

Hiking/Backpacking Committee – Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

Minutes: February 2013 Monthly H/B Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Location: Medford – home of Paul Terenzi

Attending: Michael Swartz, Alex Nedzel, Bob Asch, Jeff Carlson, Stephen Conlin, Robert Freed, Carl Gustenhoven, Bob Kittredge, Bob Knudsen, Paul Terenzi, Stan Dunbar, Fred Smith, Yorghos Tripodis, Philip Werner and Dan Wiktor. Faith Pulis and Alex Cowen joined as guests.

Come to order: 7:00 pm

Minutes of prior meeting: Minutes from the January 2013 H/B meeting were approved.

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting: Bob Kittredge reported that:

- An event for new members will be held next week in Concord, hosted by the H/B Committee.

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

Trip Coordinator: Robert reported that there were 175 events in 2012, up from approximately 135 in the prior year. The Committee discussed holding a trip planning meeting within the next few months.

Harvard Cabin: Bob Kittredge reported that:

- The H/B weekend in February was cancelled because of weather, and fees paid by participants will be refunded.
- The first of two Above Treeline Workshops will be held later in February.

Trip Reporter: Yorghos reported that:

- There were 1,788 participant/days of H/B events during 2012, including 1,370 participant/days for hiking and backpacking trips and 418 participant/days slideshows.

Webmaster and REGI Report: The Webmaster and REGI report was deferred until next month.

Winter Hiking Program: Fred reported that:

- Trips associated with the program are going well.
- He has sent a questionnaire to participants to solicit feedback on the program.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA): Jeff reported that:

- There is a WFA course being offered by some organization almost every weekend through April.
- The next H/B sponsored course will be offered in late Spring.

Slideshow: The Slideshow report was deferred until next month.

Spring Hiking Program: Bob Knudsen reported that:

- There are more hikes associated with the program than ever before.

- Cardigan has been reserved for 30 spots.

The committee discussed whether leaders who have done trips associated with the program in the past should have a preference to continue those trips, and decided to leave it to the discretion of the SHP coordinator.

Spring Leadership Program: Stephen reported that:

- There are approximately 20 participants signed up for the SLP, with several more applications pending.
- Also, several leaders have offered to help with the program.

Leader Applications: Bob Asch reported the following applications:

- An application by Philip Werner for 4-season leader, which was approved by the committee.
- An application by Jeff Carlson for 4-season leader, which was approved by the committee.

Philip and Jeff left the meeting while their applications were being reviewed and acted upon, and returned after the committee took action.

Old Business: Michael reported that he will be attending the new member meeting in Concord next Wednesday and invited other members of the committee to attend.

Next Meetings:

- 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 8:15 pm