

Hiking/Backpacking Committee – Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

Minutes: June 2013 Monthly H/B Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Location: Wakefield – home of Dan Wiktor

Attending: Michael Swartz (Chair), Stephen Conlin, Carl Gustenhoven, Bob Kittredge, Julie LePage, Bob Knudsen, Fred Smith, Anne Jarek, Gary Schwartz, Paul Terenzi, Robert Freed, Bob Asch, Jeff Carlson, Alex Nedzel, Stan Dunbar, Philip Werner and Dan Wiktor. Faith Pulis and Keith Watling joined as guests.

Come to order: 7:00pm

Minutes of prior meeting: Minutes from the May 13, 2013 H/B meeting were approved.

Committee Membership: Faith Pulis and Keith Watling expressed interest in joining the Committee, and they left the meeting as the Committee discussed their possible membership. The Committee voted to elect Faith and Keith to the Committee.

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting: Bob Kittredge reported that Exec Comm discussed the following:

- The Committee is receiving a detailed report on one activity committee at each meeting.
- The MUD committee reported that subscription is 9,000 via email and 9,000 via regular mail.
- The 40+ committee has 48 events and approximately 30 leaders, and is seeking advice on how they can enlist more new co-leaders.
- Paul Dale is looking for speakers for the Fall meeting.
- REGI has been turned over to a consultant who is trying to adapt it so that it can work for all of the Boston chapter.

Treasurer: No report.

Trip Coordinator: Robert did not have precise numbers for pending trips but he reported that there are many trips listed.

Harvard Cabin: Bob Kittredge reported that weekends are booked through November (with nothing scheduled for the Summer, as is typical).

Trip Reporter: No report.

Webmaster: Gary described several outstanding issues and objectives:

- He will be changing the administrative password.
- He intends to upgrade the backend software for the content management system over the Summer.
- He is looking for suggestions for upgrades to the website.
- He would like to implement a system of sub-permissions – such as allowing the SHP coordinator to control the SHP page.

Winter Hiking Program: Fred reported that the program will begin November 15th and that Anne Jarek will be Cardigan coordinator.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA): Jeff reported that there are no new programs scheduled, and that in recent programs there were 120 participants, 75 of whom were AMC members (with ½ of those AMC members being H/B leaders or co-leaders). There has not been further progress on a one-day course.

Slide Show: Julie reported that the slide show is off for the summer, and will return in the Fall. The October program is on rafting in the Grand Canyon.

Spring Hiking Program: Bob Knudsen reported that the program went well and the corrected copies of the White Mountain Guide were made available to participants.

Leadership Issues: Alex reported that there are approximately 300 leaders and co-leaders for H/B, 50-60 of whom led trips within the last year. An ad hoc committee of Alex, Philip, Julie, Jeff, Anne, Faith and Keith will try to develop a method of culling inactive leaders from the list.

Leader Applications: Bob Asch reported the following applications:

- An application by Lenka Hostelkova for 3-season leader, which was approved by the committee.

Old Business: The Committee discussed 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. Following discussion, the Committee voted to approve that approach with H/B, so that in the case of H/B sponsored WFA programs, the H/B Committee will pay the cost of the program and H/B leaders and co-leader may attend the program without paying and later seeking reimbursement.

Next Meetings:

- 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 9:00 pm