

H/B May 2023 Meeting Minutes

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, May 9 - meeting at 7:00pm

LOCATION: Webex Meeting (online)

1. **Introductions and Welcome.** In attendance: Keith Watling, Ed Batutis, Alex Nedzel, Deb Conrady, Elizabeth Ryan, Eric Robbie, Sarah Frisken, Jon Niehof, Majid Ali, Rob Zoletti, Stephen Conlin, Jess Halvorsen, Jesse Waites, Morgane Treanton. Late: Katie Bartel.
2. **Approve Minutes (April)**
 - a. Edits: Minutes approved with following edits: fall reserves are \$35,000 not \$3,500. Change "KW" to ER where applicable.
 - b. Review Action Items
 1. MT: common mistakes URL?
3. **Operational Updates**

Functions

 - a. Executive Committee (KW)
 - b. Treasurer Report/ draft 2024 budget (TK/RZ)
 - c. Trip Approver (MT/KB)
 - d. Trip Reporter (EB)
 - e. Leadership (AN/SC): In the works.

Programs

 - a. SHP (SF): classroom sessions complete. In progress: finding a new location for spring backpack campsites. Survey to go out later in the summer.
 - b. SLP (SC): N/A
 - c. WHP (ER): survey data is available! Possible alt formats to discuss. Defer to next meeting. Door prize for survey respondents: #8, #26, and #30.
 - d. HB Announce (MA): status quo
4. **Discussion Items**
 - a. 2023 Goals update (KW): halfway through the year, how is HB doing?
 - Active Conservation: promoting carpooling (going well/in progress); undertaking trail work (in progress but could use more)
 - Outdoor Journey: social events – yes
 - Recreational Network: strategies to increase number of hikes and participants (in progress); increase number of hikes and participants both by 10% (in progress); embrace Outdoors Connector (postponed to later this year)
 - b. Social Media Coordinator (KW/JN): Jon Niehof to take over social media coordinator position.
Action item 1: KW add Social Media to "Operational Updates" on monthly agendas. Action item 2: review whether this includes migrating HB to the new website.
 - c. BOT – Next steps (PW): Postponed to June meeting
 - d. Leader List – Review and Actions (AN/KW)
 - Numbers are ready! Lapsed leaders (those who haven't led since prior to 2020) will be contacted by AN/KW with a reply deadline of May 31 – if no response, they will be "retired" as active leaders. Edit the letter so "rehabilitation" comes first; deadline is ok. Action item: KW/AN to send twice before lapsing anyone's status.
 - e. Camp Dodge Trail work weekend subsidy (KW)
 - Background: arrive 7/7, full day of trail work 7/8, half day of trail work 7/9. 2 nights and all food to be provided. Initial pricing = \$90 per participant. But other chapters (20s/30s and Worcester) have bigger subsidies (\$30 and \$25 pp, respectively). Should HB offer a bigger subsidy of \$60 pp = \$600 to \$1200

depending on number of participants. Chapter Chair could contribute some funds as well. Club does week-long trail work trips for which they charge \$350 pp. Pros/cons?

- Pros: supports chapter goals of conservation; subsidy is for those who volunteer as well as those who use the trail.
- Cons: not part of the HB budget, nor at Chapter level. but there are funds w/in the invested reserves proposal (September, for vote in October). YM How to distinguish this trail work from other trail work promoted by the committee? Better to come up with a standing policy. The YM weekend is an exception, not the norm.
- **Action Item: (1) KW to add to the trip listing, "if cost is an obstacle, please get in touch."**
- For future reference: submit a request earlier (and think chapter-wide) if requesting invested reserves.
 - f. Open positions - Slideshow/Potluck Coordinator and Harvard Cabin Liaison (KW): still in search of a Slideshow/Potluck Coordinator. Majid Ali will be the new Harvard Cabin Liaison.

5. **Executive session**

- a. 3-Season Leadership Applications
 - i. Justin Gallo was approved as a 3-season leader
 - ii. Bill Ladd was approved as a 3-season leader

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Future Meetings

- a. Tuesday, June 13 (in person meeting in Southborough TBD)
- b. Tuesday, September 12
- c. Tuesday, October 10
- d. Tuesday, November 14
- e. Tuesday, December 12