

Hiking/Backpacking Committee - Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

Minutes: January 13, 2015 - Monthly HB Meeting

APPROVED 2/17/2015

Date/Time: Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Location: Natick, MA Host: Fred Smith

In Attendance:

Alex Nedzel, Gary Schwartz, Philip Werner, Keith Watling, Bob Knudsen, Paul Terenzi, Elizabeth Ryan, Fred Smith, Stephen Conlin, Carl Gustenhoven, Bob Asch, Jeff Carlson, Faith Pulis, Yorghos Tripodis

Guest: Casey Ajalat

Come to order 7:02pm

December minutes approved

Thank you to Fred Smith for hosting meeting.

Congratulations extended to Yorghos on getting married

Boston Chapter Executive Committee - Jeff Carlson

- H/B website must get in compliance with new logo.
- Keith Watling, newest Executive Committee Chapter Member, congratulations.
- 2014, Huts & Lodges received 160,000 visitors who explored 1,900 miles of trails
- AMC has signed 40 year lease with Breakneck Camp
- Partnership with Mass General Hospital will include RX to get kids outdoors

Treasurer's Report, Philip Werner

NOTE: Reporting is on a cash basis and represents 'snap shot'

- YTD Income \$36,761, Expenses \$32,004
 - \$7K in open receivables
 - \$29k in bank
- Programs (WHP, SHP, Harvard Cabin) are the committees primary revenue sources
- Committee will need to establish an annual budget
- Executive Committee would like to establish a standardized collection and reporting of fees across committees.
- Philip would like each program to have their own budget
- Future discussion re: financial priorities for HB Committee (i.e. what do we do with our surplus?)

Webmaster Report, Gary Schwartz

- Casey Ajalat will be joining Gary in the Webmaster role.
- Need to update the H/B e-mail forwarding addresses on the website.
- Discussion Re: who is website for? What are expectations re: content? Appropriate structure?
 - We need a process for keeping our answers current and relevant
 - Webmasters can support, but ultimately, with the help of server software, our individual content owners could have the ability to update much of the content themselves.
 - Note: Updating server and software will facilitate ease of changes

- Challenge will be educating committee and content coordinators
- Gary & Philip will discuss fees and storage space

Trip Coordinator's Report, Carl Gustenhoven

- January 2015 = 18 Trips (14 Hikes, 3 Backpack, 1 Potluck)
- February 2015 = 19 Trips (15 Hikes, 3 Backpack, 1 Potluck)
- March 2014 = 7 Trips (6 Hikes, 0 Backpack, 1 Potluck)
- April 2015 = 4 Trips (3 Hikes, 0 Backpack, 1 Potluck)

NOTE: Report does not include Educational Sessions/Programs (i.e. WFA) or chapter-wide programs like Apa Sherpa

Harvard Cabin, Bob Knudsen

- 2014 yielded 9 trips, 136 participants
- January 2015 = 0
- February 2015 = 0
- March 2015 = 1
 - 13-15 is open
- Trip planning meeting scheduled for April 30

2014 Trip Report - deferred to February

- Yorghos & Carl will reconcile REGI & OLTL
- Purpose of report
 - Guide Card Eligibility
 - Committee Performance

Leadership Training

- February 24 - Leadership Appreciation & Recognition
- April 30, pizza/soda)

WHP, Fred Smith

- survey results to date are positive

SHP, Elizabeth Ryan

- February 27, 6:30pm, Planning Meeting
 - Establish budget
 - Review syllabus

WFA, Paul Terenzi

- 3 WFA classes in 2014, 77 participants
- 1 CPR class, 14 participants
- Solo has increased fees & invoked their right to send a 2nd instructor when there is greater than 25 participants
 - Concern re: increase in travel expenditures (last instructor came from NY)
 - Reimbursement Process - Paul would like clarification re: process, expectations & timing

Lecture Series

- No report

Leadership Applications, Bob Asch

Janet Penn, 3 season leader, deferred

- Request she participate in 2 additional co-leads with emphasis on trip planning, REGI system & participant screening

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Rule Change: Rule 3.6 (Discontinuance of Leadership Status)

- 2nd vote to revise Rule 3.6 was approved. [First vote was approved December 2014.]
 - 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 leaders 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"

Leadership Application Template, Carl Gustenhoven

- deferred to February

Hike Rating sub-committee, Stephen Conlin, Robert Freed

- active, will re-submit further into 2015

NEW BUSINESS

Roles for 2014, Alex Nedzel

- Snapshot of the committee roster was discussed

Operating Style, Alex Nedzel

Alex will make process recommendations re:

- Setting agenda
- Reporting progress ahead of meeting
 - Consider: Dashboard Style, updated minimum 5 days prior to meeting

Next Meeting:

February 10th, Keith Watling, Southborough

March 10th, Stephen Colin, Belmont

April 7th, Bob Knudsen, Woburn

Adjourn: 9:22pm

Faith Pulis