

MEETING MINUTES
Appalachian Mountain Club
Hiking/Backpacking Committee
Boston Chapter

Tuesday September 9, 2008. Bob's house.

PRESENT:

Judy Dillman – Esteemed Chair
Ellen Cullen
Florrie Johnson - Secretary
Bob Kittredge – Harvard Cabinmaster
Kevin McAllister
Gary Schwartz - Webmaster
Mike Swartz - Treasurer
Dan Wiktor – Co-Chair
Brian Glenn - guest

1) INTRODUCTION WELCOME. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Judy 7:15

2) LAST MEETINGS MINUTES

June meeting minutes approved pending two changes – SHP earnings were 3K, not 2K, and typo Gogle to Google

3) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On-line Mud needs more subscribers. New co-editor is requesting articles about activities.

Annual Meeting is Nov 16 at a Country Club, food expected to be good. Mike Barry has been nominated for Regional Director, succeeding Chris Post. Proposed amendments to bi-laws will be discussed at Annual Meeting. Many committees have similar objections.

The Eastern Mtn Sports store at Patriot Place is inviting AMC to have a PR table at their grand opening Oct 3-5 weekend. Mountaineering committee is coordinating that.

Ski Committee hosting a WFA at Hale Reservation on Nov 1-2 by Wilderness Medical Associates.

Leaders Survey is soon to be piloted and HB leaders will be part of the pilot study.

Roger Scholl states that 40% of new members renew; of those that renew, 80% continue to renew.

He wants to do more marketing of AMC activities, specifically the commercial activities as opposed to volunteer activities, it was pointed out. All committees can consider advertising in the Outdoors. A quarter page ad is \$200. In addition, new

member's names will be passed on to committees to allow committees to contact them regarding their activity interests.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT – MIKE SWARTZ

SHP netted \$3,000.

SLP had a deficit of \$1300. Michael will ask the Chapter for a larger subsidy to support this program.

5) TRIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT – SILVIA

Not present

6) HARVARD CABIN REPORT – BOB

New stoves and fridge are in! New Fire Suppression system is complete.

Anticipating occupancy limit will be raised to 30, allowing greater income. HC Committee wants to market cabin more. Expects it to break even financially. Work weekend Nov 7/8.

Nov HC Cancelled, no leaders.

7) TRIP REPORTER'S REPORT – LEANDRA

Not present

8) WEBMASTER'S REPORT – GARY

Gary will be adding an authentication system to help avoid SPAM attacks.

Site has been upgraded and we have more space

9) COMMITTEE PROGRAMS

George Marlette has agreed to do the SHP again.

WHP dates all set. Discussion about having the last night of the program at Wilderness House – pros & cons of endorsing a commercial establishment, clarifications of what benefits program vs what benefits individuals. It was agreed to hold last night of program at Wilderness House this year – David Breshears is guest speaker – with the idea that future programs will be held at other venues.

Motion to hold all future programs at Joy St. unless specifically approved was passed. In other words, program directors must get specific permission from the committee to hold a program outside of Joy St.

10) SUBSIDY PROGRAM-Florrie

Three subsidy requests approved

11) LEADERSHIP APPLICATIONS – Ellen

Brian Glenn approved as a 3 season leader

Chris Polari approved as a winter leader

12) OLD BUSINESS

On line trip listings – Four chapters are using software similar to Andrew's – that extracts listings from the AMC website and posts on committee website – they are offering to share this. Judy gave Gary the contact info, he will pursue.

Boston chapter expects all committees to be using on-line listings by the end of this year and will use those listings for the MUD.

Gail Ferreira filed an accident report – a participant became ill, needed to be walked out. Rescue resources were called and told Gail she should have called 911 rather than the numbers she did call.

ACTION ITEM: Florrie will write up a summary of emergency procedures for HB Leaders list and footnotes.

13) NEW BUSINESS

Sue Jedrey is resigning from the HB Committee. Ellen will get a \$25 REI Gift Certificate for her

Ski Committee announced that this fall's Trip Planning Meeting will be the last one they host – not feeling they are productive.

Brian Glenn proposed that the HB Committee purchase a Mountain Hardware Kiva Lite 5-sided tent. This is a group size tent with a center pole which could be used to shelter a cooking area on winter backpacks. It is compact and weighs 4 lbs. Discussion of keeping tent at Joy St. or elsewhere and having a check-out system for winter leaders. A motion to purchase the tent was passed.

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14) NEXT MEETINGS

Tues Oct 14 – Florrie's House, Danvers

Tues Nov 11 – Ellen's House, Malden or ???

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Time Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Florrie Johnson
HB Secretary