

HB Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2021

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

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting (online)

1. **Introductions and Welcome** – Elizabeth Ryan, Keith Watling, Katie Bartel, Rob Zoletti, Tom Kenyon, Jess Halvorsen, Stephen Conlin in attendance, with Bob Vogel joining as guest. Chao Xie and Morgane Treanton joining later.
2. **Approve Minutes (September)** – approved with removal of budget specifics for SHP and mention of the potential for location change.
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

Executive Committee Chapter Meeting (Elizabeth Ryan):

- Final budget due by 11/4 vote
- Invested reserves vote was held. Chapter allocated \$50,000 toward club's overall \$23 million goal for pleasant river headwaters restoration project (part of ME Woods and Water Initiative).
- Leadership training is underway. 21 cohort. Virtual trip planning meeting on 10/20.
- Chapter Goals: draft.
- Annual Meeting 11/14: "Belonging in the Outdoors". Part of DEI initiative. Decision will be made to revert to conservation speaker rather than DEI. SC – concern was they don't want to talk about negative experiences out of context of what underlies DEI effort generally.
- Close inactive committees – Trails, Intro, Mountains and Music. Conservation committee also doesn't have a chair, will go forth and recruit a chair and take over work of the Trails Committee. Vote in November.
- Intro is w/o a Committee (no governing body). Still have active leaders. Wrap those leaders into other committees? Local Walks & 40+ want to absorb these leaders; does HB?
- SC: HB should be flexible and consider expanding our portfolio. Intro led hikes that weren't all local walks; would be great to do more of those types of hikes.
- JH: this would help fulfill the anecdotal request for easier HB trips.
- **Discussion Items**
- WHP 2021 - Jess Halvorsen
- WHP is live: reached capacity in 1 day. 23 on WL.
- Next steps: confirming speakers, other key volunteers. Trip leaders are being identified; breakout volunteers are almost full (need a few more women).
- Canceled City Square; WHP is virtual. In-person social outdoors.
- WHP starts 11/3. Virtual drop-ins welcome from the HB / YM leader group (no access to the trips, but helps to reengage leaders).
- Treasurer's Report and Budget vote - Rob - 20 min
- BOA \$7546.76; PP: \$4304.11; total balance: \$11,850.87
- Draft budget was submitted on 10/2; final budget due 10/25.
- Final budget includes full site use and in-person programs. E.g., trainings and Cardigan.
- Any questions/amendments?

- JH: should the \$500 approved for loaner microspikes be allocated under WHP? Decision: it's tied to the mission of WHP, and may be used primarily by WHP participants, even though they can be used by non-WHP hikers.
- Microspikes will be purchased January 2022
- **Committee voted unanimously to approve the budget as is written.**
- WFA extension - Elizabeth Ryan
- HB extended the WFA waivers through end of 2021 for leaders whose WFA expired in 2020 or 2021. Training is still limited and fills quickly. Need to make a decision about 2022: roll it over again and hope that training will be offered in 2nd half of 2022, or something different?
- JH: Is Paul Terenzi running into any issues scheduling with SOLO? ER: it's still in the works. Large demand, but not enough instructors or facilities. Nothing is scheduled yet.
- RZ: are there any liability issues by extending?
- SC: Liability is not a huge concern, especially if the training isn't available. Club staff offered to help smaller chapters set up WFA training...might Boston do the same? Before voting to continue the waiver, can we get more info from SOLO on what training will be available and by when? Need to know how long to extend WFA again if that ends up being the decision.
- There are hybrid models; SOLO is running some.
- **3 action items: check with club about assistance; get more information on SOLO availability; decide how long to extend the waivers.**
- Committee Composition – Elizabeth Ryan
- December to December, except Vice Chair, which is January
- 2022 Officer positions: Keith Watling as chair; Katie Bartel as Secretary; Morgane Treanton as Primary Trip Approver; Tom Kenyon as Treasurer with Rob Zoletti as Assistant Treasurer
- Vice Chair TBD
- Executive Committee Liaison – Keith will fill this role.
- Nonofficer positions: Jess Halvorsen as WHP Coordinator; Jim Robinson as HB Announce; Chris Malinowski as Trip Reporter; Alex Bernson as Social Media Coordinator
- **Open positions: Leadership Application Coordinator(s) (leader position); Webmaster (Chao as backup); 2 Members at Large (nonleader positions); DEI Coordinator; Spring Hiking Coordinator**
- WHP & WFA Coordinators and Trip Reporter don't need to be on-committee roles.
- 2022 Committee Goals - 30 min (postponed)
- Executive session (N/A)

1. **Next Meetings**

Tuesday, November 9th - Virtual

Tuesday, December 14th – Virtual

Meeting adjourned at 8:56PM.