

Minutes: January 2011 Monthly H/B Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 11, 2011

Location: Home of Bob Knudsen (Woburn, MA)

Attending: Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin (guest), Ellen Cullen, Judy Dillman, Silvia Dubinsky (Chair), Abby Driscoll; Stan Dunbar, Robert Freed, Joyce Horrigan, Bob Kittredge, Bob Knudsen, Paul Mancinelli (guest), Alex Nedzel, Gary Schwartz, Michael Swartz.

Come to order: 7:05 pm

Minutes of prior meeting: The minutes from the December 14, 2010 H/B meeting were edited and approved.

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting:

Bob Kittredge represented H/B at last night's Executive Committee meeting and reported that:

- Complaints had made their way to the Executive Committee that certain chapter trips had charged excessive fees to participants and not refunded the excess at the end of the trips. A months long investigation followed, and it was determined that some trip leaders were keeping excess fees and thereby profiting - a violation of AMC rules. In the end, Lynn Matt of Intro was suspended from handling the financial end of any trip she is involved with. Note that this has to do with trips where the *leaders* keep the excess, not their committees. There is no problem, for example, with the profits of our Harvard Cabin trips going into the HB kitty. Exec Comm will soon be asking each of the activity committees what they do (or intend to do) to see that this does not happen. I.e., what controls they have in place on such trips.
- The Intro committee is in a shambles. Although Lynn Matt is the titular Chair, Ed McManmon has been holding it together and representing Intro at Exec Comm. There has not been an Intro committee meeting in two and a half years. There is effectively no Intro committee at all since virtually none of their leaders are interested in serving. Exec Comm will soon be voting on whether to disband Intro, which would be a shame since they lead a lot of popular trips. Where can committee members be recruited?
- The Boston Chapter will be hosting the AMC Fall Gathering this year and is trying to find a suitable site in the Boston area to hold it. AMC members from other chapters attend these gatherings for meetings and group activities. It will be held one weekend in October.

- Other activity committees report satisfaction with using PayPal.

Action: Silvia will send out an e-mail to the H/B leader list asking if anyone might like to get involved with the Intro Committee.

Treasurer: Michael reported that due to the Winter Hiking Program, December was a busy month. \$8500 flowed in, and \$8800 flowed out. The year-end balance was \$19,060.05, \$3500 less than the 2009 year-end amount.

Trip Coordinator: Robert reported that December was quiet, but January/February/March are going strong:

- December: 3 trips and a slide show, vs. 4 trips, an instructional trip and a program last year
- January: 10 trips and 1 slide show, vs. 9 trips and one program last year
- February: 11 trips, 1 instructional trip and 2 slide shows, vs. 8 trips and 1 slide show last year
- March: 5 trips and a program vs. 6 trips last year
- April: 1 trip, 1 instructional trip and 1 program vs. 3 trips, 3 programs and 2 slide shows last year

Also, Robert believes the slide shows to be full-fledged Boston events. Maura Hume is great at publicity, and we should utilize her talents fully for these events. Coming up: Brian Glenn on 8000 meter peaks.

Harvard Cabin: Bob Kittredge reported that:

- In 2010 there were 87 participants and an \$819 surplus. There were 6 trips, resulting in an average of 14.5 participants per trip.
- In 2009: 100 participants and a net gain of \$772.
- In 2008: 72 participants and a net loss of \$1536; in this year, two trips were completely washed/snowed out even though we still had to cough up the \$440 cabin fee each time. That year also prompted us to drop the May and September trips which usually lose money.
- In light of the two consecutive surplus years, Bob proposed dropping the \$60 participant fee to \$55. The group decided to leave the fee unchanged. "If it ain't broke . . ."
- The March weekend was cancelled, because no leader stepped forward to run it.

