows Falls. Could be really good for playboating in that area.
  - West: Have meeting set up w/ ACOE, VT ANR, VPC, NEFlow, AW, etc. Mark Moore will be attending on behalf of VPC. Hoping to get runoff-delayed releases. Spring releases are still going to be tricky to get.
- Onion River Race
  - June 7th. Noah Pollock is putting this together to benefit the Friends of the Winooski.
  - Hoping for some VPC involvement. Ryan will include this in the President's Letter.
  - It conflicts with the class I clinic, but some VPC boaters will be able to be there.
- New Haven Race VI
  - Ryan says: We Won! 52 registered, 46 raced. Things went really well.
  - Mike said that a lot of folks have been saying the New Haven Race is the best race event in the Northeast.
  - Ryan would like to cut costs, and thinks there are several ways.
  - UVM is no longer particularly involved, per Mark and John. Mike says he thinks participating in the race is good for UVM too and would like to see them back.
- Novice Clinic (Paul)
  - Has permits, need to do insurance certificate.

- Needs to get gear together. Umiak and Clearwater do not have much of a demo fleet anymore. Mike recommended talking to UVM, St. Mike's, or Johnson.
- Instructors are Jim P, John A, Ken Emery, Chris, Jamie, Andrew, Brian, possibly Ben or Ryan.
- Need to work on publicity.
- Paul wonders if in the future this should be done in May, as June is a very busy time of year.
- Facebook page
  - Somewhat dormant, needs work.
  - Tony and Chris are admins, but could add others. Folks should keep trying to post things to it as much as possible.
  - Catharine was willing to work on this as well.
- Class II clinic
  - Ought to reserve some nearby sites. Woodford State Park is a nice one.
  - Scheduled the same weekend as Deerfield Fest. It was concluded this is probably a good thing.
  - Tony will get online registration set up
  - Going to be \$40 just for instruction. No lunch or camping.
- SWR Clinic
  - Ben will check calendar and see what works. He is going to the Grand Canyon and will then be working weekends, so it will be tight.
- Next meeting: just stay in touch as necessary