

Minutes: December 2011 Monthly H/B Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Location: Home of Bob Kittredge (Newton, MA)

Attending: Judy Dillman (Acting Chair), Bob Asch, Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin, Abby Driscoll, Robert Freed, Joyce Horrigan, Bob Kittredge, Bob Knudsen, Julie LePage, Alex Nedzel, Gary Schwartz, Michael Swartz, Carl Gustenhoven (Guest), Sonya Korabelnikova (Guest), Surya Kumari (Guest), Yorghos Tripodis (Guest).

Come to order: 7:05pm

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting: Bob Kittredge reported that:

- Bob Kittredge re-submitted H/B's request for WFA reimbursement, and it was approved.
- Geoff Moore is stepping down as editor of the Mud as of June 2012.
- Steve Dennen (Treasurer) and John Geiss (Secretary) will be stepping down after 2012, due to term limitations.

Treasurer: Michael Swartz reported that:

- As of November 30, we had in our checking account, \$20,945, a \$3,832 increase over last month's balance of \$17,063. The increase is due primarily to Winter Hiking Program revenues, and secondarily to income from the Fall Leadership program and our June WFA course offering. Offsetting the WHP revenues was the \$1,433 cost of 150 Winter Hiking Program manuals.
- Michael served as fiscal agent for the Chapter's Fall Leadership Program. He will prepare a report and reimbursement request.
- For December, there will be a Cardigan-related set of inflows.

Trip Coordinator: Robert Freed

- Current trip stats: November - 6 trips, 1 program; December - 7 trips, 1 slideshow (vs. 3 trips and 1 slide show in 2010); January - 8 trips, 1 program, and 1 slideshow (vs. 10 trips and 1 slideshow in 2010).
- Robert reminded us that trips currently aren't counted consistently, giving as one example among others, how a course or program with multiple activities may end up as only counting as a single activity.
- There are two reservations thus far for the dining fly in 2012.
- Robert thanked Abby for plugging HB Announce to the Winter Hiking Program participants.

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.
- The December program entailed 2 leaders, 9 participants, and 2 hikes. A great weekend, offered at a slight loss.
- January: Gordon Haff
- February: Bob Asch, Bob Knudsen

Wilderness First Aid (WFA): Jeff reported that:

- Historical stats: The June 19-20 full WFA program drew 27 participants. The November 5-6 session drew 30.
- We ran another full WFA program on December 3-4, and it drew a group of 28 participants.
- Sessions are set for March 3-4 and May 19-20, as well, and Jeff will open registration on January 1st.

Slide Shows: Julie

- Two slideshows are on the docket for December. On 12/1, Gokul Gopal presented on his trip to the Wind River Range. He waived his fee. On 12/15, Grigory Petrov will present on hiking along the Bibbulmun Track in Australia.
- The netbook and new projector are working really well. Also, Dropbox.com is working well as a file backup mechanism.
- Julie requested \$75 for supplies. This was approved.

Winter Hiking Program: Abby reported that:

- The last session happened yesterday. The course was a success.
- **Action:** Abby will be surveying participants shortly.

Spring Leadership Program: Stephen reported that the program dates are firm: April 5th and 12th at Joy Street, and the April 21-22 weekend on the Cape. Julie will post.

Spring Hiking Program: Bob Knudsen

- Bob will be following up with Julie to go over the preliminary program schedule. Class dates: 4/17, 24; 5/1, 8, 15. Cardigan dates: 5/18-20.
- Bob is looking for a registrar.

Leader Applications: Bob Asch presented for leadership applications:

- Robert Freed was approved as a 4-season leader.
- Brian Andresen was approved as a 3-season leader.
- A late-breaking application from Linda Haines (for 3-season leader) was tabled until January.
- Michael Blair was approved as a 4-season leader.

Committee Positions: Michael led a discussion around a number of open roles - old and new - on the H/B Committee.

- Michael introduced the role of *Leadership Coordinator* to the group, responsible for coordinating all leader-related activities for the H/B Committee. He handed out a draft position description, and suggested that Alex take on the role. The committee supported the role and endorsed the person choice. Many ideas and suggestions were shared. **Action:** Based on this input, **Michael** and **Alex** will finalize the position description.
- To fill the vacuum created by Alex's move to Leadership Coordinator, Stephen volunteered to serve as *Secretary* for the coming year.
- *Trip Reporter* - Yorghos volunteered to succeed Joyce.
- *Social Coordinator* - The focus of this new role is to design and run events, both formal and informal, with the objective of enabling our leader candidates to get to know our leaders. We are seeking a volunteer for this role.
- *Assistant Trip Coordinator* - This person will stand in for the Trip Coordinator as needed, and will take responsibility for putting together HB-Announce. Carl volunteered to serve as our first Assistant Trip Coordinator.
- *Assistant Webmaster* - Gary and Julie are seeking a volunteer who's interested in web management to assist them in managing H/B's web presence. Surya volunteered.
- **Officer Slate** - The committee elected the following officer slate for 2012: *Chair*, Michael Swartz; *Treasurer*, Joyce Horrigan; *Trip Coordinator*, Robert Freed; *Secretary*, Stephen Conlin.

Winter Trip Planning Meeting:

- Abby and Stephen reported that the meeting will be held at the Burren in Davis Square on February 9, a Thursday. The format will be similar to last year's - dinner, awards, and trip planning. **Action:** **Abby** will notify the H/B leadership group of the meeting asap. Maura will administer voting and collect RSVPs.
- A conference call to work the details is planned for January 23 or thereabouts.
- Stephen reminded us that we should also be thinking about a post-SLP, multi-committee trip planning meeting.

Cold River Camp: Julie is still awaiting details on the specific options being offered to us by the Cold River Camp staff. **Action:** Once armed with the necessary details, **Julie** will announce this "August Camp in July" to leaders, and will serve as the contact.

Facebook: Julie announced that H/B now has a Facebook page.

Outgoing H/B Chair: Michael expressed his appreciation for Silvia Dubinsky's many contributions to the committee in her role as Chair for the past two years. The committee heartily agreed.

Next Meetings:

- Tuesday, January 10, at Brandeis c/o Michael Swartz (Waltham)
- Tuesday, February 7, at the home of Bob Knudsen
- Tuesday, March 13, at the home of Stephen Conlin

Adjourn: 9:04pm

Recap of Action Items:

- **Abby** will survey Winter Hiking Program participants.
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Alex Nedzel - v2 FINAL, 1/11/2011