

H/B Monthly Meeting Agenda – January 8, 2019

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, January 8, food at 6:30pm -- meeting at 7:00pm

LOCATION: c/o Paul Terenzi, Medford MA

ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Ryan, Rose Limanni, Keith Watling, Casey Ajalat, Stephen Conlin, Robert Freed, Chris Malinowski, Paul Terenzi, Morgane Treanton, Pam Wilmot, Chao Xie, Rob Zoletti (guest), Yvette Marts (guest), Jess Halvorsen (guest)

Minutes -December 11, 2018 minutes 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

WHP: The Winter Hiking Program is ongoing. There were 111 paid participants and everyone was a member of the AMC. Expenses were a little more than \$2,000 and revenue was over \$6,000 and final numbers will be finalized after the end of the program. Strong participation in the early trips and some of the longer trips were more difficult to fill this year. We added an extra drip on December 15 because of extensive wait lists that weekend. Trips are ongoing through the winter. The survey will go out later this winter after a few more trips. Last year the survey was sent at the end and we did not receive much feedback, hence the change in timing. Hopefully, sending mid-program will result in more feedback. Trips are filling up; although, a few overnight trips are lagging. Cardigan may be close to full and the winter car camp is filling up. This year, people seem more interested in the day trips. There are still discussions about the possibility of moving the program to a more central location.

SHP: The Spring Program is reserved at the Medford church on Tuesdays in April, beginning on April 2. A couple of the programs are set and updated in REGI but not linked to Outdoors. The first meeting for pre-planning will be next week. The meeting will be located at Casey's office in Fenway. The committee moved the HB Committee meeting to April 10 to accommodate the SHP.

Executive Committee: The annual summit is January 26 at the Four Point Sheraton. The fall gathering is October 18-20 in Sandwich, Mass. The annual meeting is Sunday, November 17. The MUD newsletter is looking for articles and the deadline for the spring edition is February 1. This addition they are highlighting hiking and backpacking and there will be a shout out for Harvard Cabin. The leadership subcommittee, led by Phil Baraona, is looking for volunteer committee members to create the same leadership standards for committees.

WFA: There were 17 advanced WFA participants last weekend at the Thoreau Club. Paul and Chris also helped with the Family Outings New Years Party, which was at the same time. Family Outings looks forward to working with this again.

Discussion Items

HB budget and finances - Stephen Conlin

Stephen has a conversation with Fred around Christmas time. Stephen has access to all the account information but he does not have information that Fred was submitted to Fred in the past that has not been

put in the Google spreadsheet. Everything in the spreadsheet has been processed and most reimbursements are caught up.

Leader appreciation dinner - Paul Terenzi

Paul is waiting for quotes to come in for venues. The email for the nominations will go out either this week or next week. There is not an official committee for this year's event. The date is still to be determined but we are looking at the last week of March or first couple of weeks of April. It will be held on a Wednesday or a Thursday.

Harvard Cabin weekend - Paul Terenzi

Paul will get the free dates from the Harvard Cabin committee and we can pick a date. If we cannot manage to find a date this year, we can plan for next year.

Co-sponsorship of program on bears with Conservation Committee 1/5/2019 2-4:30PM - Stephen Conlin

There were 150 people at the event. There was a segment on bear bags and bear awareness while hiking. It appeared to be a great success.

Leadership subcommittee - Elizabeth Ryan

The first meeting will be on January 29 and Casey and Pam have offered to attend the meetings. Pam will be going to the first meeting and Casey will go to the second. This subcommittee will work on the development of common leadership qualifications across committees. Meetings will be held in Arlington.

MIT PE co-sponsored Blue Hills trip - Elizabeth Ryan

There is a hiking program at MIT as part of their requirements. They run a backpacking program with the AMC in the Whites for three days. They are hoping to kick off a one-night, closer to the city, hike (like the Blue Hills). In late April or early May, they are renting cabins for 15 students and 2 MIT instructors. They have asked for 2-4 leaders to take them on a hike through the Blue Hills and stay the night. The cabins are primitive. The participants will have access to gear and we expect the level of experience as the participants of the SHP. Elizabeth will be sending out an email to the entire leader list to see who is interested. The date is dependent on when the MIT PE staff can confirm a date. Chris Malinowski can help with coordinating with the MIT and Chao shared some hike possibilities through the YM committee SOS listings.

Screening communications guidelines (Yvette and trip coordinators) - Morgane Treanton and Yvette Marts

SHP program participants and others may not be familiar with REGI listing status and leaders are not communicating too clearly when they should inform participants they have not been confirmed for a trip. The trip coordinators shared a list of best practices for leaders to use. The committee agrees that there should be some loose best practices in place for both normal hikes and program hikes that are similar. The committee recognizes that some leaders have a system that they may still use. The draft of the best practices will be sent to the committee to make suggestions. Elizabeth will reach out to the YM committee to share that their leaders will be seeing something about best practices in the future. Program participants will be taught about REGI and status expectations.

Winter co-lead requirements (three trips with 12 month timeline concern) - Elizabeth Ryan and Pam Wilmot

Pam proposes a couple of changes to the winter leader requirements particularly related to the use of calendar year winter. Pam would also propose a change to currency, requiring 3 of 4 three-season coleads within 12 months of application and the same for winter. The winter requirements may be too high of a bar for many leader applicants to meet. Pam recommends the changes below:

3 and 4 season leadership: 2 trips must be completed within 12 months of the application date

4 season leadership: Adjust winter requirement to match the definition of winter with winter conditions expected and experienced during the trip. The first motion to approve the requirement change was approved. Elizabeth will update the language and the second vote will move forward at the next meeting.

Clean up the "Discussion" tabs - Elizabeth Ryan
Lists were cleaned up and reviewed.

Executive Session - Elizabeth Ryan

Vice chair will be held for one more month. Robert Zoletti was approved as treasurer. The vice-chair nomination will be held at a later date.

1. Next Meetings

Tuesday, February 12 – Keith W

Tuesday, March 12 - Casey A

Wednesday, April 10 - Pam W

Tuesday, May 14 -

Tuesday, June 11 - Elizabeth R

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.