

HB Committee Meeting Minutes for Dec. 10, 2008

Attendees: Judy Dillman, Joyce Horrigan, Leandra MacLennan, Mohamed Ellozy, Dan Wiktor, Gary Schwartz, Ellen Cullen, Michael Swartz, Sylvia Zaharinoval, Bob Asch

Temporary Secretary: Bob Asch

- 1- Meeting Called to order by Judy Dillman at 7:26PM at the home of Mohamed Ellozy.
 - a- Joyce Horrigan was elected to the committee as the first item of business.
 - b- It was noted later in the meeting that Mark Batson has resigned from the committee.
(Thanks and best wishes to Mark for his work on the committee.)

- 2- Meeting minutes for Nov. 11, 2008 meeting were approved as amended.
 - a- Sylvia Zaharinoval did submit a November trip report unreported in the minutes.
 - b- In Item 4 (Treasurer's Report) there were several modifications:
 - i- \$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.

- 3- Executive Committee Report (Judy Dillman)
 - a- A chapter budget similar to last year was approved.
 - i- Judy requested \$1200 for leadership training.
 - b- There were 135 responses to the leadership survey
 - c- The AMC is looking to cut expenses and some proposals concerning AMC Outdoors are being considered:
 - i- Reduce the number of AMC Outdoors issues from 10 to 8 by having combined Sept./Oct. and Nov./Dec. issues.
 - ii- Compress trip listings by having a heading and contact information only. This was strongly opposed by both the Executive and HB committee attendees.
 - iii- Possibly a listings word limit, which already exists, but is not strongly enforced.

- 4- Treasurer's Report: (Michael Swartz). Michael Swartz submitted a Oct./Nov. 2008 report with Checking Activity and comparative major expenses for 2008 and previous years.
 - a- Our financials are better this year due to the Winter Hiking Program.
 - b- The Cardigan weekend always runs at a loss and is subsidized by the Joy Street portion of the Winter Hiking Program. Other Winter Hiking Program trips are independent. The sense of the committee was that we wished to continue to subsidize the Cardigan weekend because it is central to the Winter Hiking Program.
 - c- A proposal by Michael Swartz to establish a CD savings account for the committee because we always have greater than \$8,000 in a low-interest checking account was approved. We will need 3 signatories on a new account: The HB Chair, HB Treasurer, and a Joy St. signatory.

- 5- Trip Coordinator Report (Sylvia Zaharinoval). The number of trips for Jan/Feb. 2009 is a recent record since 2005. There are 19 Jan. trips, 16 Feb. trips, and 8 March trips so far.

5a- There was no Harvard Cabin Report.

6- Trip Reporter Report (Leandra MacLennan).

- a- We are short on Nov. reports, 7 trips and only 2 reports.
- b- We need to add Winter Hiking Program trips to reports.
- c- Leandra gets the list of trips to report by the HBAnnounce email. Is this sufficient?

7- Webmaster Report (Gary Schwartz).

- a- Our website was used by the Winter Hiking Program for the newsletter, case studies, and the PDF files for presentations.
- b- Work is in progress for updating links.
- c- We are checking HB Leaders current AMC membership.
- d- Gary noted later in the meeting that our HB Website can support up to 10 mailing lists and that the H/B mailing list could move to the Website.
- e- We also noted later in the meeting that there is a proliferation of HB related email lists (HB Committee, HB leaders, program mailing lists, etc..) and that we might want to unify access and location of these lists. There was no resolution, but a prediction that it would take a long time to put this in place.

8- Committee Programs.

- a- Winter Program
 - i- 105 participants.
 - ii- David Breashears talk is scheduled for Dec. 16 WHP session at Wilderness House.
 - iii- 13 trips associated with the program. There is good signup and enthusiasm.
- b- Spring Program
 - i- George Marlett is chairing the program again and has booked Joy St. and is putting together a team.
 - ii- Chris Gaudette booked Cardigan, but didn't get the weekend we wanted and the cost is almost doubled. He is asking (or we need to ask) Phil Jones about Cardigan costs.
Issue: We are booking Cardigan late. We should contact Penny Miller to find out how to get the weekend we want. We believe instructional programs should have precedence.
If we booked Cardigan for a weekend before Memorial day, would it be cheaper.
- c- Spring Wilderness First Aide - Phil Jones. No new information.

9- Leadership Training Subsidies - None discussed.

10- Leadership Applications - None discussed.

11- Old Business:

- a- REI Listing of HB Programs.
 - i- REI preventing posting of notices for Winter Hiking Program.
 - ii- Bob Moore and Phil Jones were upset by this.
 - iii- One REI manager may have thought that the Winter Hiking Program competes with the REI Outdoor school and the decision to not post Winter Hiking Program notices may have been a one person decision.

iv- Ellen Cullen and Chris Post will be trying to speak with REI management to prevent similar decisions in the future.

12- New Business:

a- Committee Elections: The following committee position nominations were approved for 2009.

- i- Judy Dillman - Committee Chair
- ii- Michael Swartz - Treasurer
- iii- Florrie Johnston - Secretary
- iv- Sylvia Zaharinova - Trip Co-ordinator

b- Changing an AMC email is still complex. Gary noted that the HB Website could support 10 email lists, but interaction with Joy Street complicates this. Emails are use in:

- i- HB Committee email list
- ii- HB Leaders email list
- iii- HB Website.
- iv- Staff lists.
- v- Online trip listings
- vi- AMC Membership center
- vii- MUD email lists.
- viii- Leader's rooster.

It was commented (and noted in discussing the HB Website) that we should not expect to unify these lists any time soon and that interaction with Joy Street would be needed.

Next Meetings:

- a- Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009 at the home of Bob Kittredge
- b- Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 (location undecided)
- c- Tuesday, March 10, 2009 (location undecided)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36PM