

FINAL February Minutes

Thursday, March 8, 2018 8:35 PM

Minutes: H/B Monthly Meeting – February 13, 2018

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Belmont, c/o Stephen Conlin

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Conlin (chair), Casey Ajalat, Jeff Carlson, Robert Freed, Alex Nedzel, Elizabeth Ryan, Fred Smith, Paul Terenzi, Morgane Treanton, Pam Wilmot

MINUTES: Minutes of January 9, 2018 approved without update.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

Executive Committee - Paul Terenzi

City Square is now open for events, with a number already scheduled for March. May 3 Boston Chapter Trip Planning meeting will take place at City Square. The Chapter is seeking recommendations for equipment acquisitions that would most effectively help to remove the barriers to getting people, especially our chapter members, outdoors. Susan Gilbert, the new Mud editor, is always seeking content of interest to Chapter members. The Chapter requests a heads-up from anyone who's planning to run a trip in a Land/Water Conservation Fund area, in order to optimize the potential promotional synergies.

Treasurer - Fred Smith

Fred reported that a still-open item is to secure WFA reimbursements from the Chapter to cover H/B's reimbursement of leaders who took WFA last year. Going forward, we'll eliminate (in a nice way) the middle man, and have leaders taking WFA apply directly to the Chapter for reimbursement.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Wilderness First Aid – Paul Terenzi

WFA sessions are currently scheduled for the 3/17, 4/21, and 5/5 weekends. The May weekend, which includes kid sitting, is already full with 24 participants. Stephen received minimal feedback on his recent announcement reminding folks of the current WFA policy and explain minor changes in determining the policy cutoff dates. Total enrollment in the upcoming sessions is 42, including two who are currently out of compliance.

Spring Hiking Program – Casey Ajalat

We've filled approximately half of the open Leader positions on the SHP trip roster. ALL of the Co-Leader positions have been filled. Casey anticipates approximately a \$2000 surplus from the program. The PayPal sign-up link is having issues. Casey and Fred will work speedily to resolve the problems.

Leader Appreciation Dinner - Stephen Conlin

We're on for Tuesday, March 20, at Common Ground in Arlington Center. The Awards Ballot will go out soon.

Eliot Levine (Berkshire Chapter) Cross-Recognition - Stephen Conlin

Eliot is a Berkshire leader in good standing with no seasonal restrictions. He's hiked and mentored with H/B in order to enhance his skills and confidence leading in winter. He would like to lead for H/B, and has completed the two winter co-leads we required of him in order to achieve 4-Season Leader status with H/B, to positive reviews. We're waiting on a reference from the Berkshire Chapter chair.

Inter-Committee Collaboration - Stephen Conlin

Stephen is in conversations with Boston's other hiking-related committees to see if we can achieve chapter-wide standardized leadership category definitions and associated requirements. We're farthest along with 20s & 30s, and have begun talking with Families, who to this point have been supportive of the objective. We haven't yet had substantive discussions with 40+. We anticipate some challenges in appropriately address specific granular concerns of the various committees, such as: above tree line; ice ax/crampons required; avalanche qualifications; backpacking; elevation gain/mileage thresholds.

Harvard Cabin - Mark Warren via Stephen Conlin

A show-off-the-cabin-to-leaders weekend is planned once current renovations are complete. The current expectation is for the work to be complete by September.

Leader Recognition Event - Stephen Conlin

Current consensus on a Boston Chapter leader recognition event is to:

- (1) Socialize
- (2) Do a workshop or two
- (3) Locate somewhere convenient to all committees

Chapter Scholarship – Stephen Conlin

2 scholarships available. Application deadline is April. We have a leader interested in WFR. This scholarship, sponsored by the Chapter, is not the same as the club's partial Mountain Leadership School scholarship

Executive Session

The Committee approved Morgane Treanton's application for 4-Season Leader status

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:03 pm

Thank you to Stephen for hosting.

Upcoming Meeting Locations

Tuesday March 13: Boston/Fenway, c/o Casey Ajalat

Wednesday April 11: Boston, c/o Morgane Treanton

Tuesday May 8: Somerville, c/o Elizabeth Ryan

