

## Minutes: May 2011 Monthly H/B Meeting

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 11, 2011

**Location:** Home of Alex Nedzel (Lexington, MA)

**Attending:** Bob Asch, Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin, Judy Dillman, Abby Driscoll, Silvia Dubinsky, Robert Freed, Linda Haines (Guest), Joyce Horrigan, Bob Kittredge, Bob Knudsen, Julie LePage, Alex Nedzel, Gary Schwartz, Michael Swartz, Dan Wiktor.

**Come to order:** 7:06 pm

**WFA Deadline:** The committee discussed whether or not to push the deadline by which H/B leaders need to be 3-year current with WFA back from June 19 to September. The vote was NO. However the committee did vote to grant individual extensions to Barbara Amoroso and June Mackenzie. **Action:** Jeff will schedule a WFA session for late September at Joy Street, possibly in concert with the Ski Committee.

**New H/B Committee Member:** Stephen Conlin was voted and welcomed onto the Committee.

**Resignation:** Silvia reported that Brian Glenn has resigned from the Committee. She noted his many positive contributions while serving, including his work on the Winter Hiking Program and his continued advocacy for increasing leader and co-leader involvement.

**Minutes of prior meeting:** The minutes from the April 13, 2011 H/B meeting were approved.

**Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting:** Judy reported that:

- Gail Ferreira will be the Fall Leadership Program coordinator. The program will take place at Camp Lyndon on the Cape.
- The new Boston Chapter website is up. To post announcements, contact Brenda Conaway.
- The committees all received their Spring Leadership Program graduate lists, and are grateful.
- People across the chapter expressed interest in H/B's new "REGI" trip registration system.

**Treasurer:** Michael Swartz reported that the bank balance is at \$16,400. This is down \$1600 from last month, due principally to the cost of the April Awards Dinner/Trip Planning Meeting. This meeting had a lower cost per participant than last year.

**Trip Coordinator:** Robert reported that:

- There are 12 trips slated for June. We continue to meet or exceed last year's same-month stats.
- At the April trip planning meeting, Dan distributed WMNF Guide Cards to 25 leaders. **Action:** Dan will send Robert a list of current card holders.
- Robert and Gary are working to address technical problems with the new release of the AMC trip system.

- Robert has awarded H/B's \$150 Mountain Leadership School scholarship to Michael Blair, the sole applicant.

**Harvard Cabin:** Bob Kittredge reported that:

- The Advanced Skills Workshop netted nearly \$600.\
- September: Joe Comuzzi's Map & Compass Workshop
- October: Deb Ireland and Judy Dillman.

**Trip Reporting:** Joyce reported that:

- Trips continue to fill up for the most part, though there have been a few smaller groups.
- Come H/B-approved cross-listed trips sometimes do not have an H/B leader listed. In such cases, the cross-listed status should be disclosed in the descriptive text. The committee agreed that this should be an official trip posting guideline.
- Julie's new on-line trip reporting form was discussed. It is now available on the H/B website in the Leaders Corner.

**Webmaster:** Gary indicated that all new co-leaders have been added to REGI.

**Spring Leadership Program:** Through Bob Kittredge and Silvia, Reji James and Erik Abel reported:

- John Lisker advocated for including a 5-minute presentation from each activity committee.
- It would be a good idea to provide SLP graduates with an official H/B contact person.
- We're moving in the direction of a single course manual for both the spring and fall programs.
- In the future, they'd have the upcoming SLP's treasurer request a big check in advance, instead requesting many small reimbursements. This year's final SLP cost: \$1809.

**Spring Hiking Program:** Bob Knudsen reported that:

- One more class night to go. We're now at 100-105 people.
- 30-35 people are registered for the Fells and Blue Hills hikes, 16-17 for Monadnock, 38 on Welsh-Dickey, 21 for Cardigan.
- Extra program nights have been arranged for shopping at Hilton Tent City and EMS/Newton, with the latter including a 15% discount.

**Wilderness First Aid (WFA):** Jeff reported that 24 people are signed up for June (14 paid so far); likely to fill at 25. We already have inquiries for November.

**Slide Show:** Julie reported that:

- For April, Phill Hunsberger came up from PA to talk about Nepal. 60-70 people attended.
- For Tuesday May 24, Philip Werner will demo a range of lightweight backpacking gear.

- In the fall (September or October), we'll host Lee Wang for Everest.

**Leader Applications:** Bob Asch ask that the committee revisit an application from last month. There was no change to the committee's recommendation from last month. **Action: Silvia or Judy** will follow up with the third applicant to review the necessary next steps.

**Summer social and trip planning event:** Abby and Stephen will run this event. One option is to involve the Boston Chapter Executive Committee and all activity committees. We should solicit leader ideas, and use the planning stage as yet another opportunity to bring new leaders and co-leaders into the fold.

**Next Meetings:**

- Tuesday, June 14, at the home of Dan Wiktor (Wakefield)
- Tuesday, September 13, at the home of Robert Freed (Cambridge)
- Tuesday, October 11, at the home of Judy Dillman (Jamaica Plain)

**Adjourn:** 9:00 pm

**Recap of Action Items:**

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- **Dan** will send Robert a list of current card holders.
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**Future Agenda Items:**

- Propose a revision to the H/B Rules that incorporates the likely financial reporting requirements discussed by the Executive Committee. (Michael)
- Discussion: how do we implement an honor system for WFA certification? (Jeff)
- Discussion around the need for new co-leader rules (Robert, All)
- Open discussion regarding improving/increasing leaders' involvement (All)

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