

# H/B Monthly Meeting Minutes

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, December 10 meeting at 7:00pm

**LOCATION:** Zoom Meeting (online)

1. **Introductions and Welcome**

2. **Approve Minutes – The minutes from November 2020 were approved.**

3. **Operational Updates**

Functions (Executive Committee; Treasurer; Trip Coordinator; Harvard Cabin; Trip Reporter; Leadership)

Programs (WHP; SHP; WFA; Lecture Series; #BeOnline); active projects, Social Media

**Executive Committee**

- 2021 budget was approved
- 2021 Goals and Objectives due by February (this will consist of an update of where we had hoped to be in 2020)
- Outreach initiatives
- COVID changes: cannot approve trips outside of MA on a one-month rolling basis. Leave WHP February and March trips on the calendar for now.
- ActDB: it's possible that sections will be rebuilt, but will depend on club resources. The Chapter recognizes there are important tools in REGI. Club needs to balance all Chapter needs. Consensus is that when we aren't doing e-waivers, we can use REGI. As long as we require participants to sign a waiver online, we have to use ActDB so that there aren't two sources. REGI on the backburner for now.
- Charlie Arsenault will be interim regional director through January.

**Trip Reporters**

- WHP "outdoor breakout group" in the Blue Hills

**Treasurer**

- Bank of America balance is \$9,193; PayPal is \$1,443
- Setting up Quickbooks for the accounts
- Honorarium for Ty Gagne re: January presentation
- Working on an expense reimbursement form
- Working to transition the web account to HB control; eventually will transition to the chapter's host

**Harvard Cabin**

- Installed a new heater and other improvements have been made

**WHP**

- Final night is 12/10. The online format has been successful overall.

- Biggest challenge now are the changes that must be made to all the trips through January. Hikes now must be in MA and still meet educational objectives: snow/cold, elevation gain, varied terrain. Will change Feb and Mar trips if needed.

- **Discussion Items**

- a. "Winter" declaration and 3-season Leaders at lower elevations – Elizabeth Ryan
- Summary: it's winter in the Whites. Do we declare winter all elevations? In MA? What impact on 3-season leaders' ability to lead trips? Standing policy is that 3-season leaders can lead year-round within I-495...expand that for another month? Do we want to expand the exception?
- What would the rule change be trying to achieve?
- a. Stagger the start of winter based on elevation of the proposed hike  
Considerations:
  - a. elevation gain and distance
  - b. Would this be a one-time exception or a permanent exception going forward?
  - c. While many 3-season leaders have winter experience, they haven't been vetted for it.
 Action Items: for December 2020, current policy stands. Going forward, a subcommittee will revisit the policy in the spring.

#BeOnline Event - Keith Watling

- Ty Gagne has agreed to speak on 1/6, 7-8pm, on Zoom. Limited to 100 people with a buffer. This is a #BeOnline event
- What lessons should participants to walk away with?
  - a. Need for and challenge of risk management both before and during a hike
  - b. Addressing summit fever
- Check to see if there is an AMC form for honorarium.

Proposed rule changes

- Some Committee rules (e.g., references to mail trip postings to the Charles River MUD) should be reexamined in addition to considering an overhaul of financial rules in 2021. Rule changes to examine now:
  - a. Change titles for Chairman and Vice chairman to Chair and Vice chair. *The Committee voted on this motion and it was approved.*
  - b. Rules currently state that the committee will meet monthly except June, July, and August. Historically we meet in June for past seven years. No vote needed.
  - c. Tweaks to the secretary and treasurer roles: will revisit.

Vote on 2021 Officers

- The Committee voted unanimously to approve the following slate of officers for one-year positions:
  - a. Chair: Elizabeth Ryan
  - b. Vice-Chair: Keith Watling
  - c. Treasurer: Rob Zoletti
  - d. Secretary: Katie Bartel
  - e. Trip Approver: Morgane Treanton
- Executive session
  - a. Leader applications
    - a. Laura Synder was approved as a 3-season leader

- **Next Meetings**

Tuesday, January 12th - Online

Tuesday, February 9th - Online

Tuesday, March 9th - Online

Tuesday, April 13th - Online

Tuesday, May 11th - Online

Tuesday, June 8th - Online