

FINAL September Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2016 11:29 PM

Minutes: H/B Monthly Meeting – September 12, 2018

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, September 12th, food at 6:30pm -- meeting at 7:00pm

LOCATION: c/o Alex Nedzel, Lexington, MA

ATTENDANCE: Stephen Conlin, chair; Elizabeth Ryan; Fred Smith; Keith Watling; Casey Ajalat; Robert Freed; Alex Nedzel; Paul Terenzi; Morgane Treanton; Pam Wilmot; Chris Malinowski (guest); Chao Xie (guest)

Introduction/Welcome

Minutes – Minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting were approved.

Operational Updates (if needed beyond the written updates)

Functions (Executive Committee; Treasurer; Trip Coordinator; Harvard Cabin; Trip Reporter; Leadership) Programs (WHP; SHP; WFA; Lecture Series); active projects

Discussion Items

H/B Budget

Fred is familiar with the many of the Chapter's new requirements for budget format and will prepare a draft budget for the coming year, which the committee will review in October.

Annual Report

The committee discussed how to gather necessary trip information for H/B's annual report to the chapter now that H/B does not have access to the REGI database to collect that information. Stephen will contact the Chapter to see if Casey can get temporary read-only access to the REGI database, or whether the Chapter will arrange for the REGI developer to gather data for us using scripts prepared by Casey.

WHP

The committee discussed arrangements for the upcoming Winter Hiking Program.

Process for co-leaders to sign up for committees following leadership training

Stephen described some confusion created when co-leaders decide after graduating from leadership training to lead trips for a committee they had not selected during leadership training. Rather than having H/B change its procedures to try to address this, he suggested that it would be preferable to address it through the leadership training program, and have H/B return to the issue only if it continues to be a problem.

Boston Chapter scholarship program

Stephen summarized several inquiries he has received from H/B leaders potentially interested in a chapter scholarship. The committee discussed the objectives of the program and what factors the committee should consider in deciding who to nominate. Since nominations are due before the next H/B meeting, the committee delegated to Stephen and Elizabeth authority to decide who H/B would

nominate for the scholarship based on the factors discussed by the committee.

Update on Trail Running

Elizabeth reported that sign-ups for some of the recent trail running programs have been low, particularly for White Mountain based trips. There may be more interest in local trail running trips. The trail running season is winding down now, but we will continue to assess trips to help us evaluate whether and/or how to continue offering trail running trips.

Cross posting of trips with H/B and YM

Stephen described a recent trip (a Harvard cabin weekend) where it became necessary to cross post a trip with H/B and YM because there was a H/B leader and a YM leader rather than 2 H/B leaders (for the two trips run each day). He explained that in the course of resolving that issue, he revived the discussions with YM about having all YM hike leaders also be recognized as H/B leaders, and have YM-focused hiking trips be listed under H/B, with a 20's and 30's audience. The committee briefly discussed some of the issues presented by that approach. Stephen will continue those discussions with YM and report at the next meeting.

H/B social media presence

Elizabeth explained that she will try over the next few months to figure out who controls the various Facebook pages and other social media presences for the committee (such as H/B, SHP and WHP Facebook pages), with a view toward consolidating and better managing those pages. She will report back to the committee after gathering the necessary information.

Advanced Skills Workshop

Stephen reported that Kellie Connelly and Jim Schroeder wish to offer an Advanced Skills Workshop out of Harvard Cabin again this winter, and told the committee the details that he had received from them about last year's program.

Future Discussion Topics

The committee identified the following issues as possible topics for discussion at upcoming meetings:

Harvard Cabin (or other similar destination) weekend for leaders

How to promote backpacking trips

Possibly narrow/standardize list of activities used to identify trips in ActDB

Revisit requirement that a certain number of winter co-leads be within one year of leadership application

How to assess participant preferences/demand for trips

Executive Session

John Lee, Deb Conrady and Elliot Levine were approved as three season leaders.

Next Meetings

Wednesday, October 10 - Morgane Treanton

Tuesday, November 13 - Fred Smith

Tuesday, December 11 - Keith Watling

ADJOURNED: 9:10 pm