

**Berkshire Chapter, Appalachian Mountain Club
Executive Committee Meeting
Draft Minutes, May 18, 2005**

PLEASE NOTE: Next meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at Florence Savings Bank, Hadley.

Present: Rob Robertson, Kelly Druzisky, Dave Koerber, Bob Napolitano, Gary Forish, Cosmo Catalano, Ian Beatty, Steve Beauregard, Deborah Levine, and Liz Gordon. Kevin Eddings of Venture Out also attended.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Florence Savings Bank, Russell Street, Hadley.

Minutes from the April, 2005 meeting were voted on, and with two corrections, were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Quarters 1 and 2 are up to date. The budget was increased for Outings, as had been agreed upon last year.

Committee Reports.

Cosmo Catalano – AT

Cosmo reported that they are engaged in the season work activities. Upper Goose Pond is to open this weekend.

Connie Peterson – Canoe and Kayak

Connie said that things are coming along, and requested more rain. Rob mentioned the Whitewater Safety Training, hosted by the NY/NJ chapter, that our chapter has been invited to attend. The fee is \$35.

Ian Beatty – Computer

Ian reported on Argentinian cuisine. Not much happening on the website since Ian has been out of the country for the last three weeks. There was a concern about the name of the monthly coordinator not showing up – Ian will look into this.

Liz Gordon – Conservation

Liz and Deborah attended Greenfest, and got six people signed up for the Conservation Action Network. Liz STILL working on the conservation website. Liz has VizVol materials for distribution for trip leaders.

Deborah Levine – Membership

Deborah said that no new members signed up at Greenfest. New member hikes, designed to attract members that are hesitant to come out, are planned through August. The chapter is trying to plan at least one new member hike each month. There are no specific guidelines for these hikes – they're listed in regular outings, with a note that new members are especially welcome. Deborah is calling new members as they join – lists of 10-15 names were distributed to willing XC members.

Gary Forish – Noble View

Gary reported that 35 people from Americorps did trail work for five days last month. There were eight people at the Trails Maintenance workshop Apr 23-24. The exterior of the bunkhouse is completed.

Bob Napolitano and Dave Koerber – Outings

The July & Aug hikes are all planned. Dave has been calling leaders, and the leader list is getting smaller, but of higher quality, as a result. Ian set up (or is setting up?) a new leadership listserve.

Steve Beauregard – Young Members

Steve said that 13 new YM events are planned, not including the Thurs night hikes. The YMs had seven events last month.

Pat Fletcher – Trails

Connie reported for Pat that they relocated part of the MM trail in Leverett.

Rob Robertson – Chair

New Business:

Membership Committee changes

Tom Osley resigns as Membership Co-Chair. Deborah Levine was voted in as Co-Chair of Membership Committee.

Treasurer's request for funding for a printer/copier

It was agreed that funds (up to \$150) would be used for the purchase of a printer for Kelly.

Chapter Youth Programs

Rob recruited Alicia Wendolowski to serve as Chapter Youth Program Coordinator for our chapter.

Chapter Trails Challenge

Joy St is charging each chapter to increase its trails inventory by 5miles/y for 5 years. We first need to inventory our current trail mileage. Gary mentioned that Westfield Wild & Scenic is building 65 miles of trails following the length of the Westfield River.

Rob reported that two SDAs submitted by the AT Committee, one for the AT Ridgerunners and one for a volunteer appreciation dinner, were approved.

Gary mentioned the Laurel Day hike on June 18 and the July 4th fireworks (on July 3rd) events to be held at Noble View.

Rob mentioned that 13 chapter members attended the Leadership training weekend May 14-15 at Noble View. The chapter is also be hosting a “Train the Trainer” weekend Sept 24 and 25.

Old Business:

Forest Reserves

There have been tentative dates set for the public meetings on Mt. Greylock (June 27 or 28) and Mt Washington (June 27 or 28).

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.