

Hiking/Backpacking Committee – Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

## Minutes: September 2012 Monthly H/B Meeting

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012

**Location:** Newton – home of Bob Kittredge

**Attending:** Michael Swartz, Alex Nedzel, Bob Asch, Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin, Robert Freed, Carl Gustenhoven, Bob Kittredge, Joyce Horrigan, Bob Knudsen, Dan Wiktor, Yorghos Tripodis, Fred Smith and Gary Schwartz. Paul Terenzi and Philip Werner joined as guests.

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

**Minutes of prior meeting:** Minutes from the June 12, 2012 H/B meeting were approved.

**Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting:** Michael Swartz reported that the Exec Committee voted to distribute \$40,000 to the Harvard Cabin Committee for addition the HCC's capital reserve fund. Activity committees, including H/B, were asked to contribute as well. Michael also reported on the membership retention initiatives proposed by Exec Comm, and reviewed with the committee materials distributed to the committee prior to the meeting. He asked committee members to respond to him and Alex on those initiatives that H/B should participate in.

**Trip Coordinator:** Robert distributed a report showing trips for the past several months.

**Leader Applications:** Bob Asch presented the following leadership applications:

- Paul Terenzi submitted an application for three-season leader, which was approved.
- Eliza Grinnell submitted an application for three-season leader, which was approved.
- Elisabeth Westner submitted an application for three-season leader, which was approved.
- Mark Chiurri submitted an application for three-season leader, which was approved.
- Monica Trust submitted an application for three-season leader, which was approved.
- Christine McCarron submitted an application for three-season leader, which was approved.

**Winter Hiking Program:** Fred Smith reported on plans for the Winter Hiking Program. He suggested raising the price to \$55 for members and \$60 for non-members (with each price \$5 higher at the door), which was approved by the committee. He also discussed the price for the Cardigan weekend, and the committee decided to leave the price unchanged.

**Other Business:** Philip Werner and Alex Nedzel described a pro-deals program that H/B leaders could participate in. The committee was excited about the program and discussed several issues relative to it. The committee asked Philip and Alex to look into the issues further and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

**Next Meetings:**

- Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at the home of Carl Gustenhoven
- Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at the home of Alex Nedzel
- December meeting at home of Fred Smith and January meeting at home of Bob Knudsen

**Adjourn:** approximately 9:00 pm