Trip Reports: Joyce reported that all 2010 trip reports are in. Stats:

- 53 different leaders
- 42 different co-leaders
- Another 13 people in cancelled trips
- 60% of the 2010 Spring Leadership Program participants co-led a trip in 2010

Webmaster: Gary reported that:

- The recent H/B website outage was not any sort of serious technical issue. Rather, it was just our domain registrar's friendly reminder for Gary to please get the renewal payment in for the hbbostonamc.org domain, which he quickly was able to do.
- The registration portal can now send e-mail to two program co-coordinators when participants use an e-mail link. Roll-out is expected in approximately two months. It is waiting on documentation completion and adoption of a suitable name for the system.
- **Action: Gary** will empower Alex to manage the H/B Committee's distribution list serve.
- Gary noted that PayPal will not be integrated for individual-run trips - just programs.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA):

- The plan is to schedule a program for late April/early May. A discussion followed on the pro's and con's of listing non-AMC activities (such as outside-led WFA courses) on the AMC trip system; the con's won.
- **Action: Gary** will work with **Jeff** to format a list of WFA opportunities on the H/B website, including at least one class in the fall.
- **Action: Silvia** and **Jeff** will send an e-mail out to get feedback from leaders on the idea of an honor system approach for reporting WFA training.

Spring Leadership Program: Silvia passed along this report from Erik Abel:

- Made reservations for leadership weekend at Camp Lyndon
- Reserved Joy St. for weeknight sessions
- Got listing in on Web for leadership training
- Currently have 13 people who have expressed interest in the program
- Erik met with Bryan Hall last week and got all existing supplies and resources from him
- Have our the first meeting of the leadership committee scheduled for Wed. 12 Jan., but may have to reschedule due to weather
- Reji has decided to pull-back from co-leading the training but will remain on the committee

Spring Hiking Program: Bob Knudsen reported that:

- The first meeting is on January 18 at 7pm, at Joy Street.
- Michael Blair is requesting a discount for members of the Random Group of Hikers group he runs on Meetup. The committee did not believe this to make sense.

Leader Training Subsidies: In the wake of Kevin McAllister's resignation from the committee, Michael volunteered to add the leader training subsidy task to his Treasurer portfolio.

Leader Applications:

- We need a new Leader Application Coordinator. Abby volunteered to serve in the event that Bob Asch declines an invitation to take the position.
- No leader applications are currently pending.

Leader Appreciation: Judy proposed that we re-integrate the leader appreciation event with the spring trip planning event, and hold it after the Spring Leadership Program so that the new Co-Leaders can dig right in. The group agreed on April 20 as the date. Judy volunteered to help organize the event, but we need more help. **Action: Abby** will ask Maura if she'd be interested.

Financial Rules: Bob Kittredge volunteered to report back at the next Executive Committee meeting on our H/B committee's financial rules (**Action: Bob Kittredge**). In preparation, Bob scanned the H/B listings in old issues of *Outdoors* for relevant past trips, ignoring any trip that cost \$20 or less:

- Aug 8-10, 2008 - \$40 - car camp + food
- Sep 5-7, 2008 - \$40 - car camp + food
- Oct 11-13, 2008 - \$95 - Cardigan High Cabin + food
- Oct 25-26, 2008 - \$60 - Zealand hut + food
- Jan 9-11, 2009 - \$130 - Supleigh with meals
- Jan 10-11, 2009 - \$55 - Carter Notch + food
- Feb 14-16, 2009 - \$95 - Cardigan High Cabin + food
- Mar 14-15, 2009 - \$70 - Carter Notch + food
- Mar 20-22, 2009 - \$188 - Highland Center with meals
- May 1-3, 2009 - \$150 - Pembroke Inn with meals
- May 23-25, 2009 - \$80 - Carter Notch + food
- July 31-Aug 1, 2009 - \$80 - Lonesome Lake
- Oct 8-12, 2009 - \$100 - Baxter Oct 23-25, 2009 - \$100 - "Scotch in the Notch" ?
- Mar 5-7, 2010 - \$35 - Subsig + food
- May 7-9, 2010 - \$125 - Joe Dodge Lodge
- Jul 2-5, 2010 - \$245 - Pembroke Lodge with meals
- Aug 1, 2010 - \$30 - compass + material
- Aug 20-25, 2010 - \$60 - Baxter lodging
- Sep 3-6, 2010 - \$245 - Pembroke Lodge
- Oct 8-10, 2010 - \$25 - car camp + food

Future Meetings:

- Tuesday, February 8, 2011 - Brandeis in Waltham (Food: Julie)
- Wednesday, March 9, 2011 - Brandeis in Waltham (location is tentative; Food: Joyce)

Adjourn: 9:11pm

Recap of Action Items:

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- **Abby** will ask Maura if she'd be interested in helping to organize the Leader Appreciation event.
- **Bob Kittredge** volunteered to report back at the next Executive Committee meeting on our H/B committee's financial rules

