

MEETING MINUTES
Appalachian Mountain Club
Hiking/Backpacking Committee
Boston Chapter

Nov 12, 2008. Ellen's house

PRESENT:

Judy Dillman – Esteemed Chair
Ellen Cullen –Leadership applications
Stan Dunbar – Footnotes Editor
Florrie Johnson – Secretary
Phil Jones
Bob Kittredge – Harvard Cabinmaster
Julie Lepage
Gary Schwartz - Webmaster
Joyce Hurrigan – guest
Steven Dennen – guest
Kevin Fredette - guest

1) INTRODUCTION WELCOME. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:25 pm

2) LAST MEETINGS MINUTES accepted with no corrections

3) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Leader survey is out to leaders to complete.
Other issues are discussed under headings below

4) TREASURER'S REPORT – MIKE SWARTZ

Not present

Judy reported that the Leadership Recognition Grant we are given from the chapter received an additional \$350 for this year per her request of the exec committee. She will be asking the chapter to amend their budget to increase this subsidy in the future depending on the costs of the Spring Leadership Program. Current amount is \$500

This past year this grant subsidized our Summer Social and the dinner at Yantzee. In return we complete an audit, annual report, and send them our leader's list.

Clarification/Correction:

\$350 noted as received from the chapter was for a Leadership Training Grant as opposed to a Leadership Recognition Grant reported in the minutes. We are still owed this \$350 for Leadership Training.

ii- We did receive a Leadership Recognition Grant of \$500.

iii- We need to apply for a Leadership Subsidy Grant and expect the amount to be \$362.

5) TRIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT – SILVIA

Not present

6) HARVARD CABIN REPORT – BOB

We lost over \$1000 last year on Harvard Cabin trips. April was completely cancelled and we still owed \$440 to the HC Committee. Discussion of encouraging leaders not to cancel HC weekends unless it is for a safety issue. Leaders may not realize HB still has to pay when they cancel a trip.

HC Committee is adamant that they will not reduce the fee, Bob states. Food is usually \$18 per person. We break even at 12 participants. Past 4 years we've averaged 10 except for May, June, Sept, which average 5-6 participants. There has been no July or August for about 2 years. Discussion about increasing the trip fee which is now \$60. It was decided not to raise the fee.

There is apparently a new HC Committee Member, "Marsha", who is going to market the cabin.

Oct is Map & Compass, Dec is WHP, Feb is above treeline and WFA all usually pay for themselves. Months of Jan, Feb & March get highest usage with us, Ski & Mountaineering.

It was proposed that more Harvard students than 6 be allowed to join us but that all of the fees for the numbers over 6 come to the HB Committee, not the outing club

It was proposed, moved and passed that we eliminate May, June and Sept Harvard Cabin trips.

7) TRIP REPORTER'S REPORT – LEANDRA

Not present

8) WEBMASTER'S REPORT – GARY

Leaders can download instructions for using the online trip listing system from the website. The HB trip listing software picks HB trips off the Outdoors site. Leaders should use alias addresses. Also important to allow email address to show on on-line trip listing so participants will be able to contact someone.

9) COMMITTEE PROGRAMS

WHP starts Tuesday. 70 people are signed up.

SHP – George putting a team together. Dates are April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19. Chris Gaudette to coordinate Cardigan, trying to get the last weekend in May. Fees – pre reg 60/65, door 65/70; wkend 95

10) SUBSIDY PROGRAM-Florrie

none

11) LEADERSHIP APPLICATIONS – Ellen

none

12) OLD BUSINESS

Brian Glenn will publicize the new dinner tarp to the HB Leader's list.

Leader's Camping Weekend – now discussed in Exec Comm, a chapter wide event, slated for August.

Future Trip Planning Meetings – April and Oct hopefully all committees participate together.
Considering Joy St. as Venue.

13) NEW BUSINESS

Joy St. planning to create a Wi-Fi spot in Cabot auditorium. Will be able to set up a laptop without hooking it in to Joy St.'s system.

Discussion of the fact that REI is no longer willing to post flyers for our programs as they feel it competes with their outdoor school. Ellen is pursuing this with the woman who is in charge of the school, who is apparently new to the position.

SOLO in spring – Phil will check into the Hale Reservation for May. Discussion that the chapter should be running these so individual committees don't duplicate efforts. Kevin states Wilderness Medical Assoc were just as good as SOLO. Phil will pass on info to Judy to pass on in Exec Comm meeting.

Outdoors Deadline is now the 10th of the month instead of the 15th

14) NEXT MEETINGS

Dec 10 – Judy's house unless she gets another volunteer
January 13- Bob's house in Newtonville

15) ACTION ITEM: Phil will pass on Spring SOLO info to Judy who will bring it up at Exec Comm to other committees

16) FUTURE TOPICS

Can there be a central place to change one's email address in the AMC system?
Do we still need to send out the Footnotes? How about putting it on-line?

Time Adjourned 9:10

Respectfully Submitted,
Florrie Johnson
HB Secretary