

# H/B Monthly Meeting Minutes

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

**LOCATION:** Zoom Meeting (online)

1. **Introductions and Welcome** – In attendance: Elizabeth Ryan, Keith Watling, Katie Bartel, Morgane Treanton, Stephen Conlin, Chris Malinowski, Alex Nedzel, Paul Terenzi, Chao Xie, Jess Halvorsen, Jim Robinson, Tom Kenyon, and three guests (Deb Conrady, Eric Robbie, Jim Bossange)
2. **Approve Minutes** – postponed to April.
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; #BeOnline); active projects, Social Media

**Treasurer** – updates deferred.

**Trip Approval** - the only new trips submitted were for spring hiking program (online

**WHP** – all trips finished. Survey will be sent out to participants and will ask how participants found out about it.

## 4. Discussion Items

- a. Spring Hiking Program 2021 - Elizabeth

SHP is underway. Good representation from local walks committee and 20/30 committee. Discussed locations, ACT DB posting. 70 people signed up for the first presentation. Zoom capacity is limited. Will communicate that zoom is first come, first serve; overflow will go to Facebook.

- b. DEFERRED - Trip financial management - final review and adoption of procedure - Tom and Rob

- c. Adoption of a Local Leader level – Alex

Goal: alleviate the burden of certain leadership requirements for front-country trips.

- New addition: require that the leader has been a participant in the type of trip they want to lead.
- Generally accepted definition of “front country” is “within an hour of first responders.”
- HB Committee is working to coordinate and reconcile leader levels with the rest of the chapter.

## COMMENTS:

- Define front country
- Within 495 designation?
- White Mountain trips are outside the scope of front-country leader

- How to define an hour from care (hospital to trailhead, location of accident to the hospital, location of accident to first responder)
  - o Example: YM Local Leaders run 5-10 mile trips in the Blue Hills
- Cell service: goal is to have or be reasonably able to get back to cell service.
- Leader must prove to the Trip Approver that the hike is front country and within an hour from emergency care. Burden is on the leader to show the trip is within an hour of care.
- Include language specifying that a 3-season leader can do everything a front country leader can do (like a 4-season leader can do everything a 3-season leader can do)
- There will be a new designation / code ("L-F") in ActDB. It will be a full-fledged leader level.
- Trip Approver will compile a database of locations and leaders building off an existing list from Family Outings. Trip Approvers can also solicit input from a designated subcommittee.
- This will be kept as a policy while changes are made.

**Motion was made to adopt a provisional policy to bring in a front country leader designation. The motion passed with one objection (Paul Terenzi) and no abstentions. Subcommittee will comprise Alex Nedzel, Chao Xie, Deb Conrady, Jess Halvorsen, Paul Terenzi.**

d. Comments on draft of leadership updates – Elizabeth

Craft communication re: changes due to COVID-19. Examples:

- WFA waiver in place until end of 2021
- Extend the 2 trip window to 24 months instead of 12 months

e. Executive session: N/A

## **5. Next Meetings**

Tuesday, April 6th - Online

Tuesday, May 11th - Online

Tuesday, June 8th - Online