

Minutes: June 10, 2014 Monthly HB Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 10th, 2014

Location: Natick, MA Host: Fred Smith

Attending: Michael Swartz (chair), Keith Watling, Bob Kittredge, Paul Terenzi, Stephen Conlin, Anne Jarek, Jeff Carlson, Carl Gustenhoven, Robert Freed, Bob Asch, Alex Nedzel, Fred Smith, Faith Pulis

Guest: Philip Jones

Come to order: 7:00 pm

Thank you to Fred Smith for hosting the annual BBQ and meeting.

Minutes of prior meeting:

May minutes amended and at the June 10th meeting

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Meeting: Jeff Carlson

- AMC club wide re-branding, including logo and tagline. Next Outdoor Magazine will unveil cover to cover makeover. Half page will be allocated to each chapter.
- MUD – no more trip listings
- Granite Cliff, Eagle Bluff for sale.
- Looking to reward frequent leaders (5 trips w/in 24 trailing month period) with a shell
- Leadership issue – should there be reciprocity for leaders & co-leaders who cross over other committees?
Discussion: not all trips have the same level of risk and not all trips may require the same level of training.
Michael recommended Alex Nedzel to serve on the special committee on behalf of HB
- Term limits for Boston Chapter – some positions will be turning over. Jeff pitched Chapter is looking for nominees.
- Michael announced his term ends Dec. 2014

Committee Membership: Michael Swartz

- Unanimously approved Elisabeth Ryan as new committee member
Elisabeth received verbal compliments from Phil Jones re: her leadership role and skills throughout 2014 SHP.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Swartz (for Philip Werner)

- No report

Trip Coordinator's Report: Carl Gustenhoven

87 trips archived 1/1/14-5/13/14.

43 upcoming: June = 16, July = 10, August = 11, September = 5, Oct. = 1. Note: SHP counts as 1 trip.

- Outdoor Magazine will stop publishing trip listings after the July 2014 issue, instead, there will be a link to the On Line Trip Listing (OLTL)

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Trip Coordinator's Report, cont'd

- NEW Trip Digest - The digest will be accessed from a link on the chapter website and will be a PDF document that lists full descriptions of all the trips from the date of access for the next 2 months contains full descriptions
- MUD – published 1/4ly - advertise what HB does (no longer includes trip listings)
- HB Announce will continue twice per month with submission deadlines on the 14th and 30th

Reaching out to new members – unclear how they will be directed from the chapter toward HB committee

- When Michael receives e-mail inquiries from new interested HB participants, he will direct them toward the HB announce e-mails.

Harvard Cabin: Bob Knudsen

- Cabin is booked through January 2015
- Reminder to Bob to connect with HC to see if they'll consider reimbursing for \$ loss or offer a future weekend for the February 2014 Above Treeline HC debacle.

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

Committee Programs:

Spring Hiking Program: Elisabeth Ryan

- Phil complimented Elisabeth on her leadership and contribution toward making effective improvements (new presenters/experts, shorter sessions, content relevant)
- Program capacity = @ 125-130
- Cardigan weekend – 24 participants
 - Should be promoted as the cornerstone weekend. Philip Anne & Elisabeth will re-group and make recommendations
- Received participant 35 surveys. No major complaints
- Elisabeth will be SHP Coordinator for 2015
 - Recommendations for 2015 include:
 - Reduce sessions to 4 nights
 - Trips – question was raised “Should there be more local and easier trips in the middle of the program?” Is SHP about getting and keeping people interested at levels in hiking and backpacking?

Winter Hiking Program: Fred Smith

- Program will move to Wednesday. 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10
- Harvard Cabin weekend – December
- Cardigan weekend – 1/23-1/25/15. Anne Jarek will be trip coordinator
- Above Treeline – Feb/March at Harvard Cabin
- Fred may be looking for a registrar
- Fred will send out invite to WHP planning meeting. Looking for new ideas, outreach opportunities to increase awareness of WHP, and consideration of easier, closer to Boston, less gear required trips. Is this an underserved constituency?

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Committee Programs, cont'd

Wilderness First Aid: Paul Terenzi

- Next course, September, campground in Albany, NH
- January – Girl Scout Camp in Waltham

Lecture Series: Julie LePage (Not in attendance)

- No report

Leadership Applications: Bob Asch

- Carla Palmer- provisional approval for three season leadership, contingent upon successful completion of WFA refresher
- Stephen Conlin requested there be a future discussion re: multi-level leadership.

Old Business:

Personnel Matter: Michael Swartz

- Director of Risk Management & Director of Volunteer Relations are on board and supportive of our May 2014 discussion and decision.

Hike Rating sub-committee: Stephen Conlin, Robert Freed & Kellie Connelly

- Deferred to Fall

Winter Hiking Leadership: Carl Gustenhoven

- Leading trips w/in 495 provision
- Deferred to Fall

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, September 9, Carl Gustenhoven
- Tuesday, October 14, Alex Nedzel
- November 11
- December 9, Bob Knudsen

Motion to adjourn: 9:34pm

Submitted by Faith Pulis