H/B Monthly Meeting Agenda

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, October 13 meeting at 7:00pm
LOCATION: Zoom Meeting (online)

1. **Introductions and Welcome – several guests joined**

2. **Approve Minutes – on hold until November meeting**

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

Winter Hiking Program – Jess Halvorsen
- Starts in 3 weeks
- 30 people accepted; 50 registrants total (15 on waitlist)
- Almost all speakers confirmed
- Updates to this year's manual:
  - COVID edits / COVID-aware hiking
  - Add Redline Guiding, Sectionhiker blog (with disclaimer)
  - Books: *Desperate Steps*, *Where You'll Find Me*, *Critical Steps*
- Schedule prep sessions for presenters and breakout leaders; share slides

Trip Approver – Morgane Treanton
- Updated the common mistakes in posting trips. They are posted on HB website and were emailed to all leaders/coleaders
- #Beonline events: Michael Blair is tomorrow (90-100 ppl registered); Aconcagua in November; will take December off

4. **Discussion Items**

a. **2021 Budget - Rob Zoletti**
- a draft budget was presented to the committee and will be reviewed with the Chapter Treasurer on October 20.
- Programs are broken out separately in the budget. WHP and SHP are much smaller than usual. SHP will also be online (est. 90 ppl at $15) = $1,309 net revenue. Hope to have a full winter program by next year
- New this year, the Committee needs to budget for all programs and trips where there are any fees charged – there must be an approved plan
  - This applies to all trips -- program trips and leader trips
  - According to AMC, HB shouldn't plan to do anything involving deposits or trip fees until after Labor Day 2021.
- 2021: HB will still have its own bank account. HB has 50% of expenditures in cash reserves.

- Unknowns: COVID, new payments process
- This year's budget is based on last year's, but we don't know actuals. COVID destroyed last year's budget, and it wasn't worth comparing the actuals to the budget.
- Does the chapter want the Committee to use WHP income to finance HB programs such as leader development?
- The approved budget will be posted after it has been approved in November.
- Action item: Draft budget due to the chapter ASAP.

b. **Updated on handling of fee-based trips and needed rule changes—Elizabeth Ryan**
   - Our rules draw a distinction between trips run by the committee (e.g., Cardigan) vs trips run by leaders (e.g., car camping, hut trips)
   - The reality is that if a trip is being run by a leader and approved by the committee, then it becomes a committee trip.
   - Action item: update the rules accordingly

c. **Inactive leader procedures - Alex Nedzel**
   - The procedure is ready. Identified 76 lapsed leaders, 13 lapsing leaders. Does not include coleaders.

d. **Encouraging hikes through the Fall and early Winter - Elizabeth Ryan**
   - How to promote more trips – how to encourage more leaders to run some of these small trips?
   - A few trips have gone out successfully. They filled immediately.
   - Group sizes are small. 2 leaders, 5 or 6 people maximum.
   - Discussion:
     ○ Does the chapter take a stand on encouraging/discouraging trips? This was shut down in YM committee given the AMC stance. Also, the mountains are very full right now – maybe encourage people to go to off-the-beaten path places? Activities that avoid congestion can still be encouraged.
     ○ Be cautious about announcing winter conditions too early to keep leaders hiking as long as possible? Define winter conditions differently? 2,000 / 3,000 feet? Unlikely to affect number of trips getting posted.
     ○ Compiling and offering a wide range of destinations
     ○ Could host a virtual trip planning meeting. Leaders could also talk about their experiences posting/leading trips. Might help with barrier to entry re: new processes surrounding posting trips and leading trips during COVID.
     ○ Connect people by listing what they are interested in as part of their name in Zoom. Supplement it with a Google doc.
     ○ Could conduct an anonymous survey to determine the barriers to leading trips (e.g., COVID concerns/rules/training; ACTDB processes)
   - Action items:
     ○ Compile a list of great but less popular destinations
     ○ Find someone who is willing to talk about the admin process (e.g., ActDB) to make it more accessible.
     ○ Host a virtual trip planning meeting

e. **Executive session**

5. Next Meetings

Tuesday, November 10th - Online
Tuesday, December 8th - Online