

MEETING MINUTES
Appalachian Mountain Club
Hiking/Backpacking Committee
Boston Chapter

Jan 8, 2008 Home of Ellen Cullen

PRESENT:

Paul Asloglou – SOLO Coordinator
Mark Batson – Outgoing Treasurer
Ellen Cullen
Judy Dillman - Chairman
Stan Dunbar – Footnotes Editor
Chris Gaudette - guest
Debbie Ireland
Florrie Johnson - Secretary
Gary Schwartz - Webmaster
Mike Swartz – Incoming Treasurer
Dan Wiktor – Co-Chair
Silvia Zaharinova – Trip Coordinator

1) INTRODUCTION WELCOME. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:20 pm by Judy

2) LAST MEETINGS MINUTES

Accepted with no changes by unanimous vote.

3) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT by Judy

The Annual Meeting is January 26th, all members are invited.

Guide Cards – Dan recommends we request 50 this year. We received 50 last year and he had a few left over.

OLDC Problem Leader Policy – All committees gave feedback to OLDC regarding their proposed Problem Leader Policy, and the OLDC reports in response to the primarily negative feedback that they have “seen the light”, and will be making extensive changes based on committees feedback, and will re-issue document.

MUD – Keith Moore, Editor, has recruited 4 people to replace him and are working on the next issue. The Chapter has hired a designer for \$250 to design an 8.5 x 11 template which will allow MUD to be sent on-line and in color. For every issue that is sent online and not on paper the Chapter will save \$1.

The Exec Committee wants to design a survey to give to leaders to learn more about their thoughts and feelings and concerns about the AMC. The survey will be information directly from leaders to the Chapter, as an alternative to the Chapter hearing about leader’s concerns through the Committee Chairs who represent them. Avram Baskin and Paul Dale originated the idea. See more info under the New Business section of Minutes.

4) TREASURER’S REPORT – Mark Batson/MIKE SCHWARTZ

Current Balance \$12,613.54. Last year's committee meetings cost doubled due to restaurant use, we will go back to using member's homes this year. Mark & Mike are completing transition to new treasurer.

5)A TRIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT – SILVIA

There are 16 trips listed for February and Silvia has some trips for March already. Trip planning meeting is next week. Dan is opening up, Florrie beverages, Gary ordering Pizza, Judy paper products.

5)B HARVARD CABIN REPORT – BOB

Harvard Cabin Master currently on the beach in Aruba, reports everything is fine.

6) TRIP REPORTER'S REPORT – LEANDRA

Not present

7) WEBMASTER'S REPORT – GARY

The importance of having the responsibility for website content spread out among many people was affirmed, and it was agreed that having one person responsible for keeping website up to date was part of why the site got so far out of date in the past. Each section of website content to be maintained by the individual responsible for that program or area. Webmaster's role is to change larger format of site when needed, and manage access issues.

In order to change content, members should log in, Gary will be able to upgrade member's ability to edit and add content. It was agreed that new content would be added to site by Friday 1/11 to expedite going live.

Getting trip listings online was agreed to be a high priority as soon as content is added and updated.

The following areas were flagged as needing content or updating of old content, and members volunteered to do this by Friday.

Homepage/Intro – Judy

News

About HB – Dan

Instructional

Spring Hiking Program

Leadership – Silvia

Contact Us – (empty)

Leaders Section – (empty)

FAQ – Florrie

8) COMMITTEE PROGRAMS

Winter Program – participants were surveyed, results were shared with the committee which were positive. There were no ratings below “good” on any aspect of the program. Demo groups had mixed reviews and need polishing.

Cardigan weekend is full.

Spring Program – Chris Gaudette representing SHP, is the coordinator of the Cardigan Weekend. Declining registration was discussed. Treasurer’s Report shows proceeds from program less each of the past 3 years, primarily due to not filling the Cardigan weekend.

It was decided to only reserve 25 beds at Cardigan initially and see how program registration goes.

It was decided to make the Cardigan weekend later in the season so as not to conflict with Graduation Weekends. Cardigan '08 will be May 31-June 2. Backpack the following weekend.

Fee for Cardigan proposed to be \$95 pending approval from Program Coordinator George Marlette.

Program Price proposed to be

Preregistered – 60 member, 65 non-member. At The Door- 65 Member, 70 non-member.

Spring Leadership – Debbie Ireland – Starts March 22. She has 6 of 8 staff returning. Low registration numbers were discussed. Florrie sent Debbie registrations from the fall from those participants that requested it. If Debbie’s numbers this year are low, Florrie will send Debbie all names from last fall and it is assumed the Fall Program won’t run if SLP doesn’t fill.

SOLO – Paul Asloglou – SOLO Headquarters is giving their program once monthly. Discussion on whether we should “compete” with them and put on a separate program, or send interested participants directly to them. Forty Plus is doing a program May 3-4. Our Advanced SOLO last Nov. only filled because an MIT program was cancelled.

ACTION ITEM – Paul will put out an email on the Leaders List to gauge the interest in another program.

9) SUBSIDY PROGRAM - Florrie proposed changes to program, will write up new program and submit next month for approval. Both subsidy programs to be rolled into one, keeping the same requirements and financial limits as we already have.

10) LEADERSHIP APPLICATIONS – DEBBIE

Dan Westerberg was approved as a three season leader
Ellen Cullen was approved as a winter leader . GO ELLEN!

11) OLD BUSINESS - none

12) NEW BUSINESS

Debbie and Judy will join a team of other leaders Chapter wide to help design the survey discussed in the Executive Meeting section above, to be distributed by the Executive Committee to all Chapter Leaders to help Ex Comm understand leader concerns, thoughts and opinions about the AMC.

Silvia brought up a request by the Ski Committee that we publish some of their trips on our HB Announce (similar to our listings going out with YM trips). This was agreed to. Ski Chair will send trips to Silvia. Trips will remain labeled Ski trips.

HB meetings will be announced about a week prior on the HB Leader's list as a way to get new people involved. This will be added to secretaries role.

ACTION ITEM – Florrie to email HB leader's list announcement of our meetings monthly.

Larry F. and Chuck C. have resigned from the Committee. Stan pointed out we have decided to award a plaque and \$25 gift cert. to any resigning member. Mark Batson will do this.

ACTION ITEM – Mark Batson to get plaques and \$25 Gift Certs for Chuck and Larry.

13) NEXT MEETINGS

February 12 – Bob Kittredge in Newtonville

March 11 – Florrie in Danvers

April – Mohamed in Brookline

May – Debbie in JP

June 13 – BBQ at Dan's

14) ACTION ITEMS

Paul will email Leader's List re interest in SOLO

Florrie to email Leader's List monthly to announce our meetings

Mark to get plaque and \$25 gift cert for Larry and Chuck

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm.

Florrie Johnson
HB Secretary