

Minutes: January 2012 Monthly H/B Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Location: Brandeis, Waltham, MA c/o Michael Swartz

Attending: Michael Swartz (Chair), Bob Asch, Bob Knudsen, Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin, Abby Driscoll, Robert Freed, Julie LePage, Alex Nedzel, Dan Wiktor, Joyce Horrigan, Carl Gustenhoven, Yorghos Tripodis.

Come to order: 7:00pm

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

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting: Jeff reported that:

- Trip expense guidelines were approved by ExecComm. The mini questionnaire on H/B's trip reports satisfies the requirements and we do not need to make any changes.
- There are or will be many vacant positions on ExecComm and they are looking for candidates.

Treasurer: Michael reported that income last month was \$1,351.80 (exclusive of approximately \$2,000 in PayPal) and expenses were \$1,447.26 (consisting mostly of WHP and WFA reimbursements but excluding Cardigan expenses, which have not yet been paid), for a closing balance of \$20,849.69.

Trip Coordinator: Robert reported that:

- H/B has averaged 7-9 trips per month, plus a slideshow.
- Leaders must include a registrar on each trip.
- The trip rating now displays properly, so there is no need to put it in the heading.

There was a brief discussion of the trip rating system. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

Harvard Cabin: Bob Kittredge reported via email that there were 7 Harvard Cabin weekends this year, with an average of 14 participants per trip. Net income from Harvard Cabin trips for the year was \$1,271.

Trip Reporter: Yorghos Tripodis will assume the position of Trip Reporter.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA): Jeff reported that:

- There are two programs on the calendar – March 3-4 and May 19-20.
- The price will drop slightly.
- It has been difficult arranging another refresher class.

Slide Show: Julie reported that:

- There were 40 people at the last slideshow.
- The entire schedule for 2012 is already set.
- Kelly Connelly is presenting at the January slide show about dehydrating trail food.

Winter Hiking Program: Abby reported that:

- The lecture part of the program is done and hikes continue.
- There are only four spots left before Cardigan fills up.

Spring Leadership Program: Stephen reported that the program is scheduled for Thursday April 5 and 12 at Joy Street and the weekend of April 21-22 at Camp Lyndon on the Cape. There have already been 10 inquiries thus far.

Spring Hiking Program: Bob Knudsen reported that he will be releasing an ad for the program this week and is now updating the web page.

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

New Business:

- Michael reported that he has appointed Alex Nedzel to serve as Vice Chair of the Committee, which the Committee ratified.
- The Committee elected Carl Gustenhoven and Yorghos Tripodis to serve as members of the Committee.
- Michael reported that the Committee had been offered a large supply of water purification tablets at no cost, and that he had informed the person making the offer that we would accept them.

Leadership Coordinator: Michael reviewed his proposal to establish the new position of leadership coordinator and the responsibilities of the position. The responsibilities are:

Coordinate all leader-related activities for the H/B Committee, and with the approval and oversight of the Committee:

1. Develop programs/activities to increase the number of H/B leaders, with a focus on recruiting leadership program graduates into active H/B leadership status.
2. Develop programs/activities to encourage current leaders and leader candidates to lead more trips and become more involved with Committee initiatives.
3. Develop a feedback mechanism to allow a more formal evaluation of their trip experiences, in order to provide useful suggestions to leaders and co-leaders.
4. Recruit leadership team and oversee the H/B Spring Leadership Program.
5. Coordinate with the Committee – and especially the Social Activities Committee – on conceiving and implementing activities/programs that ramp up on the FUN factor, as well as appropriately recognize people’s leadership contributions.
6. Maintain up-to-date leader and co-leader status and contact information.

The Committee accepted the position and its responsibilities and, upon Michael’s suggestion, elected Alex Nedzel to serve as the initial leadership coordinator.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Alex and Abby will discuss recruiting a Social Coordinator.
- Carl Gustenhoven was selected to serve as Assistant Trip Coordinator.
- Stephen will follow up with Surya about serving as Assistant Webmaster.

Cold River Camp: Julie has not received further word from AMC about the prior request to have H/B leaders attend Cold River Camp.

Leader Appreciation and Trip Planning Meeting: Abby and Stephen reported on the plans for the event to be held on February 9, 2012 at the Burren in Somerville. They also discussed plans for leadership awards. The Committee approved a budget for this year's Leader Appreciation and Trip Planning Meeting consistent with the budget for last year's event.

Spring Trip Planning Meeting: The Committee discussed possible dates for the meeting in late April (after the SLP), but no decision was made.

Next Meetings:

- Tuesday, February 7, at the home of Bob Knudsen (Woburn)
- Wednesday, March 14, at the home of Stephen Conlin (Belmont)
- Wednesday, April 11, location TBD

Adjourn: approximately 9:00 pm