

Minutes: H/B Monthly Meeting – April 11, 2018

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 6:30 pm

LOCATION: South Boston, c/o Morgane Treanton

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Conlin (chair), Elizabeth Ryan, Rose Limanni, Keith Watling, Casey Ajalat, Jeff Carlson, Robert Freed, Paul Terenzi, Pam Wilmot, Morgane Treanton, Zeynep Ozyuksel,

MINUTES: Minutes of March 13, 2018 approved without update.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

Treasurer:

Balance as of 4/10/2018

Bank of America: \$13,811.17

PayPal: \$5,281.68

Total: \$19,092.85

There is still an outstanding check of \$2,630.05 for the Charlie Linville lecture and Keith will follow up.

Executive Committee: The HB mission statement and budget have been sent over to the executive committee. The newsletter will go out in June, informational updates are due in April. Guide cards are ready and will be distributed as needed. The Boston chapter donated \$10,000 each to Professional Crew Trails and a fellowship for conservation.

WFA: There are 60 participants on April 21 with 3 instructors and the May WFA program is full.

Harvard Cabin: The Harvard Cabin toilet renovations are moving slowly forward, awaiting positive reviews of the toilets that have been chosen.

Trip Reporting: Zeynep has started looking through trip reports. There are currently 38 reports and there are a few outstanding. There were a total of 401 participants and leaders. Zeynep will follow up with all leaders to file a report. Casey recommended sending the link to these leaders too since the report link is not yet in the REGI listings.

Other Updates: Leadership training starts tomorrow night, April 12. The chapter-wide trip planning meeting is May 3.

Spring Hiking Program: SHP started on April 11. There are 112 participants and there were a lot of last-minute registrations. So far, there is \$1,000 more in registration fees than last year. All the program hikes, speakers, and breakout session volunteers are confirmed. The presentations for

SHP and Winter Hiking Program have been updated and corrected. There was some discussion about moving the presentations to google docs in the future.

Discussion Items

H/B Website - Casey Ajalat

Chao converted the whole old website to the new site, which is now running and accessible, but content needs to be updated. Casey The HB committee email address has been changed and can be used. The website will be announced to the HB leader list at a later date. User management can be granted to committee members as needed to help update and organize content.

Trip coordinator update - Keith Watling

Keith and Morgane are slowly getting used to the system. They are approving trips and consulting with Robert as needed. Trip coordinator reports would forecast trips previously and should be continued. Casey will show the trip coordinators how to run a report. The committee discussed a proposed trip in Canada that involved hiking and other activities. This trip cannot be approved as HB can only approve hiking trips at the moment. This can be explored: co listed by different activity committees with all activities involved.

Update on inter-committee collaboration - Stephen Conlin

Stephen said that a subgroup of the executive committee has spent time looking over how to categorize leaders. Several issues relate to Family Outings, so the group met separately to discuss Family issues only. Stephen will share something before next meeting. Discussions are: common categories for leaders and common requirements for leaders (starting with hiking). Some committees have categories H/B may not use (for example, YM/FO have activity leader for social events). The document he will share has categories we may not use but other committees do. Some of the open issues are whether it makes sense to separate 4 season leader into two subsets (below tree line and above), continued discussion. The proposed standards for 3 season leader and winter leader mirror ours at the moment, but that may change as the discussion evolves with further input from other committees. There also is an overlay leader classification for overnight activities

Comments and Concerns: There are some mixed feelings about the level of complexity. Pam: what is the skill or concern that someone needs some sort of certification to be able to lead multi day trips? Some members have concerns about winter and overnight qualification needs.

Boston Chapter Leader weekend - Stephen Conlin/Paul Terenzi

The Boston Chapter leader weekend is on hold due to conflicts with the schedule. The original organizer of the event has stepped down from the executive committee and YM committee. There is hope the event will be scheduled for the future.

Nominees for Chapter scholarships - Stephen Conlin

Only one leader who followed up with an interest, Celeste Cabot. We believe coleaders are not eligible, but are exploring that. Stephen inquired of Joe Princi if the executive committee would consider coleaders but have not heard back.

Equipment needs - Stephen Conlin

Paul thought about possible gear like shirts, hats, and hand warmers. The committee will continue

to think on this topic.

HB focused mentorship program - Stephen Conlin

SLP training is coming up. Stephen would like the committee to consider a HB focused mentorship program. Leaders would be assigned as points of contact to graduates of the program. The committee will continue to discuss the mentorship possibilities. **Question: Are we doing enough as a committee to be welcoming to new people as we need to be?**

Executive Session - Elizabeth Ryan

The committee discussed committee membership and recruitment efforts.

1. Next Meetings

Wednesday, May 9 - Casey's office

June 12 - Elizabeth

MEETING ADJOURNED: