

Appalachian Mountain Club – Berkshire Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting – September, 18 2006

Members present: Rob Robertson, Cosmo Catalano, Pat Fletcher, Deb Levine, Kelly Druzisky, Bob Napolitano, Donna Walters, Charlie Camp, Dave Koerber.

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Minutes of the August 21, 2006 meeting were read, amended, and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Kelly Druzisky reports that we have about \$18,000 cash on hand. She's requested a \$7500 check from the Porter Dickenson fund payable to Noble View Camp.

Committee reports:

Appalachian Trail: Cosmo Catalano

Cosmo reported that the AT Committee met on 9/11/06. Jim Pelletier will serve as Vice-Chair of the AT Committee, and will coordinate duties with Cosmo as Cosmo transitions into academic leave status.

A committee member is donating foodstuffs for the AT day festivities. Cosmo needs two leaders for AT day hikes; Nappy may have a substitute.

Cosmo reports that power tools and chainsaws have been stolen from the tool shed at the Mt. Greylock Visitors Center. The value of the loss is \$5000 - \$6000. The theft has been reported to the State Police.

The AMC regional office has a contractors toolbox that Cosmo will relocate to the tool shed.

A logging operation is proceeding in October Mountain State Forest, and is supervised by a State Forester in accordance with the green logging practices required by the Forest Reserves program and processes. A local individual, Carl Rosenstein, has protested this proposed logging, and has sent a package of information to Faith Salter at Joy Street.

The AT Committee plans to replace the Wilbur Clearing Shelter in Spring, 2007.

Berkshire Exchange: Jon Hanauer

Not present.

Canoe & Kayak: Charlie Camp

Ken Langley has asked about reimbursement for SOLO WFA training taken by C&K Committee leaders, and payment for costs incurred for safety gear in accordance with a SDA.

Many of the Committee's trips were cancelled during the spring and summer, due to the weather conditions.

Charlie sent a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers expressing concern about rip-rap restoration work proposed at the East Branch of the Westfield River in West Cummington, MA.

The C&K Committee will be

Chapter Youth Program: Vacant

Computer/Website: Ian Beatty

Not present.

Conservation: Vacant

Family Programs: Alicia Wendolowski

Not present.

Membership: Deborah Levine

A "Introduction to Chapter Activities and Opportunities" was held in Lee on 9/14/06. Cosmo presented on the AT. Fifteen people read about the event in local papers.

Another "Introduction to Chapter Activities and Opportunities" is planned for the Scantic Valley YMCA on October 5, 2006.

Deborah plans to hold another such meeting in Greenfield in mid-January.

Mountaineering Co-chairs: Alice Hodgdon, Jim VanNatta

Not present.

Noble View: Gary Forish

Not present.

Outings Co-chairs: Dave Koerber, Bob Napolitano

We need to revisit our Leadership Requirements and Guidelines, to require new leaders to co-lead with increasing levels of responsibility. Dave Koerber will review our standards and will present his recommendations.

Kelly Druzisky reported that Joe Landry submitted a trip to outdoors.org, but it didn't get listed. Bob Napolitano reported that he hasn't listed anything specifically on outdoors.org since the spring. We have no idea what the status of the bulk upload feature is - we'll sandbag Ian with this when we see him.

Programs & Special Events: Vacant

Public Relations: Bess Dillman

Not present.

Trails: Pat Fletcher

There's a public hearing on the MMM National Scenic Trail Feasibility Study on 9/27/06 at 6:30pm.

Training & Education: Donna Walters

Donna is working on a date for Leader Training for Spring 2007 - she's waiting for a response from Gary as to Noble View availability.

Donna's talking with Matt Emerson about developing a map and compass skill building series. Charlie Camp offered some resources - he has some practice areas set up locally.

Young Members: Kelly Druzisky

No one has indicated an interest in becoming the Young Members Committee chair. Kelly and Steve will work on a job description.

New Business:

BK Chapter Events, Workshops & Training Schedule - 2007

Rob asked that everyone complete the spreadsheet for any events that might be applicable.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting

Nothing new to report.

Bylaws

Rob presented the amended bylaws for Executive Committee approval. Cosmo moved to accept the amended bylaws, and to ask Ian to post the amended bylaws on amcberkshire.org with a link to the current bylaws. Motion passed.

Volunteer Recognition

No discussion.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Robertson