

Hiking/Backpacking Committee – Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

Minutes: January 2013 Monthly H/B Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Location: Woburn – home of Bob Knudsen

Attending: Michael Swartz, Alex Nedzel, Bob Asch, Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin, Robert Freed, Carl Gustenhoven, Bob Kittredge, Bob Knudsen, Julie LePage, Paul Terenzi, Stan Dunbar, Fred Smith, and Yorghos Tripodis. Faith Pulis and Anne Jarek joined as guests.

Come to order: 7:00 pm

Minutes of prior meeting: Minutes from the December 2012 H/B meeting were approved.

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting: Bob Kittredge reported that:

- Exec Comm has \$252,000 in its accounts.
- The Ski Committee has been using MeetUp for trip registration.
- Local Walks has had problems with the trip listing system.
- Phil Baraona is the new chair of Young Members.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was deferred until next month.

Trip Coordinator: Robert reported that:

- There were 175 events in 2012.

Harvard Cabin:

- There was no H/B weekend in January.
- Bob Knudsen and Carl Gustenhoven will lead a Harvard Cabin weekend in February.

Trip Reporter: Yorghos reported that:

- His numbers from trip reports match Robert's numbers from trip listings very closely.
- He will produce an annual report, including the number of participant-days for 2012.

Webmaster and REGI Report: Julie reported that:

- The problem with duplicate registrations in REGI has been corrected.
- Storage on the web server still needs to be increased.
- Exec Comm is still interested in taking on REGI improvements, and they are looking into how best to do it.

Winter Hiking Program: Fred reported that:

- The Cardigan weekend is full.
- 40 participants have signed up for the Welch-Dickey hike.
- He is working on a process for obtaining feedback on the program from participants.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA): Jeff reported that:

- He is working on a WFA program for late Winter/early Spring.
- There has not been any further progress on the ½ day program with SOLO.

Slide Show: Julie reported that:

- The slide show series is booked through April, with two in February.
- An upcoming event features “Four More Feet”, a documentary about Randy Pierce, who is a blind hiker who hikes all of the NH48 in a single winter.

In lieu of a speaker’s fee to Randy Pierce, the committee approved paying the same amount to 2020 Vision Quest (a charity with which Randy Peirce is associated).

Spring Hiking Program: Bob Knudsen reported that:

- A planning meeting for the 2013 SHP will be held on January 22nd.
- Anne will coordinate Cardigan.

The committee discussed the possibility of subsidizing parking for leaders who assist with SHP and WHP at Joy Street, and decided not to do so.

Spring Leadership Program: Stephen reported that:

- SLP will be held on April 4 and 11 at Joy Street, with the weekend program on April 20-21 at Camp Lyndon on Cape Cod.
- Gail Ferreira will coordinate SLP and Stephen will assist.

Leader Applications: None.

Old Business: Michael reported that he had informed Roger Scholl that H/B had removed John Burbine as an H/B leader.

New Business:

- Jeff described the difficulty some WHP participants experience trying to rent plastic boots, and suggested that H/B might consider purchasing plastic boots in volume (and at a discount), which it then could rent to WHP participants. The committee discussed the idea and decided not to pursue it.
- Stephen mentioned that the committee should schedule a leader appreciation dinner and trip planning meeting. The committee discussed timing for the event and Stephen will try to form a committee to help organize the event.
- Alex proposed that leaders use the leaders list to share interesting learning experiences with other leaders. He will organize the inaugural “Leaderly Learning Lesson”.
- Alex also discussed the possibility of having different categories of leaders and he suggested questions that might be asked of leaders to help assign them to a particular category. The committee discussed the proposal and decided to continue the discussion at the next H/B meeting.

Next Meetings:

- Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at the home of Paul Terenzi
- Tuesday, March 12, 2012, at Brandeis, compliments of Michael Swartz
- Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at the home of Stephen Conlin
- Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at the home of Bob Kittredge

Adjourn: approximately 9:00 pm