

Hiking/Backpacking Committee - Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

Minutes: Tuesday, December 9, 2014 - Monthly HB (approved January 13, 2015)

APPROVED 1/13/2015

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Location: Malden, MA hosted by Philip Werner

Attendance: Michael Swartz, Alex Nedzel, Bob Knudsen, Bob Asch, Paul Terenzi, Yorghos Tripodis, Robert Freed, Jeff Carlson, Elizabeth Ryan, Carl Gustenhoven, Keith Watling, Stephen Conlin, Anne Jarek, Julie LePage, Philip Werner, Fred Smith,

Guests: Kellie Connelly, Lisa Robbins

Come to order: 7:08 pm

Minutes of prior meeting: Michael proposed that we would approve prior minutes after desert, however time constraints prevented this.

Boston Chapter Executive Committee Report: Jeff Carlson

- Plans are being put into place for delivery of Leader Appreciation gear
- Carl and Michael were approved to the committee as Members at Large
- Annual chapter meeting will be held Saturday January 24th, 2015
- \$4,500 was approved for a lecture held in Natick on Sunday, February 8th with Apa Sherpa hosted by Keith Watling

Treasurer's Report: Philip Werner

- Philip provided a summary of total income (\$29,424.15) and total expenditures (\$20, 225.73) year to date
- Greatest losses are from Cardigan, raising prices was discussed

Trip Coordinator's Report: Carl Gustenhoven

- Sept. = 11, Oct. = 17, Nov. = 7, Dec. = 3
- Total hikes for the year = 148, total backpacks = 22, total slideshows = 4

Harvard Cabin: Bob Knudsen

- Reimbursement obtained for the weekend of 11/14 for \$532.89 although there was a fee of \$440 bringing the total reimbursement to \$92.89
- Above Treeline workshops are being run from Pinkham this year
- Harvard Cabin trip was canceled for January

Trip Report: Yorghos Tripodis

- 7 hikes were led in November
- Following up with gentle reminders to Leaders to submit their trip reports

Webmaster: Julie LePage

- All systems working normally
- Chapter redesign under way, HB's website needs to incorporate the new logo
- Julie will be stepping down as assistant webmaster, Casey Ajalat will replace her going forward

WHP: Fred Smith

- This year's program has better flow via shortening talks and lengthening the time allotted for break out groups
- New volunteers are breathing new life into the program
- Only one boot night this year instead of several last year
- Raising the price for non-members was considered

WFA: Paul Terenzi

- October WFA was full with 30 participants, with a profit of \$129.02
- Advanced WFA in December only has 23/30 participants
- Promotional materials for the movie Wild will be provided free of cost at the Advanced Wilderness First Aid class in December

Lecture Series: Julie LePage

- Lecture series is fully subscribed for the 2015 season through at least April
- Julie will present on the Central Cascades in November
- Keith will present in March

SHP: Elisabeth Ryan

- SHP planning meeting planned for Tuesday, January 27th at Joy Street
- SHP will follow the WHP in redesigning the program
- Beginner backpack and Cardigan weekend have both been scheduled

Leadership Issues: Alex Nedzel

- Nothing to report

Leadership Recognition Dinner: Stephen Conlin

- Currently unscheduled but will most likely be at the Burren again
- Addition of a Volunteer of the Year award was considered

Hike Rating Report: Stephen Conlin

- Deferred

Leadership Applications: Bob Asch

- Anne Jarek approved as a 4 season leader
- Michael Swartz approved as a 4 season leader
- Joe Danaher approved as a 3 and 4 season leader
- Anne White approved as a 3 season leader

Proposed Rule Changes: Carl Gustenhoven

- A motion was submitted to revise Rule 3.6 (Discontinuance of Leadership Status). A first vote on this change was approved. A second vote will be required in January.
 - 3.6: change “may” to “shall”, yielding “Discontinuance of Leadership Status: A person’s leadership status, inclusion on the Leaders List and privilege to lead shall be discontinued under any of the following circumstances:”
 - 3.6.2: Strike “; provided, however, the Committee shall take the following steps before discontinuing their status:”, leaving “if a leader or Co-leader has not led a hike for two calendar years.
 - 3.6.2.1: Delete.
 - 3.6.4: Insertion to yield: “by vote of the Committee to enforce its rules or, in the unfettered opinion of the Committee, for the safety of the membership.”
- A second vote was taken and approved to revise Rule 6.14’s narrative by deleting from it “in the AMC Outdoors, the Charles River MUD or any other publication of the AMC or Committee”, leaving: “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 Activity Database (or successor mechanism thereof) for publication by the AMC or one of the Committees of the AMC for distribution to members and others.”
- A policy was approved to extend the definition (and rule relevance) of “winter” to include winter conditions in the three seasons.
- A policy was approved to empower Trip Coordinators to not approve (or in the presence of new information, rescind approval for) an activity that does not comply with H/B rules and policies.

Election of Officers: Michael Swartz

- Alex Nedzel voted in as the Committee Chairman
- Stephen Conlin was nominated by Alex Nedzel for Vice Chair
- Faith Pulis remains Secretary
- Carl Gustenhoven remains Trip Coordinator
- Philip Werner remains Treasurer

Old Business

- Leadership Template was deferred

Next Meeting:

January 13th, Fred Smith, Natick

February 10th, Keith Watling, Southborough

March 10th, Stephen Conlin, Belmont

Adjourned: 9:09pm

Anne Jarek/Alex Nedzel