

Hiking/Backpacking Committee – Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

## Minutes: November 2012 Monthly H/B Meeting

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012

**Location:** Lexington – home of Alex Nedzel

**Attending:** Michael Swartz, Alex Nedzel, Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin, Carl Gustenhoven, Bob Kittredge, Joyce Horrigan, Bob Knudsen, Fred Smith, Stan Dunbar and Julie LePage. Paul Terenzi joined as a guest.

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

**Minutes of prior meeting:** Minutes from the October 9, 2012 H/B meeting were approved.

**Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting:** Bob Kittredge reported that Jeff Carlson was elected chair of Exec Comm, and H/B needs to file its annual report and reimbursements for the leadership program.

**Harvard Cabin:** Bob Kittredge reported that October Harvard cabin (Judy Dillman and Paul Terenzi) had a profit of \$375 and November Harvard cabin had a profit of \$50.

**Webmaster Report:** Julie described a glitch in REGI where the system registers participants several times for the same event, and reported that she will send a notice to leaders about it. Leaders who see the problem on their events should contact Julie and she will fix it. She also said that she will look into the possibility of using Google Docs for leadership applications.

**Slideshows:** Julie reported that slideshows are already scheduled through May 2013, and she has more requests than she can accommodate. She said that most speakers are not accepting the honoraria offered by H/B. she requested a budget of up to \$300 for supplies, which was approved by the committee.

**Winter Hiking Program:** Fred reported that the program is going well, with 128 participants. Twelve people attended boot night at EMS and another boot night will be held at Hilton's. Most of the trips are full. Cardigan has 18 participants registered and 12 paid.

**Wilderness First Aid:** Jeff reported that a course was held a week ago and 11 people attended. The next course will be in March. Alex reported that he met with SOLO about a one-day course, and they were willing to consider it and will follow up with us.

**Spring Hiking Program:** Bob Knudsen said SHP is scheduled for 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7 and 5/14. Cardigan will be held on 5/17-19. He will be holding a planning meeting in January. Bob reported that this will be his last year coordinating the SHP.

**Fall Leadership Program:** Stephen reported that the program went well, with 28 participants enrolled (versus 24 for prior programs) and 23 graduating. He expressed interest in holding an advanced leadership program for co-leaders who have completed the regular leadership program, to be

structured as a multi-night backpack with leadership role plays throughout, which the committee approved.

**Leader Applications:** Alex presented the following leadership applications:

- Bryan Jones submitted an application for three-season leader, which was approved.
- Sonya Korabelnikova submitted an application for four-season leader, which was approved.
- Pam Wilmot submitted an application for three-season leader, which was approved.

The Committee also discussed Christine Fogarty, who is a leader in the Worcester Chapter and inquired about leading for the Boston Chapter. The Committee decided that she could start as an H/B co-leader, with credit given for the leadership course. To become a three-season leader she should do two H/B co-leads in order to get acquainted with our culture and procedures and us with hers. At three-season leader application time, she should include a list of recent trips she's led for Worcester.

**Treasurer Report:** Joyce reported on the Committee's finances, and said the Committee has a balance of \$20,026. She mentioned the possibility of using PayPal for individual trips (as opposed to H/B sponsored programs). The Committee discussed the issue and decided not to use PayPal for individual trips.

**Other Business:** Alex reported on the pro-deals offering and said 16 leaders have signed up so far. He also said that he will be proposing amendments to the H/B bylaws at a future meeting.

**Committee Membership:** Paul Terenzi expressed interest in joining the Committee, and he left the meeting as the Committee discussed his possible membership. The Committee voted to elect Paul to the Committee.

**Next Meetings:**

- Wednesday, December 12, at the home of Fred Smith
- January meeting at home of Bob Knudsen

**Adjourn:** approximately 9:00 pm