

Hiking/Backpacking Committee - Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

Minutes: September 9, 2014 - Monthly HB Meeting

APPROVED 2/17/2015

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Location: Andover, MA Host: Carl Gustenhoven

In Attendance: Michael Swartz, Alex Nedzel, Bob Knudsen, Bob Asch, Paul Terenzi, Yorghos Tripodis, Robert Freed, Jeff Carlson, Elizabeth Ryan, Carl Gustenhoven, Keith Watling, Stan Dunbar, Stephen Conlin

Come to order: 7:04 pm

Welcome to Elizabeth Ryan, newest HB Committee Member
Thank you to Carl for hosting HB Committee Meeting

Minutes of prior meeting:

June 10th Minutes amended at the September 9th meeting

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Report: Jeff Carlson

- Outdoors Magazine -
- no single day listings only multi day trips.
- trips will be posted by date
- Nomination Committee is looking for interested candidates
- 3rd Wednesday Member Social, 9/17, Harvard Square,
- HB is feature, Ann Jarek will represent
- Jeff put in a good word about the food
- October 15th, Concord, MA

Leadership Subcommittee: Stephen Conlon

- Leadership Award incentive
- 3/1/2012-6/30/2014
- Full leader, 5 or more trips
- Note: there were 2,353 Boston chapter trips
- 3,208 L-leaders & co-leaders (481 unique)
- Cross recognition of leaders qualifications & certifications
- Discussion - 1 day course vs. weekend training course.
- HB will continue to require the longer course.

Treasurer's Report: Philip Werner

- no report

Trip Coordinator's Report: Carl Gustenhoven

- July = 28, Aug. = 17, Sept. = 13, Oct. = 10, Nov. = 1
- REGI listing may have add'l trips that are not on OLT

Trip Report: Yorghos Tripodis

- confirms system is aligned and working as it should

Harvard Cabin: Bob Knudsen

- no power, heat, stayed at Joe Dodge Lodge Fri. night, requesting compensation
- (they were able to return to HC Sat night)
- Suggested - reimbursement could be in form of a free weekend. Received response stating they would consider
- HC Calendar - will be requesting dates for 2015 and 2016
- If interested in work weekends - Google search Harvard Cabin schedule will direct to link

Leadership Applications: Bob Asch

Joe Ciarcia - approved as 3 Season Leader

Lisa Robbins - approved as 3 Season Leader

Bob will call her and reinforce Lisa should stay w/in her comfort zone

Peter Monnes - approved as 3 season leader

Reminder that specific AMC hikes should be referenced and other references are always welcome

Discussion - Random Hikers vs. HB trips: are the styles & expectations similar?

Carl volunteered to draft a paragraph for the application to standardize responses to information requested on application

Committee Updates

WHP: Fred Smith

- Trip planning meeting 9/10/14
- 4 vs 5 nights?

WFA: Paul Terenzi

- 10/18 & 10/19, Cedar Hill in Waltham
- Advanced WFA 12/6 & 12/7 in Waltham
- Next class in January
- Reminder - co-leaders get reimbursed w/in 12 months of course, up to \$130
- Michael will follow-up with Julie re: getting site updated to reflect WFA rule change

Lecture Series: (ref. Julie LePage's e-mail)

- Wed., Oct. 22. Thru-Hiking the Lebanon Trail

- Thu., Nov. 20. Best Practices for Long Distance Hikes

SHP: Elizabeth Ryan

- Received 35 surveys (out of 120)
- Those who responded were the most active participants
- Organizing Flow of presentations
- Survey Suggestions:
more local trips w/in 495 geography, include some weekdays, have more easy hikes in the middle of the program (accommodates those with earlier scheduling conflicts)

Recommendations:

- educate participants re: the progression of the hikes
- Backpacking section needs fine tuning
- Gear night (optional 5th night)
- Tent City brought relevant gear to the night's topics
- Prizes raffled off to participants who completed survey

HB Trip Planning Meeting Stephen Conlin

Thurs., Nov 6th, Joy Street

New Business

Merging of OLTL accounts with AMC Member accounts

Next Meeting:

October 14, Alex Nedzel, Lexington

November 11 or 18, Bob Knudsen

December 9, Phillip Werner

Adjourned: 9:05pm

Faith Pulis