

MEETING MINUTES
Appalachian Mountain Club
Hiking/Backpacking Committee
Boston Chapter

Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at the home of Bob Kittredge

PRESENT:

Judy Dillman – Esteemed Chair
Ellen Cullen –Leadership applications
Florrie Johnson - Secretary
Bob Kittredge – Harvard Cabinmaster
Kevin McAllister
Gary Schwartz - Webmaster
Dan Wiktor – Co-Chair
Silvia Zaharinova – Trip Coordinator
Joyce Horigan – Trip Recorder
Kevin Fredette

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

2) LAST MEETINGS MINUTES were accepted with the addition of Leandra's name to the attendee list.

3) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The MUD – new editor is Geoff Moore. He is requesting articles, and suggested that each committee submit one article per year. Photos are also welcome. They hope to widen electronic distribution and eventually use the corporate membership list as their mailing list. MUD would not be distributed to that list, but an invitation to subscribe would be sent out.

Fall Leadership Program will be coordinated by Gina Adam, the YM Chair, and our own Ellen Cullen, thanks to both!

The revised and more volunteer-leader friendly AMC Hut registration process for leaders stimulated discussion about Harvard Cabin's cancellation policy and the changes we are seeking.

Cardigan Lodge is planning to focus more on reaching out to Committees to increase their business.

Corporate AMC is checking on-line trip listings to make sure that Leaders are current in their memberships.

The Boston Chapter has a new webmaster to succeed the venerable and valuable Paul Mozel. New webmaster is the husband of one of the members-at-large, and his name cannot yet be found on the website. He is initiating a redesign and invites all to contribute. One goal is for leaders to be able to put their trips directly onto the AMC website.

Quincy Quarry Day – May 3rd, to promote the quarry as a recreational site. Paul Dale invites all committees to participate. HB discussed what we might do, but little interest was generated.

4) TREASURER’S REPORT – MIKE SWARTZ

Not present

5) TRIP COORDINATOR’S REPORT – SILVIA

Judy and Bob will be publishing HB announce and otherwise filling in for Silvia while she is away, seeing as how she unreasonably refused to take trip listings while on her honeymoon. Congratulations Silvia!

6) HARVARD CABIN REPORT – BOB

Above Treeline Workshop in Feb made a \$1.54 profit. That weekend had apparently been double booked with our group and a Boy Scout troop by the HC registrar, who has since resigned. Linda Mediros is now the HC registrar, and has set up an on-line registration system, which Bob reports is much improved from the previous model.

Bob has reserved our HC trips through March 2010.

7) TRIP REPORTER’S REPORT – JOYCE

Thanks to Joyce for taking on the Trip Reporter’s job. She has spread sheets and job description from her competent predecessor, Leandra, and is on the job.

8) WEBMASTER’S REPORT – GARY

Gary is putting a LINKS section on the HB website. There was discussion on what is appropriate to include; Gary has been receiving requests from charitable organizations to list their fund raising events. It was agreed it is a committee decision who to include, and that links and events must be based on a personal connection to the AMC.

Gary will email out a description of the HB discussion group “Mountain Talk”.

On-line trip listing system – When a leader masks his email address on the trip listing form, the masking is lost in the extraction to the HB website. Gary suggests all leaders have a separate, “throw away” email address to use on trip listings. This recommendation will be placed on the website in the Leader’s Corner.

9) COMMITTEE PROGRAMS

Spring Hiking Program – 60 people are registered. Still need leaders for Monadnock and the Backpack.

Wilderness First Aid – 17 paid participants and more coming. Phil expects over 20 participants.

10) SUBSIDY PROGRAM-Florrie

None this month

11) LEADERSHIP APPLICATIONS – Ellen

Mark Breslow, Stephen Conlin, and Robert Freed were approved as 3 season Leaders.

Bob Knudsen applied for 4 season and it was agreed he will be asked to do 2 more winter co-leads.

Judy will send announcements of newly approved HB Leaders out to the HB Leaders' list as the Footnotes no longer exist to do this.

12) OLD BUSINESS

Trip planning meeting Thurs 23rd at Joy St. Dan will be chairing the meeting, thanks Dan. Gary will order 10 pizzas and drinks; Gary and Joyce will bring laptops. Judy will send out a reminder on the Leaders' List.

13) NEW BUSINESS

Julie and others have slide shows of some of their trips they have presented to other chapters. How about a series of socials/lectures in a restaurant with dinner. This could be coupled with presentations about how HB functions. Discussion to be continued next month.

Judy will give Bogie D feedback that some participants don't like having to sign up for a Yahoo group in order to sign up for his trips.

14) NEXT MEETINGS

Wed, May 13 at Ellen's NEW home in Peabody

Tues, June 9, annual gala BBQ at Dan's home in Wakefield

15) ACTION ITEMS

Gary will put a reminder in the Leaders' Corner advising leaders to use an alternate email address for trip listings.

Judy will announce new leaders on Leaders' List

Time Adjourned 9:00

Respectfully Submitted,
Florrie Johnson
HB Secretary