

Appalachian Mountain Club – Berkshire Chapter Executive Committee  
Minutes of Meeting – August 21, 2006

Members present: Rob Robertson, Cosmo Catalano, Jim Van Natta, Pat Fletcher, Deb Levine, Ian Beatty, Gary Forish, Kelly Druzisky, Dave Koerber, Bob Napolitano, Bess Dilman, and Charlie Camp

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. Minutes of the July 17, 2006 meeting were read, amended, and accepted unanimously.

Old Business

Annual Meeting: Deb Levine

Frigos was suggested as the caterer for the event, no one disapproved.

Noble View Funding

Rob recommended a contribution to Noble View from the Chapter of \$10,000 which would include \$2,500 of matching funds on an SDA that has already been paid. Finances of Chapter were discussed and additional contribution of \$7,500 to come from the Porter Dickenson Fund was approved unanimously.

Email Distribution List

As discussed in previous meeting, Outings listserve is not being utilized and will be disabled. Ian will look into alternatives for a listserve that would be more useful.

New Business

Chapter Youth Program

Program is not really moving forward and it is thought that at this time, the chapter is not suited to run the program. It was suggested to change the focus to Family events. Voted and approved to create new Family Program Committee with Alicia to chair the committee. The Chapter Youth Program will remain inactive.

By-Laws

Nominating committee was discussed. Committee has not truly existed for years. The committee should serve an important role in the succession process of the chapter but has only consisted of the prior chair. Rob suggested removing the committee from the by-laws. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Other wording changes suggested. Approved that changes to by-laws will be announced with actual changes to be announced later, in time for proposed bylaws to be posted on [amcberkshire.org](http://amcberkshire.org).

Method of notification of changes to by-laws was discussed. Due to lack of data for email addresses for chapter members, was decided to keep US Mail as main method supplemented with email.

2007 Slate

Voted and approved to remove Berkshire County Rep as a position on the Executive Committee. Special Programs and Events suggested to be removed but voted to remain and leave vacant