

FINAL APRIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 6:26 PM

Minutes: H/B Monthly Meeting – April 13, 2017

DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 13, 2017, 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Somerville, Elizabeth Ryan's house

In attendance: Stephen Conlin (Chair), Alex Nedzel, Carl Gustenhoven, Casey Ajalat, Keith Watling, Morgane Treanton, Pam Wilmot, Robert Freed, Elizabeth Ryan, Faith Pulis, Jeff Carlson and Paul Terenzi. Zeynep Ozyuksel joined as a guest.

AWARD

The Mentor of the Year award was presented to Alex Nedzel who was unable to attend the recent Leader Awards Dinner. A suggestion was made to make permanent that award category.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting were approved, with a correction to fix the list of attendees. There was discussion about who can or should make changes to the One Note minutes before they are officially accepted. It was suggested that considered changes be made to the bottom of the minutes. Thank

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Fred Smith informed the committee (through his written report) that a problem has arisen with Bank of America wanting us to provide proof that our checking account is affiliated with the AMC. The committee unanimously adopted the following resolution: "The HB Committee of the Boston Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club hereby affirms that it is affiliated with the Appalachian Mountain Club, and that the funds held by the HB Committee in its Bank of America checking account #000013626812 belong to the Appalachian Mountain Club and are managed for its benefit."

WEBMASTER REPORT

There are no updates to website because of Spring Hiking Program and Spring Leadership Program. A new feature to show common hikes was added to REGI.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Sat, Apr. 22. Earth Day speaker and Gear Swap at Joy St.

Wed, May 3rd. Trip Planning Meeting at Joy St, where new leaders will be in attendance.

Sep. 15-17. AMC 20's and 30's event at Cardigan Lodge.

Oct 13-15 AMC's Fall Gathering will be at Camp Robin Hood in Freedom, NH.

Sun, Nov. 12. AMC Annual Dinner Meeting, presumably again at Sandy Burr CC in Wayland, MA.

The MUD is putting out a call for people to write articles.

LEADER APPLICATION PROCESS

No update as the subcommittee is continuing to work on it. Plan is to have the committee take final action at the June meeting.

CHARLIE LINVILLE EVENT

Keith reported approximately 164 tickets were sold. Several Committee members reported that it was an excellent event, very interesting and in a great venue. However, the event, hosted by the Chapter,

lost approximately \$2,000, with income of approximately \$2,300 and expenses of approximately \$4,300.

INSTRUCTIONAL TRIPS

Carl (Trip Approver) brought up a topic of instructional trips and what qualifications a leader should possess to be able to lead a particular trip, including those that are farther afield of our usual hiking events, for example, trail work events. Training and safety testing identified as the primary concerns. A motion was passed stating that for such a trip, the Trip Approver can make the decision as to the leader's qualifications, in consultation the other H/B officers when appropriate. As for trail work-focused trips, the committee decided that the leaders would need to have a level of trails maintenance training acceptable to the Trails Committee and the Trails Committee would need to approve of our listing the trip.

LEADER'S LIST

Alex reported on his ongoing effort to pare down our leader's list, which has over 300 names. His plan is to identify (a) Inactive leaders with no events being lead in 3+ years; (b) Expiring leaders, those having gone 2 years without a lead, and (c) active leaders. There is flexibility in this, in that volunteer activities (assisting with programs, etc) are to be considered, and outreach to expiring leaders and others is a goal. The Committee passed a motion in favor of his continuing with this initiative. Conversation led by Casey then ensued regarding how leaders and coleaders show, and can be counted, in REGI and ActDB.

YOUNG MEMBERS (YM) USE OF REGI

The committee considered whether to allow HB leaders who are members of YM to use REGI for YM-only (not cross-listed) trips. YM-only trips would be identified by placing the initials "YM" in the beginning of the trip listing, and no modifications to REGI would be made (meaning that REGI might not work well for non-hiking YM trips). Topics discussed were enforcement of ensuring REGI posting are also posted in the ActDB, the extra work which could be caused HB, and the fact that REGI is to be upgraded perhaps at the end of the year, among several other issues. A motion to allow YM to use REGI on the terms discussed did not pass.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee went into executive session to discuss leadership applications and an issue regarding a particular leader.

Anne Drolet was approved as a three-season leader.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 pm

Next Meetings:

Tuesday, May 9 - Stephen Conlin, Belmont

Tuesday, June 13 - Faith Pulis, Concord