

Hiking/Backpacking Committee – Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

## Minutes: June 2012 Monthly H/B Meeting

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, June 12, 2012

**Location:** Wakefield – home of Dan Wiktor

**Attending:** Michael Swartz, Alex Nedzel, Bob Asch, Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin, Robert Freed, Carl Gustenhoven, Bob Kittredge, Joyce Horrigan, Bob Knudsen, Abby Driscoll, Dan Wiktor, Stan Dunbar, Yorghos Tripodis and John Lisker. Fred Smith and Paul Terenzi joined as guests.

**Come to order:** 7:00 pm

**Minutes of prior meeting:** Minutes from the May 11, 2012 H/B meeting were approved with two typographical corrections.

**Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting:** Bob Kittredge reported that:

- Exec Comm has discussed goals for the MUD, including retaining newer members and encouraging more members to volunteer for committees and activities.
- Exec Comm also discussed the status of the Campton group site. It was damaged by Tropical Storm Irene and the USFS is considering closing versus repairing it.
- A local leader appreciation event will be held in the Fall.
- The Chapter annual meeting will be held on November 11 at Sandy Burr.

**Treasurer:** Joyce reported that the Committee has \$22,845 in its account and reviewed expenses for the month. She discussed the PayPal account and issues regarding password security. She presented two requests for reimbursement. A reimbursement request for urban first aid with CPR was approved, with the Committee reimbursing \$30, which is its standard reimbursement for CPR. She also presented a reimbursement request for Master Leave No Trace Educator, taken through the AMC. After considerable discussion and review of the Committee's policies, the Committee decided that this course was not eligible for reimbursement through the Committee.

**Trip Coordinator:** Robert reported that:

- There were lots of trips scheduled.
- It is necessary to update the instructions for posting trips.

**Harvard Cabin:** No report.

**Trip Reporter:** Yorghos reported that in the first 5 months of 2012, there were 50 H/B trips, representing an aggregate of 595 participant hiking days, plus 5 slide shows, with an aggregate of 196 participants. He said there is good compliance with reporting of trips.

**Webmaster and REGI Report:** Jeff reported on Exec Comm discussions regarding REGI. Exec Comm is very interested in taking over REGI, but it needs further information. It will follow-up with Julie.

**Winter Hiking Program:** Abby reported that she will be leaving to move to Colorado. She said that Fred Smith had volunteered to step in as WHP Coordinator and she would work with him to effect a smooth transition. The Committee unanimously voted to thank Abby and express its appreciation for her many contributions to the Boston H/B Committee. The Committee also voted to elect Fred Smith as a member of the Committee and appointed him as WHP Coordinator.

**Wilderness First Aid (WFA):** Jeff reported that there are no WFA classes scheduled. Michael led a discussion of the process to assess how the WFA requirement is working, as the Committee said it would do when it first put the requirement into place. After discussion, a subcommittee was appointed to recommend a re-evaluation process to the Committee. The subcommittee consists of Alex Nedzel, Carl Gustenhoven, Yorghos Tripodis, Joyce Horrigan, Stan Dunbar and Galen Wilkerson. Yorghos and Carl offered to come up with a draft of a questionnaire for leaders on the subject.

**Slide Show:** No report.

**Spring Hiking Program:** Bob Knudsen reported that:

- The program went well.
- Some hikes associated with the program are still going on.
- Given the experience with difficult weather for the Beginner Backpack, it would be prudent to develop a backup plan for program trips.

**Leadership Issues:** Alex reported that:

- The club is working on a system to verify current membership status when leaders post trips.
- He is looking for help updating the Committee's leader list.

**Leader Applications:** None.

**Other Business:** Michael reported that Judy Dillman has resigned from the Committee. The Committee unanimously voted to thank Judy for her many contributions to the Committee and to give her a \$50 gift certificate as a sign of its appreciation.

**Next Meetings:**

- Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at the home of Bob Kittredge
- Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at the home of Carl Gustenhoven
- Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at the home of Alex Nedzel

**Adjourn:** approximately 9:00 pm