

Minutes: September 2011 Monthly H/B Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Location: Home of Robert Freed (Cambridge, MA)

Attending: Silvia Dubinsky (Chair), Bob Asch, Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin, Abby Driscoll, Stan Dunbar, Robert Freed, Bob Kittredge, Bob Knudsen, Julie LePage, Alex Nedzel, Gary Schwartz, Michael Swartz, Dan Wiktor.

Come to order: 7:06pm

Minutes of prior meeting: Minutes from the June 14, 2011 H/B meeting were approved.

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting: Bob Kittredge reported that:

- The Ski Committee is meeting today and will soon announce the date of Fall Trip Planning meeting.
- YM has been more or less dormant this summer. Attempts to revitalize it will be made.
- A slate of Exec Comm candidates will be announced next month and consist of the incumbents plus Jeff Carlson (moving from at-large to vice chair) and Liz Armstrong (at-large).
- The registration deadline for the Oct 14-16 Fall Gathering is Sep 27. Only 30 people have signed up so far. Exec Comm will soon be sending out an email to the committees looking for more activity leaders.
- Exec Comm is discussing the creation of guidelines for the Activity Committees on participant fee policies and practices. Areas of interest include cancellation and refund policies, whether leaders should go for free, handling of facility deposits, reporting, and auditing.

Treasurer: Michael reported that as of May 31, we had \$15,032 in our checking account, with a net increase since June 1 of \$1727, due to the receipt of SHP revenues of \$5,326.

Trip Coordinator: Robert reported:

- 3 trips, 1 lecture, and one instructional trip are scheduled for the balance of September.
- 14 trips are scheduled for October.
- 4 trips in November
- 5 trips in December
- 1 trip in June 2012

Robert also reported that he is now the Dining Fly Maven for H/B.

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

- November: no leader interest - he'll release our reservation.
- December: WHP, as usual.

Spring Hiking Program: Bob Knudsen reported that the SHP is wrapped up, and that he is eager to lead the program again next year.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA): Jeff reported that:

- The November 5-6 full WFA class has 13 paid registrants so far. We're holding 5 spots for Ski Committee people. SOLO is OK with an upper limit of 30 participants.
- Aaron is not available to run a WFA refresher course. **Action: Jeff**, with admin support from **Abby**, will work to put one together with a SOLO cast.
- Timing of next full programs: February or March, then June.

Slide Show: Julie reported that the programs on tap are:

- October or November: Lee Wang and the 7 Summits.
- November (tentative) - Gokul Gopal on one of the trips he's done since moving away from Boston

Winter Hiking Program: Abby reported that:

- The committee has met twice so far. Abby, with advisory support from Phil Jones, is running the program. Julie LePage is the trips coordinator. Chris McCarron will handle registration. Claudine Kos will run the Cardigan weekend. Keith Moore is doing the manual edits, and Anne Jarek will be doing the A/V.
- The intent is to limit participation to less than the facility limit of 150, in order to make the WHP trips more available.
- The 2011-12 WHP will be held on 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, and 12/13. The first four sessions will be at Cabot Auditorium, and the last will be at EMS in Allston. 11/17 is Boot Night, also at EMS.

Summer social event: Stephen reported that the event, scheduled for October 2, will be a pot luck, and hosted by Silvia in Westford. Significant others are welcome. Thus far, positive responses number in the 20s.

Leader Applications: Bob Asch presented a 3-Season Leader application from Claudine Kos, which the committee approved.

Club-wide initiative to verify Leader Membership Status: Action: On behalf of H/B, **Alex** will respond to the working group to provide feedback on their preliminary proposal. Our two central points are:

- The working group should consider an approach to ensuring leader membership status *before* a trip ever gets posted.
- As part of addressing the credentials issue, the working group should consider broadening their scope to include developing a state-of-the-art online database that leaders can use to keep their contact info up to date.

Financial Reporting: Michael is all set to adjust H/B's rules if/as necessary once the Chapter comes up with new rules to address the issues of surplus funds handling and leader-owned facilities.

Next Meetings:

- Tuesday, October 11, at the home of Judy Dillman (Jamaica Plain)
- Wednesday, November 9, at the home of Bob Kittredge (Newton)
- Wednesday, December 14, location TBD

Adjourn: 9:15pm

Recap of Action Items:

- **Jeff**, with admin support from **Abby**, will work to put together a one-day WFA refresher program with a SOLO cast.
- **Alex** will reply to the Leader Membership Status Verification working group to provide feedback on their proposal.

Future Agenda Items:

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

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