Alex Nedzel

Approved 2/8/2011

HB Checking December 2010

12/1/2010 Through 12/31/2010

1/11/2011

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Cl	Amount
			BALANCE 11/30/2010				19,370.95
12/3/2010	Checking	5043	Ryan Stefiuk	mileage reimbursement	Winter WHP	R	-100.00
12/3/2010	Checking	5044	Abby Driscoll	parking reimbursement	Winter WHP	R	-44.00
12/7/2010	Checking	5045	Marc Breslow	WFA	Training Subsidy	R	-110.00
12/8/2010	Checking	5046	SOLO	11/6 & 11/7/2010	WFA Expense	R	-2,489.13
12/10/2010	Checking	1128	Stephen Conlin	pizza 5/4/2010	SHP	R	-60.00
12/13/2010	Checking	1224	YMCA Cape Cod	25% rental fee; owe \$1312.50	SLP Expense	R	-437.50
12/14/2010	Checking		WHP Cardigan	4 participants; total 13	WHP Cardigan	R	380.00
12/14/2010	Checking	1225	Michael Swartz	reimburse Lodge fees	WHP Cardigan	R	-4,804.92
12/15/2010	Checking	33306	AMC Boston Chapter	2010 reimbursement	SLP Income	R	3,475.00
12/15/2010	Checking		WHP Cardigan	total 14 participants	WHP Cardigan	R	95.00
12/15/2010	Checking	1226	Julie LePage	slideshow expenses	Lecture Series	R	-130.85
12/16/2010	Checking		Paypal		WHP Cardigan	R	3,911.92
12/16/2010	Checking	1227	Michael Swartz	12/26 2010 meeting	HB Meetings	R	-128.40
12/17/2010	Checking		Julie LePage	12/10/10 - 12/12/10	Harvard Cabin Income	R	458.40
12/17/2010	Checking	5047	AMC Harvard Cabin	12/10/10 - 12/12/10	Harvard Cabin	R	-440.00
12/22/2010	Checking	5049	Lyons Digital Media	domain name through 12/2012	Computer	R	-40.00
12/24/2010	Checking	5048	Matthew Pearson	Map & Compass	Leaders' Continuing Education	R	-30.00
12/31/2010	Checking		Paypal		WHP Cardigan	R	183.58
			TOTAL 12/1/2010 - 12/31/2010				-310.90
			BALANCE 12/31/2010				19,060.05
			TOTAL INFLOWS				8,503.90
			TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-8,814.80
			NET TOTAL				-310.90

AMC Boston Chapter Hiking & Backpacking Committee
Treasurer's Report
December 2010

Program	December 2010	2010 Full Year	2009 Full Year	2008 Full Year	2007 Full Year	2006 Full Year	2005 Full Year
HB Meetings	(128.40)	(873.76)	(741.49)	(869.57)	(1,014.33)	(627.61)	(780.31)
Trip Plan Meetings		(1,437.21)	(577.95)	(1,196.60)	(703.08)	(519.35)	(655.55)
Website	(40.00)	(190.00)	(400.00)	(59.67)	(238.68)	(257.67)	(238.68)
Leadership Program	3,037.50	(937.38)	350.00	(350.52)			
Leaders' Continuing Ed	(140.00)	(3,749.00)	(518.67)	(2,065.00)	(556.25)	(1,792.50)	(1,872.00)
Winter WHP	(144.00)	3,828.17	3,023.02	7,803.99	2,202.08	1,613.36	2,322.23
Winter WHP Cardigan	(234.42)	(3,402.58)	3,991.70	(666.48)			
Spring SHP	(60.00)	2,950.37	1,617.73	2,257.84	(1,097.37)	1,401.42	2,792.33
Spring SHP Cardigan		(1,518.26)	(520.48)	included above	included above	included above	included above
Footnotes				(634.54)	(834.42)	(506.93)	(811.74)
WFA	(2,489.13)	821.56	1,139.61				
Lecture Series	(130.85)	(430.85)	(100.00)				
Harvard Cabin	18.40	1,483.59	(289.70)	(1,215.77)	(298.71)	394.16	1,409.43
Other		(44.00)	(217.12)	185.53 **	257.51	40.06	1,034.41
Total	(310.90)	(3,499.35)	6,756.65	3,189.21	(2,283.25)	(255.06)	3,200.12

