

Hiking/Backpacking Committee – Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

## Minutes: December 2012 Monthly H/B Meeting

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 12, 2012

**Location:** Natick – home of Fred Smith

**Attending:** Michael Swartz, Alex Nedzel, Bob Asch, Jeff Carlson, Carl Gustenhoven, Joyce Horrigan, Bob Kittredge, Bob Knudsen, Gary Schwartz, Fred Smith, Paul Terenzi . Guests: Kevin McAllister, Keith Watling, Philip Werner.

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

**Minutes of prior meeting:** Minutes from the November 20, 2012 H/B meeting were approved, with a cosmetic edit to the narrative describing the approval for Paul Terenzi to join the Committee.

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

- The Ski Committee has been using Meetup for many of its events with good results. Alex noted that he uses Meetup to post his NH chapter trips.
- Rachel Neuworth is taking over from Ed McManmon as chair of the Intro Committee.
- The recently revitalized Membership Committee will be holding New Member Socials on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The location will vary. Michael noted that H/B is on for February 20. He will represent us.
- Mountaineering is lobbying for some sort of large pop-up tent/canopy for use by the subcommittees. Would HB have any use for such a thing? Answer: not often. We own a dining fly for use on overnight trips.
- The new treasurer, Joe Princi, is wondering if HB will be submitting a financial report for the 2012 Spring Hiking Program. At the November meeting, the old treasurer, Steve Dennen, noted he hasn't seen reports for the 2011 FLP or the 2012 SLP. Bob Kittredge noted that we've never provided a report for the SLP, as it is not reimbursed by the chapter. Michael and Joyce indicated that we will get these reports to Joe.

**Treasurer Report:** Joyce reported on most of the Committee's 2012 program finances:

- Spring Hiking Program: \$1422 surplus (net of a \$786 deficit on the Cardigan Lodge Weekend)
- Spring Leadership Program: \$1031 deficit
- Fall Leadership Program: \$1171 deficit, to be reimbursed by the chapter
- Training subsidies: approximately \$1100
- H/B meetings: just under \$1000
- Slide shows: approximately \$600

**Trip Coordinator:** No report.

**Harvard Cabin:** Bob Kittredge reported that the Harvard Cabin Committee had its yearly meeting on November 27:

- They're still working on a design for a heat transfer register to get heat up into the loft that complies with all regulations.
- Lots of mice in the cabin lately.
- New solenoid on the water supply. Quieter than the old one, but it drips sometimes.
- Cabin fees likely to remain unchanged thanks to the \$40,000 allocation from Exec Comm.
- There was an especially notable big snorer during the WHP trip.

**Trip Reporter:** No report.

**Webmaster Report:** Gary reported that:

- There was an attack on our website by an Italian phishing site.
- Due to our space crunch, we're moving from 1GB to 2GB of storage at a cost of \$200/yr versus the current \$150/yr.
- The multiple signups issue in REGI has been fixed.

**Slideshows:** No report.

**Winter Hiking Program:** Fred reported that:

- The Cardigan event filled up. 45 payments have actually been received.
- Kevin suggested that we may want to return to having a guest speaker instead of having a session at a gear store.
- The group recommended that in the future the program provide participants with a detailed list of gear rental sources/offers/deals. First off: the MIT Outing Club.
- We need to do a participant survey to gauge perceptions of each module in the program. Fred is planning to do this.
- The group congratulated Fred and his team for a great job on this year's program.

**Wilderness First Aid:** Alex asked for funding of up to \$400 in order to work with SOLO to develop a single-day WFA refresher course, wherein we get the by-product. The request was approved.

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

- Registration for the SHP begins on 1/3/2013.
- It will appear in the January/February issue of Outdoors Magazine, and will appear on the web as of 1/1/2013.
- Cardigan is reserved for 30 people on the 5/17-19 weekend.
- Cabot Auditorium has been reserved for 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7 and 5/14.

**Leader Application:** Bob Asch presented a leadership application for Casey Ajalat, which was approved. Michael will send Casey a congratulatory/welcoming e-mail.

**Pro Deals:** Philip reported that we're currently up to 210 participating manufacturers and 18 participating H/B "pro's".

**New committee member:** The group approved and welcomed Philip Werner onto the H/B Committee.

**Removal of a co-leader:** Due to serious criminal indictments, the group voted to remove John Burbine from our list of active leaders and co-leaders.

**Personal medical info on REGI:** What medical issues do we need to know about in the event of an emergency? How do we control it? Guidelines for leaders? How do we ensure that such info remains up-to-date? Would an info-rich pendant ID be a better way to go? We will discuss this at a future meeting.

**Next Meetings:**

- January meeting: Tuesday 1/8/2013, at the home of Bob Knudsen
- February meeting: Tuesday 2/12/2012, at home of Paul Terenzi
- March meeting: Tuesday 3/12/2012, at Brandeis, c/o Michael Swartz

**Adjourn:** approximately 9:00 pm