

**Fall Meeting of the Carolina Climbers Coalition
October 5th 2007 @ 7:30pm
Grandfather Mountain Campground, Foscoe NC**

Officers in Attendance: Edward Medina, Secretary; Sean Cobourn, Area Rep: South Carolina; Mike Dean, Area Rep: Southern Piedmont; Mike Trew, Northern Mountains Rep; Nancy Jackson, At-Large; Scott Gilliam, At-Large

7:40pm Introduction by Edward Medina

Area Reports

Northern Mountains Report:

Blue Ridge Parkway - considering formulation of climbing mgmt plan. A Draft document specific to Ship Rock was completed- BCC responded.

- Ship Rock – Please approach from Shiprock from the Parkway. Rappel descent only, no walking off top.

The National Park Service has new rangers, some of which are climbers - One of the new law enforcement rangers, Eddie Cartaya, is pushing for completion of a climbing management plan. He is currently advocating for the installation of kiosks and anchors at Shiprock. Mike Trew mentioned the Boone Climbers Coalition would be able to help raise money needed for Kiosks.

- Doughton Park - Discussion of installation of a set of anchors. A new set of anchors has been rumored to appeared atop the climb Big Daddy.

Southern Mountains Report:

- Lake Lure and Brevard Area - No real access issues. The Nature Conservancy bought John Moore's property this past week to be transferred to park.

- Laurel Knob – Of the original loan amount, we have a balance of \$30,000 outstanding. Current management plan still in effect. NRC is considering taking limit off number of routes approved.

Report from the New Route Committee (same as summer 07')

Requests approved (routes in progress or completed)

#1 Mike Fischesser's - He wanted to finish a girdle traverse that he and others started before LK was purchased. Mike has climbed dozens of LK routes, He provided good references and assisted by providing route topos and an exhaustive history of LK climbing. Pitches done so far (approx 8 or more)

#2 Ed Williams – First groove right of Use It or Luge It – Ed has climbed 7 LK routes, established good routes in other areas, provided good references, and assisted in the LK rebolting effort, acquired the lumber and designed and built the Kiosk. (pitches climbed so far: 1 pitch is complete)

#3 Harrison Shull (NRC and CCC board member)– Crystal Dyke angling up and right between Groover and Forbidden Fruit – Previously climbed 10 LK routes, good

references, experience and countless first ascents in the East. Beyond his endless research for existing LK route details and history, Harrison has replaced more bolts on LK than any other climber, cut the trail between Fathom and Groover with Tim Fisher and helped on another trail day. Two pitches have been climbed so far.

#4 Bruce Burgess (NRC) - Dark streak right of Stranger than Friction. He has climbed 10 LK routes previously, good references, experience and numerous first ascents in NC, WV and TN and was involved in several LK rebolting efforts, two trail days and kiosk assembly. (pitches climbed so far: none). I have about 1 month to get started; otherwise, I will need to reapply next year or withdraw my app altogether.

#5 Nathan Brown – Face right of Hone Ranger/Fathom Direct and a continuation of an old Jerry Roberts and Charlie Cable route called “Green Eggs and Ham.” Jerry expressed interest in seeing the route completed. Nathan has climbed 6 LK routes, established numerous first ascents in NC and TN, with excellence references. The route is complete!, but I am waiting for a topo with a name and numbers.

Requests either denied or pending approval (waiting for references or completed routes).

#1 Shannon Millsaps’ – approval pending Face on left wall in Dillard Canyon (was later climbed/bolted by Wayne Roy and Shannon Stegg) – good references but not enough LK routes previously climbed.

#2 Michael O’Herron – Never returned an email to answer questions about his experience in the Adirondacks.

#3 Nathan Brown – Face between Dolphin Graveyard and Oasis. Denied due to poor rock quality and somewhat of a squeeze job.

#4 Patrick Roy – Pending more experience/references. Contacted one reference (Chris Watford) who responded; “I think he is Wayne's son, but I have never met him. I need to ask that they stop putting me down as a reference.”