Balances

Beginning Balance	19,370.95	22,559.40	15,802.75	12,613.54	14,896.79		
Ending Balance	19,060.05	19,060.05	22,559.40	15,802.75	12,613.54		

Reconciliation of Bank Statement to above

Bank Balance as of 12/31/2010	19,060.05
Outstanding Checks	
none	0.00

Ending balance 12/31/2010 19,060.05

**Includes Reconciling Entry of \$46.91

1/11/2010

Trip Report, Dec. 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011

<u>Trip Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Slideshow and Potluck: Canadian Rockies w/August Camp	12/8/2010	Julie LePage
Audubon Bird Count in Crawford Notch (C4D)	12/18/2010	Brian Glenn
Mount Carrigain (A3A)	12/19/2010	Brian Glenn
New Years Sub-Zero Celebration/Sojourn in the Carters (A3B)	12/31/2010	Bob Knudsen
3 trips + 1 slideshow		
LY: 4 trips (in 1 H-cabin) + 1 instructional + 1 program		
Crawford Notch Hiking Extravaganza (B3B)	1/7/2011	Larry Takiff
Mount Lafayette (A3A)	1/8/2011	Kevin Fredette
Mount Eisenhower (A2B)	1/8/2011	Erik Abel
Galehead (A3B)	1/9/2011	Kevin Fredette
Japan's Temples, Mountains and Gardens: Potluck/Slideshow	1/11/2011	RSVP to Julie LePage
January Harvard Cabin Hiking Weekend (A3B-B3B)	1/14/2011	Mike Seward
Cannon Mountain (4100') Winter Day Hike (C3B)	1/22/2011	Alex Nedzel
Lonesome Lake Hut, North/South Kinsmans Backpack (B3B)	1/22/2011	Joan Chambers
Bag a Moose (B3A)	1/29/2011	Judy Dillman
Mount Washington (A2A)	1/30/2011	John Sanford
Liberty and Flume (A3B)	1/30/2011	Brian Glenn
10 trips (incl 1 H-cabin) + 1 slideshow		
LY: 9 trips + 1 program		
DIY Mongolia - Potluck & Slideshow	2/1/2011	Julie LePage
Down Under Backpacking Adventure in New Zealand (B3B)	2/5/2011	Joan Chambers
Wildcats/Carters Backpack (A3B)	2/5/2011	Kevin Fredette
Hale-Zealand-Twins Backpack (A3A)	2/5/2011	Jim Guion
South and Middle Carter (A2A)	2/5/2011	Erik Abel

Mount Kancamagus (3763') Bushwack (C2B)	2/6/2011	Alex Nedzel
Kurt Diemberger Slideshow	2/9/2011	Brian J. Glenn
Above-Treeline Hiking Workshop (AB2A)	2/11/2011	Larry Takiff
Mount Jefferson (A2A)	2/13/2011	John Sanford
37th Annual Presidents' Day Family Winter Weekend	2/18/2011	Stephanie Keimig
Baxter Park High Peaks Weekend (A3A)	2/18/2011	Brian Glenn
Mount Cardigan High Cabin Extravaganza (C3B)	2/19/2011	Alex Nedzel
Vermont Peak Bagging Weekend (A2B)	2/19/2011	Joe Comuzzi
11 trips + 1 instructional + 2 slideshows		
LY: 8 trips + 1 slideshow		
Mount Pierce (4312') Winter Backpack/Camp (C3B)	3/5/2011	Alex Nedzel
Mounts Tom and Field (B3B)	3/12/2011	Kevin Fredette
A Carrigain March in, Well, March! (AA3B)	3/13/2011	Alex Nedzel
Mount Moosilauke on the Brink of Spring (B3B)	3/19/2011	Alex Nedzel
Carter Notch Hut Extravaganza, Carter Dome, Wildcats (B3B)	3/19/2011	Joan Chambers
Spring Leadership Program	3/31/2011	Erik Abel
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5 trips + 1 program		
LY: 6 trips		
AMC Advanced Skills Workshop (B3A)	4/1/2011	Jim Schroeder
Late Winter Camp at Clinton (C2B)	4/16/2011	Matthew Pearson
Boston Chapter: Spring 2011 Beginner Hiking Program	4/19/2011	Bob Knudsen
1 trip + 1 instructional + 1 program		
3 trips + 3 programs + 2 slideshows		