

VPC Board Meeting Minutes  
August 25, 2014 at The Reservoir in Waterbury

Present: Ben, John, Hugh, Ryan, Chris, Mike

- Finances
  - Hugh: We have \$3100. ACA payments for the class II clinic, and club insurance have not yet been paid but are coming due
- Class II Clinic
  - Chris: Had 8-10 students and a couple folks instructing. Students generally progressed well
- Gear
  - Not being used much. Maybe sell some stuff to make money back. Keep paddles and Protec's. Sell LC1 skirts. Consider purchasing PFD's. NRS, Stohlquist, Astral and Palm may have a club discount available. Ryan will check in with his industry contacts.
- Membership
  - Picked up more members last fall, but still a lot of folks that boat a lot around here but aren't members.
  - Still offering free membership to members of local college paddling clubs
  - Online membership payment is not yet set up, per concerns about payment fee, etc. We should just set this up since the small payment fee will likely be offset by more people renewing their membership. We can do this at least on a trial basis. The board is OK with this.
- Website
  - Chris: Tony is working on it, and wants to have it done by Jan 15th. GoDaddy is changing something technical so it should ideally be done by then.
- Bow & Stern
  - Alden will still do this.
  - Need to add trip reports. Mike is the only one who has been paddling this summer so will add some.
  - Class I and II clinic leaders need to put in trip reports
  - Gottlieb needs to add Stikine trip report
- Fall trip planning - folks should organize some trips here and there - and hopefully update the trip calendar
  - Ottawa: JimP
  - Westfest - last weekend in September: Ryan
  - Moosefest - October: Mike
  - Dryway - October: Mike
  - Dead River - 1st weekend October: Ben
  - Sprite Creek? - Ryan recommends this run
- New Haven Ledges Race VII
  - First weekend in April on Sunday, following Sunday is backup date

- Organized by Will, Ryan & Ben
- Race would like to purchase about 60 race bibs - about \$1000
- Plan would be to pick up some sponsors for that. The committee is looking for *local* sponsors... i.e. folks like GM Coffee, Long Trail Brewing, etc.
- SWR Rescue clinic/sesh
  - Worth doing in the fall?
  - Available only to trip leaders, general club membership or public?
  - Ben will consider
- Releases/stewardship
  - West - Had first time-shift weekend release a few weeks ago. Supposedly 40+ people there. Hopefully a 2-day release for Westfest this fall, but not certain
  - Missisquoi - Now a release-volume basis, not a release-day basis. Have not used a ton of it so far this year. People other than Mike are allowed to get releases on this run. Hopefully more this fall.
  - Green - MWL is not as cooperative anymore, even released without telling anyone this summer. Licensing is waiting on State of VT review letter. Powers that be are generally in favor of releases.
  - Hartlands - Did flow study, good spot. Bob/AW are on this
  - Montpelier WW park - Sept 3rd is first meeting about this. More info to follow.