

Hiking/Backpacking Committee - Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

Minutes: October 14, 2014 - Monthly HB Meeting

APPROVED 2/17/2015

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Location: Lexington, MA Host: Alex Nedzel

In Attendance: Michael Swartz, Paul Terenzi, Stan Dunbar, Alex Nedzel, Keith Watling, Fred Smith, Bob Asch, Carl Gustenhoven, Jeff Carlson, Ann Jarek, Philip Werner, Elizabeth Ryan, Faith Pulis

Guest(s): Chris Gambino, Jeanne Blauner, Family Outings Chair

Thank you to Alex for hosting and for a delicious dinner.

Come to Order: 7:04

Executive Committee Report, Michael Swartz, Jeff Carlson

- Michael and Carl are on slate of nominees for Executive Committee
- Kudos to Ann Jarek on a great presentation about HB at AMC Welcome Member event in Cambridge
- Jeff explained rationale was to save expense and as part of the overall re-design of Outdoors Magazine. The cessation of trip listings is being re-evaluated and consideration being given to some modification. Upcoming trips will be published in MUD and Outdoors on line
- Leader recognition update - 140 leaders qualified for the volunteer recognition gifts
NOTE: 481 unique leaders (top 5 leaders conducted 270 trips combined) at chapter level

Treasurer's Report, Philip Werner

current balance: \$22,914.24

Suggestion was made to have a more detailed list of expenses and income for November meeting

Trip Coordinator's Report: Carl Gustenhoven

Sep = 12, Oct = 12, Nov = 6, Dec = 2, Jan = 1, Feb = 1

Winter hiking -20 trips

Harvard Cabin: Bob Knudsen

- Fee waiver for 1 of the September weekends (result of no heat)
- 2 trips in September
- Work weekend scheduled for November 7,8,9

- Reservations made through March 2015
- 3 dates available (above tree line moving to Joe Dodge)
2/13 - 2/14, 2/27 - 2/28, 3/13 - 3/14
- 30 day notice to canx if can't find a leader, Bob will send out an e-mail to leaders

2014 Winter Hiking Program: Fred Smith

63 registered, 18 submitted (81) Goal is 125

- WHP curriculum subcommittee has actively met and made some recommendations to:
- tighten presentations to be more focused
- allow more time for breakout sessions to access the combined knowledge and experience of leaders
- Cardigan winter weekend is scheduled for 1/23 -1/25/15
- e-mail Ann Jarek if interested in being a leader/co-leader

Wilderness First Aid: Paul Terenzi

Dates:

October-full

2nd weekend in January

Advanced class in December

2015 Spring Hiking Program: Elisabeth Ryan

Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28, and May 5, 12
planning meeting, Jan 27

Leadership Application(s): Bob Asch

None

Old Business

Trip Planning

Thursday, Nov. 6th at Joy St.

Winter Hiking Issues: Carl Gustenhoven

Rule changes

general, reference to HB Activity Database (formerly OLTL) as the source to how we recognize trips

Michael and Carl will make a recommendation re: language at Nov. meeting

NOTE: Rule change will need two consecutive votes (Nov. & Dec. 2014)

clarify trips that a 3 season leader can co-lead. Currently reference is calendar Spring, Summer, Fall (but not winter).

1. Recommending to change the reference to winter conditions (vs. calendar season reference)

2. Trip Coordinator would be expected to make judgment call (currently Trip Coordinator does not have discretion to remove a trip)

Discussion:

1. Add an amendment to the rule: Winter conditions will be in effect calendar winter and cold temps, wind, snow, ice or freezing rain, or any combination, snow shoes or crampons required, (get language from Carl)
2. add a paragraph to new season 3 season leaders congratulation leader with the definition of winter conditions
3. Change dates and trust leaders (objective rather than subjective)
4. Carl will send draft language to the whole committee

NOTE: OLTL Changes impact

will integrate co-leader data into the database (temporarily disabled)

Currently there are no notification e-mails of new trips to Trip Coordinator

New Business

Status of non-active leaders - *Deferred to November meeting*

Current language considers a leader non active if the individual has not led a trip in the previous 48 months.

Language also states HB must notify the leader & extend another 12 months.

Proposed recommendation to strike the sentence of affirmative action to notify the leader.

Invitation to Apa Sherpa, honorary doctorate, currently resides in U.S.

Discussion - would HB/AMC be interested in inviting him to be a presenter? Cost would be roughly \$3,500k. Keith is willing to coordinate (options may include lecture series, HB special program, chapter wide, annual summit)

Linda Haines' request re: registering beyond WFA expiration

Should HB authorize trips that are beyond a leader's current WFA expiration?

Motion approved to authorize trips, but notify Trip Coordinator that their WFA must be certified prior to trip.

Good Samaritan reimbursement policy, official HB trip

Motion approved to at discretion of committee, upon receipt of a receipt for official HB trips to authorize reimbursements.

Other

Website

Contact information on website (HB Boston) needs to be updated

Suggestion made to add a Button for questions, comments, concerns

NEXT MEETINGS:

Tuesday, November 11 - Faith Pulis, Concord

Tuesday, December 9 - Phillip Werner, Malden
Tuesday, January 13 - Fred Smith, Natick

Adjourned: 9:07pm
Faith Pulis