

Minutes: November 2011 Monthly H/B Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Location: Home of Alex Nedzel (Lexington, MA)

Attending: Judy Dillman (Acting Chair), Bob Asch, Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin, Abby Driscoll, Robert Freed, Bob Kittredge, Bob Knudsen, Julie LePage, Alex Nedzel, Michael Swartz.

Come to order: 7:02pm

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting: Judy reported that:

- The Fall Gathering was a huge success, with 190 people, 27 hikes and activities, plus evening stuff. Ingrid Shuttleworth did an outstanding job coordinating.
- The Annual Meeting is coming up this weekend.
- The Ski Committee is doing a Facebook page.
- There were 29 participants in the Fall Leadership Program, and at least 6 of the new CL's were at the trip planning meeting yesterday.
- **Action: Jeff** will get Alex a current AMC membership list, so that **Alex** can verify that all of our trip leaders are in fact AMC members in good standing.

Treasurer: Michael Swartz reported that:

- As of October 31, we had \$17,063 in our checking account, with another \$3863, for a total of \$20,926. The net increase since September 30 of \$4,028, is due primarily to Winter Hiking Program enrollments.
- **Action: Michael** will submit a reimbursement request to the chapter for our leaders' WFA training (1/3 of the amount we reimburse our leaders).

Trip Coordinator: Robert Freed reported that:

- There were 138 activities in held by H/B in the past 12 months.
- Problem: The AMC trip system can't run historical reports.
- 6 trips currently are pending for December, 5 for January. **Action: Robert** will send something out to remind leaders and co-leaders to plan trips, and will also update people on how to create trip submissions that contain usable REGI links.

Harvard Cabin: Bob Kittredge reported the following events:

- October - Judy's group fielded 20 participants and netted \$300 for H/B. Debbie Ireland led this trip with Judy.
- November: no leader interest - per the October meeting, we released our H/B reservation.
- December: WHP, as usual, fully staffed: Bob Kittredge, Matthew Pearson, Judy Dillman, and Kellie Connelly.
- January: Gordon Haff
- February: Bob Asch, Bob Knudsen

Wilderness First Aid (WFA): Jeff reported that:

- The November 5-6 full WFA class was both full and successful, and the December session is filled as well.
- Sessions are set for March 3-4 and May 19-20, as well, and Jeff will open registration on January 1st.
- **Action: Judy** will announce the relaxed WFA deadline that was approved at the October H/B meeting.

Winter Hiking Program: Abby reported that:

- Session 1 last night was a success.
- There were 125 participants, not counting an extra 3 that we turned away.
- 17 Instructional trips are planned, beginning on December 3.
- Julie did a great "sweating on the mountain" demo.
- In recognition of all his hard work on REGI, the group voted to waive Jack Desert's WHP tuition.

Spring Leadership Program: Stephen Conlin is working to secure the Cape Cod venue for an April 13-15 culmination.

Spring Hiking Program: Bob Knudsen reported that Cabot is booked for April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8, and May 15. Cardigan has been booked for May 18-20.

Leader Applications: Bob Asch presented a 4-season leader application from June Mackenzie. The committee approved the application, subject to June completing WFA on December 4.

2012 Officer Nominations: Silvia nominated the following slate for the 2012 H/B officer positions: Michael Swartz, *Chair*; Joyce Horrigan, *Treasurer*; Robert Freed, *Trip Coordinator*; Alex Nedzel, *Secretary*. The committee will be voting on these and any additional nominees at the December meeting.

Cold River Camp Opportunity: Cold River Camp is offering a reduced rate to H/B for a July trip. **Action: Julie** will announce this "August Camp in July" to leaders, and will serve as the contact.

Winter Trip Planning Meeting: The group discussed the possibility of holding a wintertime planning meeting, aimed at organizing trips for the spring.

- Efficient, low-budget, H/B only
- Late January/early February
- Offer several alternative venues for people to vote on

H/B Social Coordinator: Abby has received no expressions of interest in the Social Coordinator position thus far. She will continue to coordinate and liaise as needed in the meantime.

Facebook: Julie recommended that H/B create a presence on Facebook. The group agreed. **Action:** Julie will create a Facebook page for H/B.

Improving/Increasing Leaders' Involvement: Open discussion:

- Lots of leaders feel left out.
- We should do more communications to bring them in: solicit opinions; encourage involvement.
- Why do leaders stop leading trips?
- How do you engage new people?
- We need to get leaders in training integrated into the committee.
- Become more social than we are.
- Create a formal "Leader Development Coordinator" position?

Next Meetings:

- Wednesday, December 14, at the home of Bob Kittredge (Newton) *
- Tuesday, January 10, at Brandeis c/o Michael Swartz (Waltham) *
- Tuesday, February 7, at the home of Bob Knudsen

** [Ed. The locations shown above for the next two meetings do **not** reflect what was agreed upon at the 11/9 meeting summarized herein. Rather, they reflect the fact that the after getting changed at the 11/9 meeting (so as to hold the December meeting at Brandeis and the January meeting at the home of Bob Kittredge), they were again changed (flipped back as above) in early December. The intent in showing the schedule as of this writing is to avoid unnecessary confusion for people in determining where to go for the December and January meetings.]*

Adjourn: 9:03pm

Recap of Action Items:

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- **Robert** will send something out to remind leaders and co-leaders to plan trips, and will also update people on how to create trip submissions that contain usable REGI links.
- **Judy will announce the relaxed WFA deadline that was approved at the October H/B meeting.**
- **Julie** will announce "August Camp in July" at Cold River Camp to leaders, and will serve as the contact.
- **Julie** will create a Facebook page for H/B.

Future Agenda Items:

- Open discussion regarding improving/increasing leaders' involvement (All)

Alex Nedzel - v2 REVISED, 9/18/2012

[corrected June Mackenzie's promotion to 4SL rather than the 3SL originally noted]