

# VPC Board Meeting

## MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2016

6:30 PM

ARVAD'S, WATERBURY, VT

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Michael Mainer
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Board Meeting
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Michael Mainer
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Clay Murphy
<b>TIMEKEEPER</b>	N/A
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Chris Weed, Clay Murphy, Brock Richardson, Ryan McCall, John Atherton, Michael Mainer, Tony Shaw, Catherine Hull, Ben Schott, Missed: Hugh Pritchard, Paul Carlile, Guest: Noah Polluck

Agenda topics: Pool sessions and fees, Green River 401 WQ CERTIFICATE, New Haven Race, Spring Trip Scheduling meeting, New Gear for club, Web Site work/update

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POOL SESSIONS

BOARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Pool session fees have increased to \$15 per session. An additional fee of \$5 is required for non ACA members.	
	If attendance increases the fees will be revisited by the board.	
	Post the pool session information in all the ways we know how whether be by social media or good old fashion friends.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Catherine will lead the Front Porch Forum many others also will be posting through their respective channels.	
	Tony updated the website and online registration was established. Members have begun the sign in process.	
	Pamphlets were printed and distributed at the Banf festival. Thank you, Chris Weed, Tony Shaw, and Ben Schott.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Spread the word about pool sessions and encourage sign-up	All	1/30/2016
Logistics (sign in, gear, coordination)	Board	1/30/2016

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LONG TERM OUTLOOK EVENTS

VARIOUS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Increased skills through introduction to creaking clinic - Ben Schott's level to verify his current level
	SWR Planned for Later this Year – July (warmer water and less ideal flows elsewhere to distract)
	Junior Clinic, Reel Paddling Film Festival,

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GUEST SPEAKER

NOAH POLLUCK

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	There are unique opportunities for the VPC to leverage our limited revenue to increase impact.	
	There are grants, stewardships, and private funds all available to meet a productive approach to the rivers we love.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	As a club we need to decide what issues matter most to us, whether it be youth paddling or conservation.	
	Confirm the most appropriate group to help us meet our desired goals.	
	Use application writing processes and our professional connections to apply for donations.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Decide on benefit	Board	3/1/2016
Create application	Board	3/15/2016

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## NEW HAVEN RACE

RYAN MCCALL

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	A vote to approve a budget of \$125 from the VPC to the race event was approved.	
	This is a reduction from previous years, and it was suggested the new remainder be used to purchase a new VPC banner (in process)	
	The date of the New Haven Race is April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 w/ a back-up date of April 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Race Committee to Plan and Share	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Race Planning	Race Committee	4/1/2016

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## GREEN RIVER

RYAN MCCALL

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Our beloved creek release is in jeopardy. Please read the 401 Draft Water Quality Certification	
	American White water is involved, but that is not enough. We all need to be present for the hearing.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Create an action email for participation at the hearing.	
	Create an email template to be emailed from our members and concerned paddlers alike to the representatives that can help us.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Attend hearing, dates, location, and time email needed	Board	2/5/2016
Create email to be shared to representatives	Board	2/5/2016

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## EQUIPMENT

BOARD

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	After some discussion it was concluded the most deficient club gear is PFD's.	
	The club will use our dealer connections to order a new collection of Astral PFD's.	
	A close contenders was helmets, which will be the next likely equipment improvement.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	New PFD's for clinics!	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Confirm sizing and numbers, order, and receive.	Board	3/20/2016

<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>	Like Arvad's on Facebook for ½ priced burgers on Tuesday nights.
	Don't drive on 89 during snow storms.