

**Appalachian Mountain Club - Berkshire Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting - March 19, 2007**

Present: Deb Levine, Rob Robertson, Jon Hanauer, Donna Walters, Pat Fletcher, Jim VanNatta, Jim Pelletier, Bob Napolitano, Charlie Camp, Dave Koerber, and Pat Stevenson

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. Minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting were read and accepted unanimously without revisions.

Announcements: Jon Hanauer

Hanauer announced that Diane Furtek has stepped down from the Entertainment Committee due to other more pressing commitments. The position is currently vacant and Hanauer may advertise the position in the Berkshire Exchange. The possibility of combining the Young Members Committee under Outings was mentioned. Hanauer also announced that someone may be interested in the vacant position of Family Programs.

Treasurer's Report: Jon Hanauer for Kelly Druzisky

Kelly Druzisky was unable to be present for this meeting but the budget was discussed. Since there was no income and expense report available for 2006, it was decided to table discussion of the budget and make it the focus of the next meeting to be held in April, 2007. Hanauer did note that there is less money in the budget this year than there was last year at this time.

Committee Reports:

Appalachian Trail: Jim Pelletier

Pelletier announced that the committee has been working on several projects....one at the Kellogg Conservation station in Sheffield and the shelter building in South Wilcox. He also reported that hikes are planned for Appalachian Trail day and qualified leaders are needed to help with these. Robertson suggested that it might be more efficient for the future to give more advance notice to get qualified leaders for this important event.

Canoe and Kayak: Charlie Camp

Camp reported that their schedules for all areas are about to be mailed out. Also, they are currently working on trying to attract other organizations to assist with cleanup of sections of the Deerfield River and Monroe Bridge area. Robertson suggested that Camp contact Pat Lukas to assist in mobilizing people for this event scheduled for June 2, 2007.

Training and Education: Donna Walters

Walters reported that the Outdoor Leadership Training held at NobleView was a huge success. There was some discussion of the cost of this event to the chapter but that will be addressed in more detail at the next meeting in **April** where the budget will be the focus. Koerber also recommended that the participants of this event be contacted and given a list of qualified leaders and events to see if any will be interested in co-leading with a leader. Walters asked for help with data entry of some of the participants and Bob Napolitano offered to assist with that.

Conservation: Deb Levine for Pat Lukas

Levine reported that, at present, the Conservation Committee is planning a cleanup of Shatterack Mountain in Russell on June 2, 2007 in which Mass Fish and Wildlife will be involved. She also reported that there will be a presentation on the Mountain Watch Program on April 10, 2007.

Membership: Deb Levine

Levine reported that everything was in place for the potluck. She also reported that membership events were scheduled for May and September. She is considering doing picnics for July and August. Pelletier asked for a total list of the current membership. Levine is planning to put out a notice to develop a new survey and hopes to gather information from other chapters with regard to what potential members are looking for.

Mountaineering: Jim VanNatta

VanNatta reported that this committee is currently focusing their attention on the upcoming climbing season and trainings at the beginner and intermediate levels. Their group is smaller due to competition of other organizations. It was suggested that this committee might want to consider offering trainings in this area to attract leaders and that perhaps Dillman should be contacted to advertise club-wide to see if there is any interest.

NobleView: Rob Robertson

Robertson reported that he has been attending many meetings on behalf of the NobleView Committee. At present, these are the major areas of focus:

- obtaining funding for the conservation restriction
- developing relationships with the local community
- developing educational opportunities at NobleView
- building a bathhouse

Public Relations: Jon Hanauer for Bess Dillman

Jon reported that Bess had gotten publishing software from SDA money.

Outings: Bob Napolitano

Napolitano reported that May outing events are in place but he needs people to step forward for June and July. There was much discussion about lists and list serves and ways to improve these to improve communication among leaders and get notices about chapter activities out in a more timely manner. Napolitano recommended that this be on the agenda for our next meeting. He further noted that he is working with the website committee to make the website easier to use.

Trails: Pat Fletcher

Fletcher reported that Olver had introduced bill HR1528 to congress to amend National Trails System Act to New England Regional Scenic Trail as a national scenic trail. Trails affected by this are the Mattabesett, Metacomet, and Metacomet-Monadnock trails.

Due to the lateness of the evening, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. by Napolitano, seconded by Robertson, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 6:30 P.M.

Patricia A. Stevenson, Secretary