Appalachian Mountain Club – Berkshire Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting – July 17, 2006

Members present: Rob Robertson, Deb Levine, Cosmo Catalano, Dave Koerber, Bob Napolitano, Jon Hanauer, and Pat Stevenson

The meeting was preceded by a dinner at the home of Pat Stevenson, so Robertson called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. and suggested we keep the agenda light. Minutes of the June 21, 2006 meeting were read and accepted unanimously as presented.

Old Business

Annual Meeting: Deb Levine and Pat Stevenson

Levine and Stevenson presented information they had collected on various venues for the Annual Meeting scheduled for November 4, 2006. After much discussion, it was recommended and approved unanimously that Levine book the VFW in Hadley as it meets the criteria for our meeting and is available on that date. Robertson informed all that he had scheduled Fred Stott as a guest speaker and arranged the musicians for the Contra dancing to follow. He suggested that Levine and Stevenson look into caterers keeping in mind that we should keep the caterer's price limited to $15 per person. A suggested menu might include two entrees (one vegetarian), a starch and salad. Appetizers and desserts will be provided by those attending. Lastly, Stevenson agreed to contact Diane Furtek to see if she would receive registration forms and checks for the meeting and Sue Mazerole to register people as they arrive.

Volunteer Recognition: Rob Robertson

Jon Hanauer was officially recognized for his yeoman's research job in putting together a list of people who have led things. This led to further discussion about the issue of volunteer recognition. Robertson feels that the purpose of volunteer recognition is "to recognize those individuals who have put in significant time and energy working for the Chapter and to work toward steering people in the direction of that purpose." Robertson requested that each committee chair submit at the next executive committee meeting a list of individuals to be recognized and the criteria by which they should be recognized. Further, each committee may decide that there may be different sets of criteria for different levels of recognition.

The issue of whether to continue using the list serve for outings was raised and after discussion it was decided to continue it as is.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at Florence Savings Bank in Hadley.

Patricia A. Stevenson, Secretary