

Minutes: December 2013 Monthly H/B Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Location: Natick – home of Fred Smith

Attending: Michael Swartz (Chair), Alex Nedzel, Stephen Conlin, Carl Gustenhoven, Bob Asch, Bob Knudsen, Fred Smith, Paul Terenzi, Robert Freed, Jeff Carlson, Keith Watling, Philip Werner, Yorghos Tripodis, Gary Schwartz and Bob Kittredge. Elizabeth Ryan joined as a guest.

Come to order: 7:00 pm

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

Old Business: Stephen reported that the trip planning meeting held at Joy Street was successful, and all of the new co-leaders who attended left with at least one trip scheduled. Discussion of the hiking speed subcommittee was deferred.

WFA: Michael reminded the Committee of the discussion of the WFA requirement that took place at the November meeting and suggested that the Committee continue that discussion since there was not time to conclude it at the prior meeting. To help frame the discussion, Michael suggested that the Committee consider five questions, and act on each one before moving on to the next. The Committee proceeded to consider each of the questions in turn, and there was considerable discussion regarding each of them. The questions, and decisions by the Committee, are as follows:

1. Should H/B continue its present policy of requiring that leaders take WFA before becoming a leader? The Committee decided unanimously to retain that requirement.
2. Should H/B require leaders to take WFA a second time? The Committee voted 8-3 in favor of requiring leaders to take WFA at least once after becoming a leader.
3. If yes, then within what time frame from the first taking? The Committee voted unanimously to require that leaders take WFA again (i.e., a second time) within three years of becoming a leader.
4. Should H/B require leaders to take WFA more than two times? The Committee voted 6-5 to require that leaders take WFA more than two times.
5. If so, then within what time frame from the previous taking? The Committee voted 7-5 to require that leaders take WFA every eight years after the second taking.

Leader Applications: Bob Asch reported applications by Kellie Connolly for both 3-season and 4-season leader status. The Committee first approved Kellie as a 3-season leader. The Committee next voted to grant an exception to the H/B rule that requires that the trips that qualify a 4-season leader-applicant for 4-season leader status must follow such leader becoming a 3-season leader. The Committee then considered Kellie's 4-season leader application and approved her as a 4-season leader. Bob Asch also reported an application by Paul Terenzi for 4-season leader status, which was approved by the Committee.

Officers: Michael presented the following slate of officers for 2014, which was approved by the Committee:

- Chair – Michael Swartz
- Vice-Chair – Alex Nedzel
- Secretary – Faith Pulis
- Treasurer –Philip Werner
- Assistant Treasurer – Joyce Horrigan
- Trip Coordinator – Carl Gustenhoven
- Assistant Trip Coordinator – Robert Freed

Michael also noted that Yorghos Tripodis will continue to serve as Trip Reporter and Bob Knudsen will serve as Harvard Cabin Coordinator.

New Business:

- Michael reported that Silvia Dubinsky requested to be reinstated as a 4-season leader and the Committee voted to so reinstate her subject to her having compliance with the Committee’s WFA policy (as revised).
- Michael also reported that Dan Wiktor resigned as a Committee member. The Committee unanimously voted to recognize Dan as former chair of the Committee and a Committee member and to express the Committee’s appreciation for Dan’s many contributions.
- Michael described a proposal by YM to cross list trips with H/B and stated that Phil Baraona will come to the next H/B meeting to describe and discuss the proposal.

Next Meetings:

- Tuesday, January 14, 2013, at Brandeis University, hosted by Michael Swartz

Adjourn: approximately 9:00 pm