

## VPC Board Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2018

Attendees: Chris Weed, John Atherton, Tony Shaw, Hugh Pritchard, Ben Schott, Paul Carlile, Jim Poulin

### New Haven Ledges Race

To be held Saturday, April 14 (make-up date of April 21)

**Decision: The Board agreed to a \$250 sponsorship for the race**

Volunteerism was discussed. Both for the day of the race and the ramp setup the day prior to the race. It was suggested the day-of-race volunteers be split into two shifts.

**Action: Ben will develop a list of volunteer roles and post them on the VPC website.**

### AWA Collaborations

Ryan and Mike run point on most of these. Bob Nasdor leads the West.

Working on river left put in access for the Mad. Is the dam up for relicensing?

**Action: Ben will look into Mad river dam relicensing.**

Wrightsville dam is up for relicensing. There is a short stretch (50 yards) of whitewater right at the dam.

We should encourage VPC membership to donate to the AWA and earmark those donations for the Green.

### Spring Trip Scheduling Meeting

Will be held at Jim Poulin's house in Richmond

Looking to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of February (but not on Tuesday)

We will try to hold a VPC Board meeting prior to the Spring Trip Meeting.

**Action: Tony will query the trip database for a list of trip leaders.**

### Spring Meeting and Potluck

The Board selected March 25<sup>th</sup> for the meeting.

**Action: Tony will procure the Williston church**

Ben will do a talk on his Benedict Arnold expedition.

### Novice Clinic

Friends of the Winooski is holding their river event the first weekend of June.

We will shoot for the second weekend so as to not interfere. (June 9/10)

We should consider the Waterbury State Park instead of the Little River Boat Access for Saturday morning events. Better facilities – bath house and bathrooms!

**Action: Paul will check with Waterbury State Park for permission / permits.**

### Class II Clinic

Will be held July 14 / 15 on the Fife Brook section of the Deerfield

We should reserve campsite ASAP – either Mohawk or Woodford

**Action: Paul and John will research and decide**

### Creeking Clinic

More questions than answers.

Wells River?

Hold this the first weekend of June?

Ben to lead?

Pull in Ryan?

### Swift Water Rescue Clinic

The Board will discuss at the February Board meeting

### How to Grow Membership

Should we resurrect the Wednesday Night Beer Race?

Hold warm water rolling clinics during the summer

Hold a family friendly Maine trip in July

Hold a summer picnic

Advertise: "You want to paddle your boat better? Join us!" for all types of boaters

### UVM Pool Sessions

Chris needs to get the contract back to UVM

All sessions have been scheduled – 2 Saturday and 2 Friday sessions

Details are on the VPC website

### Bow and Stern

It is ready to go out

**Action: Chris should write a President's letter**

Introduce the new VPC Board

Announce the trip planning meeting

VPC Webpage / Message Board / e-mail

We should resurrect the VPC news for regular communication

Bulk e-mail is operational

Paul is willing to learn / assist on the website

**Action: Tony will get the Board calendar up on the website.**

Respectfully submitted,

*James B Poulin*