

Hiking/Backpacking Committee - Boston Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club
Minutes: December 8, 2015 - Monthly HB Meeting

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, December 8, 2015

LOCATION: Southborough, Hosted by Keith Watling

In Attendance: Alex Nedzel, Robert Asch, Philip Werner, Bob Knudsen, Paul Terenzi, Jeff Carlson, Carl Gustenhoven, Robert Freed, Elizabeth Ryan, Fred Smith, Michael Swartz, Stephen Conlin, Pam Wilmot, Keith Watling, Casey Ajalat, Anne Jarek

Come to order: 7:03 PM

October Draft Minutes approved.
November Draft Minutes approved.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Recent Boston Chapter Executive Committee meeting

Committee Budgets for 2016 should be finalized. Committees should be thinking about asking for money from the Chapter for the 2016 programming that is forecasted to run at a loss. Money is available from the Chapter to support these programs.

The Annual summit will be held Jan. 30, 2016 at the Sheraton in Norwood, MA. Registration is now open.

AMC hut registrations are now open to the public and leaders should plan accordingly.

There were 492 new chapter members as of November.

The Executive Committee is seeking a new venue for the November 2016 annual meeting. If anyone has suggestions, please contact Lamar Winters at bikeamc53@gmail.com

The Mud is looking for people to write from different committees. If interested, please contact Larisa at larisaamd@gmail.com

The Boston Chapter is looking into running Wilderness First Aid (WFA) as a chapter level program. They are also reviewing the reimbursement policies for all committees. Additionally, it has come to the attention of the Chapter that members may be collecting reimbursement from multiple activity committees. A subcommittee has been formed to investigate both matters.

A proposal has been brought forth to change the Chapter bylaws to reduce the executive committee meetings from 10 to 5 per year. The conversation has been tabled until June for the sake of the new officers. The proposal would need to be put forth at the annual meeting in November or at a special