

Hiking/Backpacking Committee – Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

Minutes: February 2012 Monthly H/B Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Location: Woburn – home of Bob Knudsen

Attending: Michael Swartz (Chair), Bob Asch, Bob Knudsen, Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin, Robert Freed, Alex Nedzel, Carl Gustenhoven, Bob Kittredge.

Come to order: 7:00pm

Minutes of prior meeting: Minutes from the January 10, 2012 H/B meeting were approved, with the clarification that Alex Nedzel 's appointment as Vice Chair of the Committee was ratified unanimously.

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting: It was reported that:

- Paul Dale went to the annual meeting and met the new CEO. The club is on a strong financial footing.
- The Mountaineering Committee is concerned about plans to have commercial zip lines at Quincy quarry.
- The AMC is taking more interest in the Bay Circuit Trail.
- John Lisker is coordinating WMNF guide cards. Bob Kittredge will talk to Dan Wiktor about cards.
- ExecComm is looking for a team to edit the MUD, and is looking for feedback on future direction for the MUD.

Treasurer: Joyce could not attend the meeting so the Treasurer's report was deferred until next meeting.

Trip Coordinator: Robert reported that:

- There were 10 trips in January plus one slideshow.
- There are 13 trips and one slideshow scheduled in February.

Harvard Cabin: Bob Kittredge reported that there were no Harvard Cabin trips in January, but two trips are scheduled for February, including the Above Treeline Workshop.

Trip Reporter: All trips were reported last month.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA): Jeff reported that:

- The program for March is on track, with 8 paid.
- Backlog for WFA seems to have been satisfied.
- There still are complications with the development of a refresher course.

The Committee briefly discussed the policy on refresher courses and decided to resume the discussion at the next meeting, after hearing if there was any progress with respect to the development of a refresher course.

Slide Show: Julie reported that:

- Steve Cohen is presenting in February about the Dolomites.
- Larry Takiff is presenting in March about winter hiking.

Winter Hiking Program: Abby reported through Michael that the Cardigan weekend was very successful.

Spring Hiking Program: Bob Knudsen reported that:

- Nine people have signed up and four more are pending.
- All trips are set up. Some new trips will be added.
- A planning meeting will be held on February 16th.

Spring Leadership Program: Stephen reported that:

- Registration is open and several people have signed up.
- He needs further help with leaders and will send an email to the leaders list soliciting help.

Leader Appreciation and Trip Planning Meeting: Stephen reported that all plans are set for the event to be held at the Burren on February 9th.

Leader Applications: Bob Asch presented a 3-Season Leader application from Carl Gustenhoven, which the committee approved. Carl left the meeting during the discussion and vote and returned after the vote.

New Business:

- The Committee discussed an enhanced web presence for H/B. Alex and Robert will follow up with Julie on the possibility of coordinating with Meetup, etc.

Leadership Coordinator: Alex summarized his initial efforts and requested 15 minutes on the agenda at the next meeting to review information to be collected from leaders.

Next Meetings:

- Wednesday, March 14, at the home of Stephen Conlin (Belmont)
- Wednesday, April 11, at the home of Carl Gustenhoven
- Tuesday, May 8, location TBD (possibly at the home of Robert Freed).

Adjourn: approximately 8:25 pm