

Minutes: October 2011 Monthly H/B Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Location: Home of Judy Dillman (Jamaica Plain, MA)

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

Come to order: 7:00pm

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting: Judy reported that:

- Financial guidelines were revised and sent to the activity committees for review. Possibly a vote in November.
- 156 people are currently registered for the Oct 14-16 Fall Gathering.
- The fall trip planning meeting is slated for Tuesday, November 8, 7pm-10pm at Lir, an eatery behind the Hynes.
- The Fall Leadership Program is now 2/3 full.
- The Exec Comm is concerned about the state and availability of the LCD projector.

Treasurer: Michael Swartz reported that as of September 30, we had \$16,898 in our checking account, with a net increase since September 1 of \$1866, due primarily to the receipt of full reimbursement (\$2245) from the Chapter for the Spring Leadership Program.

Harvard Cabin: Bob Kittredge reported the following events:

- September - the Map & Compass program cleared \$200.
- October - Judy's group is beyond full.
- November: no leader interest - we released our H/B reservation. The cabin work weekend is scheduled for November 5-6.
- December: WHP, as usual.

Trip Coordinator: Robert reported technical issues and deferred his report to next month.

Trip Reporting: Joyce reported technical issues and deferred her report to next month.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA): Jeff reported that:

- The November 5-6 full WFA class is full.
- A new full course has been scheduled for December 3-4. It already has 15 registrants.
- Courses for March and May are pending.
- Discussions regarding a single-day WFA refresher session are still in process. Good reaction from SOLO thus far.

Winter Hiking Program: Abby reported that:

- 55 people currently are signed up for the program. 11/8 is the first night, with prep and setup on 11/7. Abby has a volunteer to set up a PA system.
- 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 100 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.

Spring Hiking Program: Bob Knudsen reported that the dates for the 2012 SHP have been set: April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8, and May 15. Cardigan weekend is tentatively slated for May 18-20.

Spring Leadership Program: Silvia raised the need for a coordinator for the 2012 SLP. She will ask Erik Abel, but asked committee members to suggest additional candidates. (**Action: All**)

Summer social event: The summer social was rescheduled to October 9 because of bad weather on the original October 2 date. 18 people attended, and it was a beautiful summer barbecue day.

Leader Applications: None reported.

Club-wide initiative to verify Leader Membership Status: Alex reported that he provided the working group with a strong recommendation to (1) consider an approach to ensuring leader membership status *before* a trip ever gets posted; and (2) consider broadening their scope to include developing a state-of-the-art online database that our trip leaders can use individually to keep their contact info up to date.

Extending the WFA Deadline: For leaders who have taken WFA at least twice in the past, Judy proposed that we extend the date that our new WFA requirement kicks in until the date of the next H/B-offered single-day refresher program. The proposal was approved. For all other leaders, the new WFA requirement is in force.

H/B Social Coordinator: **Action: Abby** will recruit a formal Social Coordinator for the committee. Until that is accomplished, Abby will continue to coordinate and liaise as needed.

Leader Conduct: Silvia alerted the group that she is investigating a possible complaint of inappropriate interpersonal conduct on the part of an H/B leader. She will keep the committee apprised.

H/B Leader List: The group discussed the status of our Leader List, last updated in May 2010. **Action:** **Gary** will produce an updated list by November 30. **Action:** To support Gary's effort, **Alex** will provide Gary with an itemization of all Leader promotions since last May ASAP.

Financial Reporting Guidelines from the Chapter: Judy stressed the Executive Committee's intent that these are *guidelines*, not rules. After a short discussion, Judy relay some feedback to the Executive Committee (**Action: Judy**).

Projector: **Action:** **Gary** will buy a new LCD projector by this coming weekend. He has the Exec Comm money for the purchase. He will also buy a new cord for the existing projector so that it can again be put in service, this time in a backup capacity. Gary recommended that the backup project then be the one taken in the event of an offsite need.

Silvia: This was Silvia's final H/B meeting for the foreseeable future. The group congratulated her and thanked her for her service as Chairperson.

Next Meetings:

- Wednesday, November 9, at the home of Alex Nedzel (Lexington)
- Wednesday, December 14, at Brandeis c/o Michael Swartz (Waltham)
- Tuesday, January 10, at the home of Bob Kittredge (Newton)

Adjourn: 9:15pm

Recap of Action Items:

- **All:** provide Silvia with suggested candidates to coordinate the 2012 Spring Leadership Program.
- **Abby** will recruit a formal Social Coordinator for the committee.
- **Gary** will produce an updated H/B Leader List by November 30.
- **Alex** will provide Gary with an itemization of all Leader promotions since the last update.
- **Judy** will provide the Executive Committee with some H/B feedback on their proposed financial reporting guidelines.

Future Agenda Items:

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

Alex Nedzel - v2 FINAL, 11/16/2011