- corporate sponsorship levels to be setup with Nancy and Eddie

Northern Piedmont Report:

•Hanging Rock - 3 trail days this year - will be on Sat (will be advertised on CCC website in advance)

Projects - loop trail, signs on trail, emptying property that was purchased.

next trail day - one month

no falcon closures

Southern Piedmont Report:

•Crowder's – The Dixon School Rd. Boulder field will be opening in the near future.

Please do not park in the church parking lot, it makes the Park look bad while they are in

the transition of trying to open this area! Parking lot is coming, but until then please hike from main parking lot.

Trail day on Oct 20th - please help!

•Asheboro Boulders

Our informal Management Plan (guidelines):

- 1. Must be member of CCC!** Membership will entitle you to a parking pass and combination to the gate)
2. Each car must have parking pass.
3. Do not park on side of road (there are a few cutouts off road where you can park, plus main parking area).
4. No camping
5. No fires
6. No dogs.
7. Must close gates after you go in.

Ben thanks us all for the work we have done.

Thanks to Jim Horton for paying lease from the Proceeds of the Triple Crown.

CCC Business

Treasury report

As of October 1 we had \$31,960 in the bank and \$120,000 in fixed assets.

Total assets = \$151,960.

We received \$23,668 in gross income (\$19,263 in contributions and support, \$4,405 in membership dues.)

We had \$6,887 worth of expenses.

Net Ordinary income from Jan 1 to Oct 1 is \$16,781.

Expense summary

Advertising	\$357.00
Insurance	\$1559.00
Legal Fees	\$1898.00
Misc	\$705.00
Paypal	\$138.00
Postage	\$192.00
Property tax	\$1661.00
Supplies	\$378.00

Fundraising and Financial Reporting - Nancy Jackson

Our 2007 form 990 was filed as a part of nonprofit reporting. 501 C3 tax-exempt organizations are required to do audit every 2 years or in the event they raise in excess of \$250,000. The CCC voluntarily entered into an audit.

The audit gives us the accountability and credibility to continue fundraising.

Spring Fundraiser in works. (this will be announced via the website)
Possibility for single fundraiser with matching donations.

Thanks to Harrison Shull, Sean Cobourn and Aram Attarian for their Years of dedicated Service!

Aram has been with this org since it started -14 yrs ago. He has handled all of treasury work, and has worked on all kinds of projects that benefit climbing and the CCC. Thanks to Sean Cobourn for all of his years of tireless effort and his vision and foresight to Save Laurel Knob! Last fall after the annual meeting, Sean received the Lifetime achievement award from the Access Fund for his extraordinary efforts to preserve climbing in North Carolina. Thanks to Harrison for all of his tireless efforts as Southern Mountains Rep and the countless hours of work he put into many projects that made it possible to open Laurel Knob to the public!

Board Elections

SC Rep/southern piedmont - Tim Fisher nominee

All in favor

Confirmed

Southern Mtns. Rep. - Brian Williams nominee

All in favor

Confirmed

Northern Mtns. Rep. - Terry Jennings nominee

All in favor

Confirmed

Treasurer - Karen Staman nominee

All in favor

Confirmed

Vice President - Nancy Jackson nominee

All in favor

Confirmed

At large position - Ron Funderburke

Confirmed

Anthony Love became defacto President. Extenuating circumstances required the previous president, Sean Barb to relinquish his duties during 2007. We all appreciate Seans work and efforts during his term as president of the CCC.

Other topics

Mike Dean will inquire with landowner about potential for purchase of Asheboro

Hickory Nut Gorge State Park - most of Rumbling Bald (~3000 acres) will be preserved as park! General Management Planning will begin next year.

Will talk to them about pit toilets, parking. No camping yet - will lobby for it. No fires.

Poplar tent – mining rights worth millions – making acquisition or land donations challenging.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm