

# H/B Monthly Meeting Minutes

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, February 9 meeting at 7:00pm

**LOCATION:** Zoom Meeting (online)

- 1. Introductions and Welcome** – In attendance: Elizabeth Ryan, Keith Watling, Katie Bartel, Rob Zoletti, Morgane Treanton, Stephen Conlin, Chris Malinowski, Alex Nedzel, Chao Xie, Jess Halvorsen, Alex Bernson, Jim Robinson, Tom Kenyon
- 2. January 2021 Minutes** – approved with one edit
- 3. 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; #BeOnline); active projects, Social Media

## **Executive Committee:**

- AMC working at reduced staff capacity and revenue
- Reduction in membership
- Huts unlikely to open in summer
- New AMC website in one month; Boston Chapter website is in progress
- DEI initiatives – do internal work first
- Leadership training to resume in summer

## **WHP (Jess Halvorsen)**

- Continuing to reschedule trips to MA through end of the program. Feedback is positive.
- In-person gear demo was offered, but cancelled due to low registration

## **BEONLINE Updates (Morgane)**

- Katie in February (Mountains of the Moon)
- Jess and Pam in March (Mongolia)

## **Trip Approver (Morgane Treanton)**

- Katie will join Morgane as co trip approver
- 2 WHP trips submitted

## **Treasurer (Rob Zoletti & Tom Kenyon)**

- BOA monthly fee for biz account \$3000 min balance. BOA balance: \$8858.46
- PP balance \$1092.80
- Total balance: \$9951.33
- Quickbooks is on hold; account numbers will be changing.
- AMC financial audit is underway.
- Tom and Rob drafted the documentation.
- Will look into keeping a separate form for Harvard Cabin

- Trip expense document was sent for comments and is ready for Committee approval.
- Decision: send out for a final review; submit to committee for verbal approval in March.

#### **4. Discussion Items**

##### **a. Spring Hiking Program 2021 – Elizabeth**

- Proposal to reformat SHP for this year to be a hiking skills webinar series / BEONLINE series.
- Format: Open webinars; each night is a different registration. Will cover the same topics and more (e.g., navigation, training, first aid, conditioning).
- same timeframe as SHP.
- SHP will be two-prong for 2021: (1) Webinar series following SHP curriculum. (2) Initiate a series of working relationships with other committees to run local, accessible trips from Boston to central/Western Mass. Build a network of coordinated leaders in order to offer more trips
- SHP will not run trips directly.
- Weekly presentations to be recorded. Elizabeth to review each presentation in advance.

##### **b. Updated trip finances documentation - Tom and Rob [SEE ABOVE]**

##### **c. April meeting date - conflicting event on the 13th - Elizabeth and Keith**

- MWOBs hosting presentation about weather forecasting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. HB Committee meeting will move to April 6.

##### **d. Start the conversation - Local Leader level for HB - Chao and Elizabeth**

- 2021 has forced us to reassess what we do (e.g., lead more trips in MA) and accessibility and DEI
- Reconciliation of leadership levels
- Consider a local leader level for HB? Less stringent requirements than 3-season but would enable somebody to get out in an area where there's cell reception/healthcare/lower elevation, less mileage – would extend HB's reach to more people in the greater Boston area
- Consolidation of leadership standards: a club-wide/chapter-wide initiative already exists to create an entry-level leader position among all the committees.
- Would allow HB leaders to lead local trips w/o going through leadership process for every committee and would broaden the HB leadership base
- Different criteria: single-day training program; fewer coleads; hikes would be within 495 & with cell service & within an hour of definitive care
- Action item: Alex to draft a proposal in conjunction with Jim, Keith, and Jess that will reflect a potential new leadership level within HB.

##### **e. Executive session**

- i. Jeanne Blauner was approved as a 3-season leader.**

#### **5. Next Meetings**

Tuesday, March 9th - Online

Tuesday, April 6th – Online (changed from 4/13)

Tuesday, May 11th - Online

Tuesday, June 8th - Online