

Hiking/Backpacking Committee – Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

Minutes: April 8, 2014 Monthly HB Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 8th, 2014

Location: Waltham, MA Host: Michael Swartz

Attending: Michael Swartz (chair), Robert Freed, Anne Jarek, Alex Nedzel, Fred Smith, Carl Gustenhoven, Paul Terenzi, Bob Kitteredge, Bob Knudsen, Jeff Carlson, Faith Pulis

Guests: Elisabeth Ryan, Sonya Korabelnikova, Chris McCarron

Come to order: 7:00 pm

Minutes of prior meeting:

Minutes from the March, 2014 H/B meeting were approved with the following correction:

- WFA- participants interested in WFA Solo Course in NH must sign up on their own.

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting: Jeff Carlson

- Business cards for leaders will be available by the end of April. They will be distributed at the next trip planning meeting in an effort for AMC leaders to be more approachable
- Still looking for volunteers at a chapter level.

Treasurer's Report: Philip Werner

- HB Committee currently has \$21,268 in its coffer and \$4,115 in PayPal.
- PayPal transfers are limited to \$500/month
- Question was raised as to whether we should pay larger invoices out of PayPal to keep balance lower.

Trip Coordinator's Report: Carl Gustenhoven

- No Report

Harvard Cabin: Bob Knudsen

- Above Tree Line workshop experienced power outage challenges. Participants stayed at Joe Dodge Lodge Friday, and Highland Center on Saturday. Question was raised whether funds would be reimbursed.
- No Report

Trip Reporter's Report: Yorghos Tripodos (Not in attendance)

- No Report

Webmaster's Report: Gary Swartz (Not in attendance)

- No Report
- Website up to date as of 4/8/14

Committee Programs:

Spring Hiking Program: Elisabeth Ryan

- 94 Registrations to date: 83 paid, 11 submitted
- Due to unavoidable gap between 1st & 2nd class leaders will be asked to promote trips early and throughout the program
- Bob Knudsen ordered 125 SHP Manuals
- E-mail needs to go to Phil Jones re: White Mountain Books
- Middlesex Fells hike still needs leaders, all other trips have been staffed

Winter Hiking Program: Fred Smith

- By his own admission, "Slacker Smith can't get around to doing the survey."

Wilderness First Aid: Paul Terenzi

- Deferred to April

Lecture Series: Julie LePage (Not in attendance)

- \$50 request to cover travel costs for speaker does not need HB approval. Approval already provided for. Michael will contact Julie.
- Ultralight Hiking, May 5, last lecture this series.
- Julie on cover of Outdoor Magazine

Leadership Issues: Alex Nedzel

- No Report

Leadership Applications: Bob Asch (Not in attendance)

- Alex Cowen approved for 4 season leadership

Old business:

Hike Rating sub-committee: Stephen Conlin

- no further meetings and no complaints
- 1 chapter reported in Joy Street survey they were moving away from numeric to narrative ratings

WFA rule change second vote: Michael Swartz

- Second consecutive vote was inadvertently left off the agenda for the February meeting.
- 5 comments received from HB Leaders: 3 in favor, 1 keep at 3 years, it's good education, 1 opposed any requirement
- Additional clarification was made that the 2nd time one participated they had to be a current, active leader
- Comment was made this is not managed and is solely regulated by the honor system.

WFA rule change NEW first vote: Michael Swartz

- Vote on the WFA Rule change (from 3 year; 3 year repeating to 3 year; 5 year repeating) was approved 9:0, 2 abstentions
- New WFA Rule will be recorded on HB website and referenced in HB Rules & Policies
- Motion made to amend the language Section 1.17 Policies was approved 9:1 with 1 abstention

Executive Session: Michael Swartz

- Personnel Matter

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, May 14, Bob Kitteredge
- Tuesday, June 10, Fred Smith
- September – Carl Gustenhoven
- October – Alex Nedzel

Motion to adjourn: 8:54 pm

Submitted by Faith Pulis