

Hiking/Backpacking Committee – Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

## Minutes: May 2013 Monthly H/B Meeting

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 13, 2013

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

**Attending:** Michael Swartz (Chair), Stephen Conlin, Carl Gustenhoven, Bob Kittredge, Julie LePage, Joyce Horrigan, Bob Knudsen, Yorghos Tripodis, Fred Smith, Anne Jarek, Gary Schwartz, and Paul Terenzi. Faith Pulis and Kevin McAllister joined as guests.

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

**Minutes of prior meeting:** Minutes from the April 9, 2013 H/B meeting were approved.

**Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting:** Bob Kittredge reported that Exec Comm is considering using REGI for the whole chapter.

**Trip Coordinator:** Robert reported via email that there are 13 trips scheduled for May and 15 trips scheduled for June. He expects more trips will be listed in follow-up to the trip planning meeting.

**Trip Reporter:** Yorghos reported that all trip reports have been submitted.

**Webmaster:** Gary described several issues relating to REGI and reported that someone tried to blacklist H/B's domain, which he was able to correct.

**Winter Hiking Program:** No report.

**Wilderness First Aid (WFA):** No report.

**Slide Show:** Julie reported that the slide show is off for the summer, and will return in the Fall. She said attendance was low at the last slideshow because it was held shortly after the Marathon bombing.

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

- 117 people are enrolled in the program.
- There was a printing problem with the copies of the White Mountain Guide distributed to participants.

Anne reported that there are 26 paid participants for the Cardigan weekend together with 7 leaders.

Michael reminded the Committee that this is the last year that Bob will coordinate the SHP, and noted that the Committee needs to select a new coordinator for next year. He said that he discussed the position with Phil Jones and that Phil is interested in helping out. Following discussion, the Committee voted to approve Phil Jones as the SHP Coordinator for next year.

Michael then thanked Bob for his work as SHP Coordinator over the past several years, and the Committee voted to recognize Bob and commend him for all of his work on behalf of the Committee and the SHP.

**Spring Leadership Program:** Stephen reported that the program went well and that 26 new co-leaders graduated from the program.

**Leader Applications:** None.

**Old Business:** The Committee discussed follow-up to the WHP survey that was described at the last meeting. The Committee decided to send a solicitation for further feedback to all WHP participants, allowing participants to either respond via a web-based form or by calling one of several named Committee members. Several committee members volunteered to serve as contacts, and Michael will choose two or three people in addition to himself.

**New Business:**

Michael described the approach to WFA used by the NH Chapter, under which the Chapter pays for the program outright and leaders attend without needing to pay themselves, and he asked for feedback. Following discussion, the Committee decided to defer the topic until next month, so that Alex and Jeff can join the discussion.

Michael discussed the issue of advancing money to leaders for lodging associated with a non-program trip. The Committee bylaws allow for the advance of up to \$200, which must be repaid within the earlier of 60 days or the date of the trip. Michael described a request from Linda Haines for an advance associated with a trip she will lead in September, for which she has already paid a deposit in excess of \$200. The Committee voted to advance Linda \$200 for the trip, which must be repaid within 60 days.

Kevin McAllister asked about the status of the ½ day WFA program. He suggested that the Committee inform leaders who have taken the full WFA program twice and are waiting for the ½ day program to be offered that they are still active and in good standing in the meantime.

At Kevin's suggestion, the Committee voted to recognize Gary Schwartz and Julie LePage and commend them for all of their work on the H/B web site and REGI.

**Next Meetings:**

- Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at the home of Dan Wiktor in Wakefield
- Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at the home of Alex Nedzel in Lexington
- Tuesday, October 8, 2012, at the home of Carl Gustenhoven in North Andover

**Adjourn:** approximately 8:45 pm