

MEETING MINUTES
Appalachian Mountain Club
Hiking/Backpacking Committee
Boston Chapter

Oct 13, 08 Florrie's house

PRESENT:

Stan Dunbar – Footnotes Editor
Florrie Johnson - Secretary
Bob Kittredge – Harvard Cabinmaster
Mike Swartz - Treasurer
Dan Wiktor – Co-Chair
Silvia Zaharinova – Trip Coordinator

Guests:

Julie LePage
Steve Cohen
Steve Dennen
Kevin Fredette
Mary Stohn

1) INTRODUCTION WELCOME. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:15 by Dan

2) LAST MEETINGS MINUTES accepted

3) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nothing to report from Dan

4) TREASURER'S REPORT – MIKE SWARTZ

Harvard Cabin in the red – discussed under Harvard Cabin

SHP profits come in under \$3,000

Mike requested an increase in our Leadership Training Grant from the Chapter. Ralph Jones replied that Chapter's budget specifies a grant of \$1000. To change this amount Judy can request more at Exec Com Meeting, and this would probably be granted.

5) TRIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT – SILVIA

Number of planned trips per month:

August 19; Sept 19; Oct 16; Nov 5; Dec 5; Jan 10 (WHP trips not included)

6) HARVARD CABIN REPORT – BOB

The yearly Harvard Cabin Committee Meeting is next Tues 10/20, Bob & Dan attending, Stan considering it.

Door to new fridge is not properly hung, closes with difficulty

HC Discussion: Now that HC has installed the fire suppression system, Bob hopes the cabin fee can be lowered. 1 yr or so ago rates were raised to \$440 per weekend. The last 8 HC trips have lost a total of

\$1,200. HC trips have averaged 9 participants per trip. If HC Committee will not lower the fee, what to do? General feeling was to reduce number of yearly HC trips to reduce loss and consolidate participant base, raising the numbers on each trip, hopefully. Brief discussion on marketing and the question of how participants feel about HC with no conclusions. Mention of constructing a survey for HC participants to get feedback after trips.

Nov work weekend – Bob is going. Tent platforms may be built

7) TRIP REPORTER'S REPORT – LEANDRA

Not present

8) WEBMASTER'S REPORT – GARY

Not present . Julie reported Leader's Corner has been updated. Instructions for on-line trip listings are there.

9) COMMITTEE PROGRAMS

WHP – all trips are planned, talks mostly set up. Brochures are being aggressively distributed

SHP – George Marlette confirms he'll coordinate again next year

10) SUBSIDY PROGRAM-Florrie

Three subsidies last month

11) LEADERSHIP APPLICATIONS – Ellen

Not present, no applications pending

12) OLD BUSINESS

The group tent has been purchased by Brian Glenn through Wilderness House for a substantial discount, reportedly. Priority use is for training trips.

On-line trip listings: ultimate goal for the chapter is chapter-wide extraction for the MUD. Gary is in charge of that. Silvia contacted the Web manager for the Outdoors to see if MUD & Outdoors are connected, which they are not, so getting listings to the MUD will not result in listings going on to the Outdoors as well.

13) NEW BUSINESS

Committee elections for all positions will be held in December, nominations in November

Lynn Matt from Intro is pursuing the organization of a multi committee camping weekend for leaders. Julie volunteered to be involved. Will ask Gina Adam, YM Chair, if she is interested.

Discussion on the value of trip planning meetings:

Ski committee so pleased with the last TP meeting they are considering continuing to do them.

Silvia reports a rise in trip listings after planning meetings

Other points made: Trip leaders need to meet new CLs face to face to be comfortable asking them to co-lead their trips.

Importance of face to face contact between leaders as well as CLs emphasized. Chance to for leaders to see each other. The provided food is a way to show appreciation for leaders.

Point that Jan TP meeting is not well attended, and the Spring TP meeting is necessary for new CL introductions as well as 3 season trips led to discussion of using Jan/Feb for annual Leader Appreciation

Dinner and creating a multi-committee Trip Planning meeting in Spring. Possible date of Feb 24 raised for the dinner.

For spring multi-committee Trip planning meeting – advantage is new co leaders come to one meeting for all committees. Disadvantage is other committees may have their own agendas, not want to come. Also discussion of what venue would be appropriate and large enough. Restaurant considered cozier than church auditoriums.

ACTON ITEMS:

Dan to email committee members regarding above discussion

Dan to ask Mike Barry & Lynn Matt how Bike & Intro would feel about a combined Spring Planning mtg

Julie to ask Gina Adam how YM would feel.

14) NEXT MEETINGS

Tues Nov 11 – Ellen’s House

Wed Dec 10 –

Tues Jan 12 -

15) ACTION ITEMS

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Time Adjourned 8:45

Respectfully Submitted,

Florrie Johnson

HB Secretary