

Hiking/Backpacking Committee - Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

Minutes: November 11, 2014 - Monthly HB Meeting

APPROVED 2/17/2015

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Location: Concord, MA Host: Faith Pulis

In Attendance: Carl Gustenhoven, Robert Freed, Paul Terenzi, Elizabeth Ryan, Michael Swartz, Alex Nedzel, Yorghos Tripodis, Keith Watling, Anne Jarek, Jeff Carlson, Bob Knudsen, Stephen Conlin, Faith Pulis

Guest(s) Jeanne Blauner, Linda Haines

MINUTES of September/October 2014 meetings: Faith Pulis
Deferred to December

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE October 2014 meeting: Jeff Carlson, Michael Swartz
Deferred to December

TREASURER'S REPORT: Philip Werner
Deferred to December

TRIP COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Carl/Robert Freed (ref Car's handout)
174 trips thru 11/11, 6 add'l thru end of year
13 scheduled for 2015

Harvard Cabin: Bob Knudsen
Deferred to December

TRIP REPORTER'S REPORT: Yorghos Tripodis
Deferred to December

WEBMASTER REPORT: Gary/Julie LePage
Deferred to December

COMMITTEE PROGRAMS:

Winter Hiking Program: Michael Swartz (per Fred Smith)

- Fully subscribed 10 days before opening night.
- The manual looks great, and cost \$400 less than last year. Kudos to Sarah Waterbury.
- Opening night played to a packed house, and felt like a big success to cast and crew.
- The only change we are discussing for 11/12 is possibly to go back to having 8 breakout groups instead of 6 - it may be easier to manage fewer group leaders, but it is harder to manage larger groups.

Wilderness First Aid: Paul Terenzi
Deferred to December

Lecture series: Julie LePage
Deferred to December

Spring Hiking Program: Elizabeth Ryan
Deferred to December

Leadership Issues: Alex Nedzel
Deferred to December

LEADERSHIP APPLICATION(S): Bob Asch

Rule 3.4.1.3 reads as follows:

"The Applicant must have co-led 3 or more trips under at least two different leaders all under the direct supervision of an approved three season Leader"

1. Pete MacPherson (three season) - deferred
 - i. Bob will contact him about completing an additional co-lead where he has completed the majority of the screening and led with an HB leader.
2. Jonathan Niehof (three season) - approved as 3 season co-leader
3. Chester Osbourne (three season) - deferred
 - i. Bob will connect with him re: completing an additional co-lead with an HB leader.

NOTE: Bob has authorization to notify applicants if they do not meet the application requirements (i.e. have not screened a trip, do not have 3 co-leads with at least 2 HB leader's.)

Leadership recommendations template (see related email): Carl, Keith
Deferred to December

OLD BUSINESS:

Trip Planning Meeting: Stephen Conlin

In an effort to cross pollenate YM & HB leaders and suggestion was made to keep Leader Appreciation Event as an HB recognition and reward only event and host a separate chapter wide trip planning meeting in April.

\$2500 approved for the February Leader Appreciation and Award Night.

Recommendation was also made to acknowledge volunteers as well.

Hike Rating report: Stephen Conlin
Deferred to December

Trip Coordinator's proposed rule changes: Carl

Rule 6.14, Rule 6.9, new Rules 6.21, 1.13.4, and 5.2.1.3 – (ref. related email)

Motion approved to adopt 6.14 Rule change. Needs 2nd vote in December to be final.

"Notice of Trip or Activity is a notice which describes an activity or a trip and invites participants to take part and which is submitted to the Trip Coordinator via the AMC On Line Event Data Base (or successor mechanism thereof) for publication by the AMC or one of the Committees of the AMC for distribution to members and others."

Motion approved to adopt a policy that reflects proposed addition of subsection 1.13.4 and 5.2.13 to allow the 5 recognized trip approvers to rescind a trip.

"1.13.4 to designate members of the Committee who are authorized to act under the direction of the Trip Coordinator to screen and transmit activities on behalf of the Trip Coordinator. Authorization of these Committee members must be by majority vote of the Committee. This authorization will expire after a period of one year from date of the authorization or whenever a new A trip Coordinator is elected. Authorization of these Committee members will be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting."

Motion approved to adopt a policy that reflects the proposed changes so that the trip coordinator can withhold or withdraw a trip at their discretion.

"5.2.1.3 If an activity has been approved for publication and the circumstances of the activity change or if the Trip Coordinator becomes aware of additional pertinent information that disqualifies publication for the activity, the Trip Coordinator may rescreen the activity and rescind publication until such time as it is determined that the activity has been brought into compliance. The Trip Coordinator is expressly not required to continuously review all previously screened activities to monitor compliance, but is authorized to act when and if a change in circumstance or additional information comes to light that warrants a review of the activity."

Rule 6.9 and New Rule 6.21 will be resubmitted in December

Changes in OLTL system/lack of easy access: Alex/All

New system is more cumbersome for setting up new co-leaders.

NOTE: Member center log-on replaces OLTL log-on

Apa Sherpa visit to Boston: Keith

Motion approved to put forth a proposal to the Executive Committee for consideration of funds to host the event

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Rule change re status of non-active leaders. Discussed briefly, but deferred to December.
2. Status of Bruce Bolnick- co-leader: The committee reviewed an e-mail exchange between Bruce Bolnick and Michael Swartz, and confirmed Bruce's status as a co-leader.
3. Election of Officers at December meeting: All
Slate of officers:
Committee Chair, Alex Nedzel
Treasurer, Philip Werner
Trip Coordinator, Carl Gustenhoven
Secretary, Faith Pulis

Note: Committee Vice Chair position will be elected in January

NEXT MEETINGS:

Tuesday, December 9 – Phillip Werner, Malden

Tuesday, January 13 - Fred Smith, Natick

Tuesday, February 10 - Keith Watling, Southborough

Adjourned: 9:16 pm

Faith Pulis