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October and November Meetings.

As per tradition, the meetings were opened by Chairman Stuart Pregnall and business accomplished sequentially: committee reports, old business, new business. The easement to the Bull Run property which PATC acquired will apparently be taken to court by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, who contend they own the property. At present, VOF will consider us trespassing, though it is hoped that upcoming meetings will clarify the controversy. PATC maintains that its easement and legal rights are valid. New climbing calendars through January were distributed and trip leaders were encouraged to sign up. If there is an interest. Pete Grant has expressed willingness to teach telemarking on a snowy weekend. He has also indicated that he would be interested in coordinating the Training and Safety Committee next year. Carderock Conservation was discussed. and, "short of astroturf", suggestions are being sought for further work. Safety guidelines will be made available in December for review and voting planned for

January new business included old movies which PATC has received, one showing Donald Duck's traverse on the Virginia side of Great Falls and one a teaching film made by the MS including the practice of dynamic belays on "Oscar II". John Gregory's Carderock guidebook will be reprinted by PATC with a revised introduction. The book itself will remain unedited. Comments regarding this decision and suggestions for the introduction will be gratefully received by Selma Hanel. Those interested in helping should also contact Selma. Rich Cunningham expressed interest in building a climbing wall for indoor training. Anyone with ideas on this, especially as to location, please contact Rich.

A discussion and vote to affirm the decision to send Stuart Pregnall to Denver for the annual American Alpine Club meeting in Devember was made. This year's meeting will focus on liability insuracne and provide a unique opportunity for the MS to contribute to the climbing community in the states regarding liability. The work of many Section members, including Tom Isaacson and Jeannette Helfrich in drafting Safety Guidelines and Ed