**VPC Executive Board (DRAFT) Meeting Minutes – 2/8/2011**

Present: Paul Carlile, John Atherton, Brock Richardson, Chris Weed, Tony Shaw, Peg Pelkman, Dave Hathaway, and Ryan McCall

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

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| March | Spring meeting (send postcard 10 days in advance) | Pres |  |
|  | VPC film fest held (possibly early Apr) | AD |  |
|  | Finalize/present spring trip schedule (post on line) | AD/VP/WM |  |
|  | Finalize film festival | AD |  |
|  | Finalize/present Bow and Stern | CD/Sec |  |
|  | Work on novice clinic | Ed/Safety |  |
|  | West River Trip Discussion | AD |  |
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| April | New Haven Race/Film Fest 4/2 | Race Comm |  |
|  | Spring trip schedule posted to Message Board | AD/VP |  |
|  | Spring West River release Trip??? | BOARD! |  |
|  | Swift Water Rescue Course – late April | Ed/Safety |  |
|  | Work on novice clinic | Ed/Safety |  |
|  | Initial discussion/planning for June potluck | Pres |  |
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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 |  |

* Financials
  + Rich wasn’t present but I believe we all are aware of where we sit financially…
    - ~ 2k after ACA membership fees and the outlay of $$$ for the pool sessions.
* Rocky Dale (New Haven River – Bristol,VT) Church Donation
  + Scott Gilbert got a response from the Minister at the church. 3 options, the third being the choice to provide assistance with maintenance around their facility, including but not limited to filling pot-holes, landscaping work, gardening, etc…
* Green River Reservoir FERC relicensing for Morrisville Water and Light (MWL).
  + Looks like MWL will be working with us on the recreational whitewater flow study time to get started on…
    - Need to reach out to Dean Salvas (Ryan can chat)
    - Need to reach out to Friends of the Green River (Put Bill on this)
* SOPs for various club activities
  + Chris and Ryan will work on and complete them by end of March?
    - 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
* Pool sessions
  + Turnout has been poor at best averaging 6/session the first to evenings.
  + We need 11/session to break even
  + Chris needs more help for registration – Peg and John said they would be there to assist with registration and set up duties (Peg is on the no lift program)
  + Dates left 2/5 & 19, 3/5, 19 & 26 (6-8pm)
  + Roll lessons
    - We need to make this happen…To happen we need better fitting boats, willing instructors and stronger communication of what is needed going into that session.
    - Should video the rollers (video analysis)
    - Need SOP on training the trainer (Robyn Battle had one – (Tony)
* Spring Trip Planning
  + Meeting set Feb 23 – 7pm at Jim Poulin’s abode
  + Get list of trip leaders from last few years (Tony?)
  + Reiterated from last meeting
    - Need more flatwater trips scheduled
    - Need to have specifically designated step up trips for II to III, III to IV
    - Need skill specific trips
* Film Fest (New Haven Ledges Race)
  + Date For Fest is 4/1-3 (Included is the Ammons presentation/film, the Race and local outreach in Bristol)
  + Club board voted and agreed to support the event through a donation of up to $250 for promotional efforts. (Most likely to go toward a VPR spot.)
* Spring Meeting
  + Date 3/13
  + Location Williston (Federated Church)
  + Speakers – Still working on it
  + Video/Picture Stream during dinner
* Postcards
  + Spring Meeting
    - Include poll session stuff
    - Need for trip leaders
  + Pool Sessions
    - Needed additional advertisement
* Social Media
  + Board needs to tie into the FB page and like or Friend it
    - VPC FB page should be tied to the New Haven Fest FBpage
* Bow and Stern is due 3/6
  + Include Bill Hildreth’s AW volunteer of the Month acknowledgement
* 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………
* Next Board meeting
  + Date 3/13 – Before/After Spring Annual Meeting
  + Things to discuss
    - Pool sessions (success or failure?)
    - New Haven Race/Fest
    - Green River FERC progress
    - Board Responsibility Calendar
    - Swiftwater Rescue/Safety Clinic for trip leaders
    - Beyond Class II

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan McCall

Fellow Paddler