

# Minutes: H/B Monthly Meeting – March 13, 2018

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 6:30 pm

**LOCATION:** conference call, c/o Casey Ajalat

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Stephen Conlin (chair), Elizabeth Ryan, Rose Limanni, Fred Smith, Keith Watling, Casey Ajalat, Jeff Carlson, Robert Freed, Alex Nedzel, Paul Terenzi, Pam Wilmot, Morgane Treanton, Zeynep Ozyuksel, Chao Xie (guest)

**MINUTES:** Minutes of February 13, 2018 approved without update.

## **OPERATIONAL UPDATES:**

**Executive Committee - Paul Terenzi**

### **Key Dates:**

March 24 - email blast

March 19 - deadline for newsletters

April 19- talk, Bay Circuit Trail Presentation

April 1 - deadline for materials to MUD

April 12 & 19 - Full Leadership training

April 21 - Young Members event with conservation and land water conservation fund

April 29 - talk, Eyes on Owls!

April 30 Guide card expiration date

May 12 - AMC Boston Chapter One-Day Leadership Training Program

May 3 - Chapter wide trip planning

The ski committee is willing to discuss avalanche talks. The WFA class in March is now full and Paul will hire more instructors in April. In May with WFA class is in conjunction with Family Outings.

**Treasurer - Fred Smith**

The annual balance is \$13,198. The Charlie Lindville check has yet to be cashed.

**Spring Hiking Program - Casey Ajalat**

At the start of registration, there were problems with Pay Pal, which has caused slower registration. To date, there are 42 paid participants and 11 submitted with payment pending. There will be a couple more marketing pushes, including a table at REI on Sunday, March 25 at the Reading store. There are 26 trips planned in the spring hiking program. Morgane is still looking for leaders and coleaders. The bulk of registration is expected to occur in the week leading up to the program start.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **H/B Website - Casey Ajalat**

There is continued trouble with Lyons. The HostGator account has been created and Chao has helped to migrate data. The website looks almost the same as the former HB site. Some links are still broken but email works. The new website can be ready within two weeks. Casey and Chao will work to correct some of the broken links, either by creating new content or getting access to the old through Lyons. The committee and Casey thanked Chao for his work on this project.

### **Discussion of leader selection for program trips - Stephen Conlin and Elizabeth Ryan**

In the past, trips have been led by the same leaders who had previously led the same trip or others in the SHP. It was difficult for new leaders to participate in the program or to plan trips in advance. This year, the program trips were designed in progressive order, culminating in Cardigan Lodge and the car camps. The trips were shared with leaders and coleaders with an offer to sign up in an effort to encourage new leader participation and increase fairness. Some trips, like Cardigan, are planned months in advance and required pre-planning. Morgane did send the list to leaders and coleader who have lead SHP trips previously and they were given a deadline to sign up. So far, the system has run smoothly.

### **Update on trip coordinator role - Stephen Conlin**

A conference call occurred last week, and Keith and Morgan are briefed and up-to-date on procedures.

### **Leader appreciation dinner - Stephen Conlin**

The leader appreciation dinner is next Tuesday, March 20. He asked that committee members remember to RSVP.

### **Update on inter-committee collaboration - Stephen Conlin**

The working group did not meet and materials will be sent out prior to next meeting. This topic will be held for the next committee meeting.

### **Boston Chapter Leader weekend - Stephen Conlin and Paul Terenzi**

The leader weekend will be held June 22 - 24 at Joe Dodge Lodge. The organizers are looking for 2-3 attendees per committee. This event is not yet final and is still in the planning stages.

### **Nominees for Chapter scholarships - Stephen Conlin**

Emails were sent out to leaders and coleaders. To date, there have been 3-4 inquiries from coleaders. There was some discussion about whether this scholarship was for just leaders or was open to coleaders. The deadline for submission is April 1. A committee will be set up to review submissions.

### **Equipment needs**

The committee discussed what types of equipment might help our participants get outdoors, as the Boston Chapter may be willing to help finance the acquisition of equipment that we could loan for this purpose.

**Future discussion topics - Stephen Conlin**

The committee will review the current committee list to see who is active and how to engage possible new members.

**Executive Session**

The committee approved Celeste Cabot, Harry Hayashi, and Katie Vaughn as three-season leaders.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:56 pm

Thank you to Casey for hosting by conference call.

**Upcoming Meeting Locations**

Wednesday April 11: Boston, c/o Morgane Treanton

Wednesday May 9: Somerville, c/o Elizabeth Ryan

Tuesday June 12: