

Hiking/Backpacking Committee - Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club

Minutes: May 6, 2015 - Monthly HB Meeting

Approved 6/9/2015

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Location: Southboro, MA, host, Keith Watling

In Attendance:

Alex Nedzel, Elisabeth Ryan, Paul Terenzi, Fred Smith, Bob Knudsen, Keith Watling, Pam Wilmot, Jeff Carlson, Casey Ajalat, Robert Freed, Yorghos Tripodos, Faith Pulis

Come to Order, 7:15pm

Introduction/Welcome - Alex Nedzel

Thank you to Keith Watling for hosting

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REGULAR OPERATIONS

Boston Chapter Executive Committee - Fred Smith

- Nominating Committee looking for new leaders, would like more diversity
- WEB Site Re-design in motion
- AMC has signed agreement to operate an Outdoor Program at Harriman State Park, can accommodate 140 guests, public transportation from NYC
- Chapter has surplus cash and is looking for oppy's to spend
 - Has approved the purchase and distribution Leader Jackets

Treasurer - Philip Werner

Balances as of 5/5/15

Bank of America: \$16,460.58

Paypal: \$6,073.92

- 2014 Financial reports as input for 2015 HB Committee Budgeting Process
 - Expense: HB Committee Dinners (2014) - \$1,563.72
 - Expense: WFA-CPR Leader Reimbursements (2014) - \$2,110.00
 - Expense: Leader Recognition Dinner (2014) - \$1,877.18
 - Surplus: Map & Compass Surplus (2014) - \$1,026.17 (note- this does not include Harvard Cabin Rental Expense)
 - Surplus (Minus Rental Fee): Harvard Cabin (2014) - \$658.36 (note this jibes closely with Robert K's multi-year estimates, personal communication)
- Lack of clarity re: difference in account balances between April & May reports.
 - Need off-line discussion re: level of detail in reports

Trip Coordinator - Robert Freed

- 57 Trips YTD through April, Additional 13 trips scheduled May through September

Harvard Cabin - Bob Knudsen

- Sep 25-27 - Map & Compass, Joe Comuzzi
- Oct 18-20 - Judy Dillman, Deb Ireland
- Dec 11-13 - WHP Weekend

Trip Reporter's Report - Yorghos Tripodos

- 4 April Trips, 57 participants

Webmaster - Gary, Casey Ajalat

- When Outdoors.Org site has challenges, there is a direct impact to REGI site, resulting in the trip listings become unavailable
- Chapter Website Updates
 - Update HB Meeting Minutes on website
 - Missing some previous minutes
- REGI Website Updates
 - SendGrid account password reset due to global compromise (cause of earlier issues with emails discovered)
 - Investigated recent issues with REGI timeouts/errors
 - Elevated permissions in REGI for the 2015 SLP graduates
 - Help email transferred from Julie LePage to Casey (amcbostonhbs@gmail.com)

Leadership - Alex Nedzel

- Alex will enlist Keith's and others' help in following up with leaders and co-leaders in order to update our status info on them.

Leadership Application – Michael Swartz

- Deferred to June
- SHP Coordinator uncovered that there is no cross reference/approval with OLTL and a co-leader who is seeking HB Trip leader approval has listed an SHP trip- thereby she is requesting an expedited approval for this leader.

H/B PROGRAMS

Winter Hiking Program - Fred Smith

- Fred raises question re: consideration of lowering fees for club members.
- Fred will present a more refined budget at the June Meeting
- Dates set for Wednesdays 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, and 12/9 (TBD if last class will be at Cabot Hall or at EMS)

Spring Hiking Program - Elizabeth Ryan

- Getting good feedback on hike surveys
- Cardigan, 5/16-5/18, very under enrolled, needs publication/marketing beyond current and past SHP participants
 - HB Announce special edition

Wilderness First Aid - Paul Terenzi

- Next HB coordinated WFA will be in September. Paul has information re: programs available through other organizations in the meantime.

Lecture Series - Julie LePage

- Wednesday May 13th, Gary Munson, AMC Hike Leader, AMC's Cold River Camp, Baldface Region, NH.

NEW TOPICS

Nepal Disaster - Keith Watling

- Requesting permission to e-mail Apa Sherpa participants re: Nepal Disaster - would need approval from Club as this is fundraising for another organization. Jeff will forward and await response.

Participant Complaint Capability to Website - Casey Ajalat

- Chapter has "contact us" page which is currently how suggestions, complaints, kudos, etc. are communicated
 - AMC staff responds and forwards to appropriate committee chairs
 - Discussion around whether this is enough
- Goal: Safe environment for all participants
 - higher % of male leaders
 - higher % of female participants
- Discussion around purpose & philosophy
- Anonymous submissions would need disclaimer stating it would be difficult to follow-up

Leadership application template - Michael Swartz

- Deferred to June Meeting

NEXT MEETINGS

1. Tuesday, June 9 - Alex Nedzel, Lexington
2. Tuesday, September 8 - Carl Gustenhoven, North Andover
3. Tuesday, October 13 - Alex Nedzel, Lexington

MEETING ADJOURN, 8:52PM

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, 8:52PM

Faith Pulis and Alex Nedzel