

VPC Board Meeting

MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2016

6:00 PM

ARVAD'S, WATERBURY, VT

MEETING CALLED BY	Michael Mainer
TYPE OF MEETING	Board Meeting
FACILITATOR	Michael Mainer
NOTE TAKER	Clay Murphy
TIMEKEEPER	N/A
ATTENDEES	Chris Weed, Clay Murphy, Brock Richardson, Ryan McCall, John Atherton, Michael Mainer, Paul Carlile
MISSED ATTENDEES	Tony Shaw, Catherine Hull, Ben Schott, Hugh Pritchard
GUEST ATTENDEES	N/A

Agenda topics: Scheduling, Pool Sessions, Green River Stewardship, Equipment Purchasing, New Haven Race.

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TRIP PLANNING MEETING

BOARD

DISCUSSION	Another great success at Jim Poulin's home in Richmond on 3/24/2016.	
	Pizza and homebrew were consumed by all, and small talk was made about the coming year.	
	Things got down to business and the schedule was planned out for the year into July and August.	
CONCLUSIONS	The dates put on the calendar are being compiled now and will be updated on the website shortly.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Compile the calendar information and give to Tony Shaw	Chris Weed	3/30/2016
Update the website with the calendar information	Tony Shaw	4/2/2016
Post messages, state difficulty, name location, contact crew, lead your trips	Leaders	You know when

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POOL SESSIONS

BOARD

DISCUSSION	The UVM pool sessions wrapped up with attendance matching the budgeted times.	
	Future scheduling considerations include day of the week, and UVM hockey team schedules.	
	The Montpelier pool session had a good sign of participation.	
	The Johnson State pool session showed enough interest that this was also agreed on for the future.	
	Pool sessions bring people into the club, boost participation, and provides a practice grounds for our members.	
CONCLUSIONS	Thursday March 31 th Johnson State Pool Session	
	March 20 th Montpelier Pool Session at First in Fitness	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Organize Pool Time for Johnson State for 3/30/2016	Chris Weed	3/25/2016
Transfer Funds into Treasury for Pool Sessions held so far	Ryan McCall	3/29/2016
Host Pool Sessions in Montpelier and Johnson State	Ryan M. / Chris W. respectively	3/20 & 3/30
Promote Events	Chris Weed and others	3/16 & 3/31

DISCUSSION	The club would like to organize a swift water rescue training event.	
	Certification levels are not necessarily a requirement. The aim is to provide education to our members.	
	The leader of the trip could be an internal VPC member or an outsourced event if certification is a must.	
	There are pre- available courses or instructors that can be contracted on a need basis.	
CONCLUSIONS	A date and location for the SWRT needs to be set.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Research SWRT options and report to the board	Clay Murphy	4/10/2016
Schedule a SWRT and verify certification level w/ board	Ben Schott	4/10/2016

DISCUSSION	Date: 4/16/2016 – ACA Insurance and town permitting are taken care of and sponsorship is looking great this year.	
	Please be wary of thefts of equipment during the race event. There have been unfortunate boat thefts on two occasions.	
	Gates were discussed initially but there has not been follow up on this logistic.	
	The ramp setup will be done as usual the Friday evening before the race.	
CONCLUSIONS	Safety logistics and race plans are a well oiled machine at this point.	
	Promotion is the only current action item until the race day draws closer.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Pick up and receive any remaining sponsorship material	Ryan McCall	4/10/2016
Promote the race event	Ryan McCall	3/28/2016
Bring the ramp out of storage and get to the river	Ben S. and Jon Atherton	4/15/2016
Race day coordination	Will Seegers and Ryan McCall	4/16/2016
Determine race day driver of JAM truck and trailer	Mike Mainer	4/16/2016
Bring Canopy and Tables to Race	Jon Atherton	4/15/2016
Organize volunteers for set-up and take down of the ramp and tents.	Will Seegers and Ryan McCall	4/10/2016

DISCUSSION	The Novice Clinic dates are set as June 4 th and 5 th .	
	The Class II Clinic dates are set as July 9 th and 10 th .	
	The Fee for the clinic will be \$100 and the clinic size can accommodate 16-20 participants.	
	The potential of offering a Junior Clinic was discussed. Our goals say yes, but our resources (instructors) are finite.	
	The potential of offering a creeking clinic does look more like an option and instructors are available.	
CONCLUSIONS	Junior and Class II Clinics are locked in, but the Junior Clinic is not possible this year.	
	The lowest age that can sign up is approximately 12 years old. Special considerations for next year's junior clinic based on demand.	
	A creeking clinic in late May on the Wells shows good interest from instructors and potential students.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Enable sign up on the website	Tony Shaw	5/1/2016
Lead Novice Clinic	Paul Carlile	7/4/2016
Lead Class II Clinic	Paul Carlile	7/9/2016
Determine date for creeking clinic	Ryan McCall	4/25/2016

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GREEN RIVER STEWARDSHIP

MIKE MAINER

DISCUSSION	65 comments were submitted to the ANR of Vermont (Agency of Natural Resources) in response to the Section 401 water quality certification for the Morrisville Hydroelectric Project. Thank you everyone submitted comments and came to the hearing.	
	A follow up meeting was given to American White Water in Montpelier on 3/29/2016 and key members attended to add to the comments.	
	We wait and see the release of the new 401document.	
CONCLUSIONS	The outcome of the new water quality certification will guide the next actions of the club.	
	Legal contacts will be required to fight an appeal if the new certification does not yield to our comments.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Keep up the good fight	Mike Mainer	11/11/2016
Contact legal services	Ryan McCall	4/1/2016

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EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

BOARD

DISCUSSION	The equipment is needed for the novice clinics and there will be a lead time on orders.	
	The budget needs to be reviewed and an allowed annual maintenance allowance needs to be approved for such spending.	
	Barry from Clear Water Sports may be selling off equipment that should be reviewed.	
	We have pro deals with different manufacturers.	
CONCLUSIONS	A quantity of 4 PFDs is desired by the board	
	The requirements for the PFDs are Class III white water vest.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Deliver a report on the budget	Hugh Pritchard	4/1/2016
Deliver pricing from pro deals on PFDs	Ryan McCall	4/1/2016
Approve spending	Board	4/21/2016
Purchase Equipment	Hugh Pritchard	5/1/2016

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VPC BANNER

RYAN MCCALL

DISCUSSION	The banner design is approved but needs sourcing.	
CONCLUSIONS	Purchasing a banner from preferred vendor is approved.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Procure banner in time for New Haven Race	Chris Weed	4/1/2016

SPECIAL NOTES	Go to Arvard's on Mondays and order a draft beer to get bottomless fries.
	VPC board members are not only great looking, but budget conscious as well.
	Tony Shaw, please check for emailing from the VPC webmaster as a reminder for PayPal dues.
	Hugh Pritchard, please report to the board on the status of the budget as of 4/1/2016