

## Minutes: June 2011 Monthly H/B Meeting

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, June 14, 2011

**Location:** Home of Dan Wiktor (Wakefield, MA)

**Attending:** Silvia Dubinsky (Chair), Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin, Ellen Cullen, Judy Dillman, Abby Driscoll, Stan Dunbar, Robert Freed, Joyce Horrigan, Bob Kittredge, Bob Knudsen, Julie LePage, Alex Nedzel, Gary Schwartz, Michael Swartz, Dan Wiktor, Eric Williams (SLP '11, Guest).

**Come to order:** 7:10pm

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

**Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting:** Gary and Jeff reported that:

- The Fall Gathering will be held outside of Peterborough, NH. Phil Jones is part of the committee.
- Gail Ferreira will be the Fall Leadership Program coordinator. The program will take place at Camp Lyndon on the Cape.
- We're up and running on the new Boston Chapter website. Some committees are not there yet.
- We're moving to standardized listing of beginner trips.

**Treasurer:** Michael Swartz reported that as of May 31 we had \$18,631 in our checking account (includes \$5,326 of SLP and SHP revenues in transit from PayPal). Major expense items for April and May were Camp Lyndon (\$1300), April Trip Planning Meeting (\$1400), and Cardigan Lodge (SHP - \$2900).

**Trip Coordinator:** Robert reported that:

- Our trip stats continue to run ahead of a year ago.
- The new AMC trip planning system is working well for us. In that context though, Robert is working to encourage people to specify a registrar even for trips with links to REGI.
- Gary and Julie are in supporting roles for the Washburn Climb..
- Robert will be away from July 1 to July 10. Julie will cover for him.

**Harvard Cabin:** Bob Kittredge reported no new developments since last month's report:

- September: Joe Comuzzi's Map & Compass Workshop
- October: Deb Ireland and Judy Dillman.

**Trip Reporting:** Joyce reported that the

- The new trip online reporting form is working well.
- Most trips continue to fill up.

**Webmaster:** Gary and Julie reported that:

- Early enhancements to REGI will be complete in 2-3 weeks, including such things as making the forms look more like those in the AMC trip planning system.
- There is interest in REGI from other committees - possibly a beta in the fall with one of them.
- The interface between the AMC trip system to our H/B site is fixed.
- Boston chapter site developer: Benji Fisher

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

- A couple of financial items are still pending.
- All hikes are complete.
- There were two accidents:
  - A tumble in the Blue Hills, resulting in scalp and shin lacerations
  - A twisted ankle during a Mt. Moriah descent

**Wilderness First Aid (WFA):** Jeff reported that:

- The full WFA class on June 18-19 class is full, with 26 registered participants
- A full WFA course is planned for November 5-6.
- No further fall course - the calendar is too busy. Next full classes: Late February 2012 and June 2012.
- Action: Gary will line Aaron up for offering another 1-day refresher session as soon as possible.

**Slide Show:** Julie reported that:

- The last slide show of the year was on May 24 with Philip Werner of Gossamer Gear, who demoed a range of lightweight backpacking gear. The event drew 50 people. (A 2-ounce water filter was shown off at this H/B Committee meeting.)
- September: Kellie Connelly on dehydrating your own food for cooking in the mountains.
- October or November: Lee Wang and the 7 Summits.
- Julie noted that it's been great to have the laptop. She's also looking forward to the improved projector that's coming.

**Winter Hiking Program:** Abby reported that:

- The 2011-12 WHP will be held on 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, and 12/13. Pending more detailed WHP Committee discussions, we reserved 5 dates at Joy Street so that we'll have them all if we need them.
- Cardigan Lodge has been booked for January 27-29, 2012.
- Julie has volunteered to continue in her role as the WHP's trip coordinator.

**Summer social and trip planning event:** Stephen and Abby are leaning toward an afternoon picnic/BBQ event in September, to include spouses/SOPs.

**Leader Applications:** Jeff Carlson stood in for Bob Asch to present the following Leader applications:

- Aldo Ghirin for 3-Season Leader - Approved
- Fred Smith for 3-Season Leader and then 4-Season Leader - Approved
- Stephen Conlin for 4-Season Leader - Approved

**Leader Credentials:** Robert noted that absent any coincidental knowledge on his part, at the time we receive a submitted trip for approval, we currently are relying on the leader(s) to certify he/she /they:

- Is/are currently (an) H/B Leader(s) in good standing
- Are current AMC members in good standing
- Have taken an H/B-approved WFA course within the past three years.

After the group explored some technical options for insuring compliance, Stephen asked that we weigh in with our opinions as to policy-wise, conceptually and irrespective of technical issues, should we move in the direction of actually verifying leader credentials, or should we continue to rely on leaders to certify themselves (i.e., the honor system)? Committee member opinions: 9 favored moving toward verification, 6 did not, with 1 abstention.

**Next Meetings:**

- Tuesday, September 13, at the home of Robert Freed (Cambridge)
- Tuesday, October 11, at the home of Judy Dillman (Jamaica Plain)
- Tuesday, November 9, at the home of Bob Kittredge (Newton)

**Adjourn:** 9:15pm

**Recap of Action Items:**

- **Gary** will schedule a WFA session for late September at Joy Street, possibly in concert with the Ski Committee.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Discussion around the need for new co-leader rules (Robert, All)
- Open discussion regarding improving/increasing leaders' involvement (All)

Alex Nedzel - v3 FINAL, 9/13/2011