

Catskill Advisory Group, Meeting #7

March 11, 2021

Attendees, DEC staff: Peter Frank, Mikaela Hameline, Sara Hart, Bill Rudge, Jeff Rider, Laura DiBetta, Rob Davies, Katie Petronis

Attendees, CAG members: Adam Bosch, Joshua Howard, Lisa Lyons, Joshua Ginsberg, Adrienne Larys, Michelle Yost, Jeff Senterman, Markly Wilson, Cathy Pedler, David Kukle, Melissa Abramson, Josh Ginsberg, Warren Hart, Markly Wilson, Matthew Shook,

Pat Barnes, Ramsay Adams, Michael Callan

Welcome and introductions:

- Round robin introductions/ review agenda

WebEx features review:

- Can be added to calendar – Mikaela will schedule next four meetings and Sara will add it to everyone's calendar

Public Survey update:

- Things are going great. There are 2,500 responses in English and 12 responses in Spanish as of Monday.
- DEC sent the link to the survey to 35,000 email addresses so far
- Several of the CAG member organizations distributed among their base as well

Blue Hole overuse management update:

- There will be some new programs for the 2121 season, and outreach for the new programs will begin in April.

Report about other states' efforts:

- Sub-committee reached out to several states' parks departments, universities, tourism offices, etc.
- Presented several case studies: Cummins Falls, TN; Willamette National Forest, OR; Leave No Trace organization; Brecon Beacons National Park in Wales, UK.

Review of outstanding recommendations from 1999 Access Plan:

- Some recommendations require further discussion while some recommendations were decided unnecessary to include in the CAG's scope.

'Homework' assignments: Continue meeting as sub-committees and keep formulating recommendations.