

Clifton Climbers Alliance -- GENERAL MEETING
March 26, 2015

President's address - Jim Campbell

- Gave overview of LMF issue

LMF grant of \$61,000 is being held for political reasons by Paul LePage

Message from Governor is that he is holding the money hostage to gain approval to cut more trees on public lands. We expect the grant will be funded sometime this summer. The LMF grant was going to put us in the black by over \$55,000, at present we have ~\$800 in the account. New projects are on hold until we resolve this situation. Ask to the membership to be a "squeaky wheel"; talk to your legislator, write a letter, share with your friends. CCA will be sending out talking points email

- Fundraising ideas:

Benjamin Smith Ed Webster speech/ slide show (4/25; raffle, CCA presence: Brad and Brian O; Kevin to send logo to Ben)

Kiosk Event in spring (4/25; weekend, pot luck, climbing)

- Loan is around \$2500 to Access Fund

- we are officially a 501c3 non-profit

- announced CCA land stewardship award

- Raised tree growth classification discussion: Cutting a certain percentage of land yearly allows for tax break. Prefer to pursue a tax exemption given non-profit status

- Jim announced discussions with Aislinn Sarnacki regarding the LMF issue, has yet to hear back from her

- Update regarding language change in Limited Liability Statute: Passed through committee, needs senate approval

- Ben Townsend updated on filing of yearly non-profit filing fee

- Gregg asked where the property line is at Eagles (around Highlander)

Mentioned trail work needed, erosion, Lots of down trees. Unity has a trail crew, might want to contact them. Ben doesn't believe the Shipleys' would mind us doing trail improvement

- New project ideas

Trail map in Kiosk

Removing spray paint from cliff top (potential scouting volunteer, Brian will arrange for it to be cleaned up from volunteer)

Route cleaning

Photo Topo on the kiosk, with key routes listed (Brad will research aerial photo price)

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