

H/B Monthly Meeting Agenda – May 12, 2020

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, May 12 meeting at 7:00pm

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting (online)

1. Introduction/Welcome

2. Minutes - April 16th - Approved.

3. Operational Updates (if needed beyond the written updates) (10 min)

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

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

Treasurer (Rob Zolletti):

- Refunds complete

WHP (Jess Halvorson)

- WHP will likely be online if not at the church

4. Discussion Items

a. COVID-19 response plan update (Elizabeth)

- Met on May 4th. AMC front-country facilities closed through 7/1. NH Huts closed through 2020.
- Staff-led programs undetermined
- Harvard Cabin is unlikely to open until later this year
- Volunteer-led activities are on hold until 6/4. Date could change again.
- We should not post trips now; OLDC has a phased reopening plan. Early phases will be restrictive (length, how far from home, # of leaders required, etc.). All depends on state and FS regulations. Guidelines to be published by Memorial Day.

a. Update on the inactive leader policy (Alex)

- Compiling a CL list to contact

a. Online events

i. Jim R's Mt Whitney presentation (May 6th)

- Well attended (75 ppl online)
- There's potential to post the video online
 - i. Tom K's 700 Miles on the AT presentation (May 20th)
 - ii. Philip Carcia's event on June 3rd
 - iii. Panel event?

- Educational material in lieu of SHP

- 2-3 ppl pick a popular topic and then open it up to questions or make it more educational. Ideas?

- "So you want to do a mega-hike"
- "Backpacking 101"
- Stephen Conlin and Alex Nedzel to coordinate.
 - i. What comes next?
 - a. Future facing - what can we do now to plan for WHP? Do we need to plan for a virtual leader's retreat
- We should be prepared for WHP to go virtual. Zoom has potential to include webinar add-on. Could ask AMC for it.
- If in person, consider AMC headquarters rather than the church due to protocols surrounding shared spaces. We may be increasing our liability if we use the church. However, the AMC headquarters space is very small. Worth asking the church in order to gauge interest.
- Might need to limit size of some of the hikes
- We need to figure out what the rules are, what the club will do, and what the committees/chapters are going to do. Educate our leaders what the new rules are. Then determine other guidelines on how to lead trips in a COVID world.
- Jess to pull together a team early (summer) after the OLDC guidelines are published.
- Address in June -- WFA?

----- BREAK (10 min) -----

- a. Reciprocity for those who take AMC's Online Leadership course (Spring 2020)
 - This was a virtual-only program, 4 evenings, 1 hour each. Two topics each evening (leadership style, trip planning, conservation, AMC policies...combination of topics)
 - 75 ppl attended.
 - Purpose was because people who staff the AMC camps need to go through leader training, but was open more broadly.
 - Could this serve as leadership training? OLDC considered it but doesn't see it as a substitute for leadership training and shouldn't be treated as such. However, committees/chapters aren't prohibiting it. YM is allowing to qualify as a local leader, but other chapters are not. Also, the one-day program is superior to the virtual program, and we don't allow that.
 - How to engage those interested even if they can't immediately qualify as CL?
 - There will be people going through this program who want to colead with HB. Need to determine HB's policy on this.
 - Need to balance engagement with skills
 - Relax restrictions in light of COVID? It's unclear when we will be able to run full leadership programs again, but we will want to make a place for virtual program graduates while balancing with our leader requirements.
 - Grant a "co-leader-to-be" status
 - Casual arrangement with HB leaders to work with a "pre-leader."
 - Mentorship (incl screening process)
 - Allow them to have co-leader privileges, with caveat that they will go through the actual training program before advancing to 3-season leader status
 - Should also reconsider the one-day program (add to June agenda) and clarify exactly what the online/virtual program's syllabus is

- a. Executive session
 - i. Committee membership
 - ii. Reciprocity for Kyle Harrow
 - iii. Leader applications
 - a. TBD - 3 season
 - b. TBD - 4 season

5. Next Meetings

Tuesday, June 9th - Online

Tuesday, July 28th - Online