**VPC Executive Board (DRAFT) Meeting Minutes – 5/3/2011**

Present: Paul Carlile, John Atherton, Brock Richardson, Chris Weed, Mark Leinau, Dave Hathaway, AJ Seibel and Ryan McCall

* Last Board Minutes (March) accepted and approved for posting to VPC website
* Board Duty Calendar for May - July (stuff for the board to accomplish)

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| May | Spring trip schedule continues | Club |  |
|  | Discussion/Planning for June potluck | Pres |  |
|  | Finalize work for novice clinic | Ed/Safety |  |
|  | Work up summer Bow and Stern | CD/Sec |  |
|  | Work up summer trip schedule (June, July & August) | AD/VP |  |
|  | Initial discussions for Level II Clinic | Ed/Safety |  |
|  | Compile Hydro and scheduled recreational release schedule for North East | VP/SEC/WM |  |
|  | Compile Festival/Events list for summer/fall for North East | VP/Sec/WM |  |
|  | NH Races Recap | Race Committee |  |
|  | AW payment | Tres |  |
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| June | July pot luck (send postcard 10 days in advance) | Pres/Sec |  |
|  | Novice clinic | SD |  |
|  | Assist with Winooski Sojourn Event | Pres |  |
|  | Present summer Bow and Stern | CD |  |
|  | Present summer trip schedule | AD |  |
|  | Talk about Level III clinic/trips | Board |  |
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| July | Start discussions for fall trip schedule (September, October & November) | AD |  |
|  | Compile fall lake draw-down schedules for North East | AD/Sec/Wm |  |
|  | Initiate Fall meeting Discussions (every other year) | Pres |  |

* Financials
  + Rich wasn’t present but I believe we all are aware of where we sit financially…
* New Haven Festival Re-cap
  + Was a success…
  + Thank you to all the VPC member’s help. Definitely made the difference in race administration and safety and general overall operations
  + No the Festival isn’t self sustainable….probably never will be. We can only have so many racers and the presentation is really expensive to bring in Doug (or any other top notch film/presenter). This is why UVM studens have such high tuition…for great activity fees to help cover stuff such as this.
* Novice Clinic
  + June 4 & 5
  + Work Team need to be developed – too much for one person to be expected to handle on their own.
    - Overall logistics Paul
    - Registration contact – John
    - Boat wrangling, permits, ACA forms – Brock
    - Volunteer Wrangling and lead instructor – Mark
    - Instruction rubric, location and flow logistics – Ryan
    - Online coordination – Tony and Chris
    - Marketing and promotion – Peg
    - Food - ?????
  + Mark needs to be able to float independently of the instructional groups
  + All instructors need to be verified….by instructional staff as being able to give quality demos to the students.
  + Safety boaters need to know what they are doing in the event of a rescue - how to get involved how to use a rope and when to step back.
  + Site logistics
    - Day one morning – Little river reservoir
    - Day one afternoon – Winooski River (Hugo through Waterbury Gorge, take out at small park past Majestic Auto – maybe do lunch there after morning on Little River?)
    - Day 2
      * Option 1 – Mad River below Moretown Gorge to Ward Swimming Hole.
      * Option 2 – Lower Little River
      * Option 3 – Below Bolton Falls
  + Instructors List
    - Jim Poulin, Jamie Dolan, Paul Carlile, Ryan McCall, Tony Shaw, Alden Bird, Dan Biedeck, Chris Weed, Eric Hillmuth, Paul Dawson, AJ Seibel – tentative
  + Safety Boater List
    - John Atherton, Brock Richardson, Jim Fecteu, Rich Renyolds, Ken Emery, EJ?, Noah Pollock, Mags Dale, Paul Savard
  + Marketing
    - Need to get posters and media contact going….NOW
* Class II clinic
  + July 9 & 10
  + Location – Deerfield, tentative
  + Need to line up volunteers
  + Need to line up camping directly after novice clinic at Mohawk Valley State Park for sites.
* July Pot Luck - VPC Summer picnic
  + July - 24
* Ottawa trip is lined up for Labor day
* Warm Water Roll sessions
  + Needs to be organized
* Release Schedule
  + Needs posted to VPC website
* Advance Clinics
  + Yes/No??????
* Rocky Dale (New Haven River – Bristol,VT) Church Donation
  + They have a pile of gravel…not sure what’s up
* Green River Reservoir FERC relicensing for Morrisville Water and Light (MWL).
  + No discussion but Got a low water run in on it mid April.
  + Initial meeting between VPC group and MWL will take place 5/12 to work out details of whitewater flow study
* SOPs for various club activities (Sheesh – can we wrap this up?)
  + - step-by-step pool set up - CW
    - Film fest step by step - CW
    - Clinics Novice and II – RMc (Almost complete)
    - NH race – RMc (Complete – in draft form)
    - Spring Trip Schedule - CW
* Membership is lagging
  + How do we bring in new members
    - Interest letter from Prez?
    - Get memberships automated/electronic – paypal?
    - We are doing a good job of interjecting ourselves into the boating community with new activites like the New Haven Fest and the Green River Releases. Need to be patient???
* Question of the Decade – “Why are there active folks in the paddling community not willing to be a member of the VPC?” Could be the key to building community for the VPC………
  + First question is to ask what we offer them and then ask how we can engage them instead of the standard, “it would be good for you to give back to the boating community now that you are so RAD” line.
  + Maybe we will never engage them?
* Next Board meeting
  + Date TBD
  + Things to discuss
    - Green River FERC progress
    - Board Responsibility Calendar
    - Swiftwater Rescue/Safety Clinic for trip leaders
    - Beyond Class II

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan McCall

Fellow Paddler