

Appalachian Mountain Club - Berkshire Chapter Executive Committee
REVISED Minutes of Meeting - May 21, 2007

Present: Pat Lukas, Rob Robertson, Jim Pelletier, Jon Hanauer, Donna Walters, Connie Peterson, Bob Wallner, Dave Koerber, Bob Bergstrom, Kelly Druzisky, Steve Beauregard, and Pat Stevenson

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. On a motion by Pelletier, seconded by Robertson the minutes of the April 18, 2007 meeting were read and approved unanimously with one amendment.

Announcements: Jon Hanauer

Hanauer welcomed Bob Wallner, the new Family Programs Chairperson. Hanauer also thanked Steve Beauregard for continuing as chairperson of the Young Members Committee. He mentioned that if no one steps forward to be chairperson in the future that this committee could become part of the Outings Committee. Beauregard stated he would be happy to stay on board until someone stepped forward to be chairperson.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Druzisky

Druzisky presented a balance sheet through May 20, 2007. The report was discussed and Hanauer recommended that Druzisky look into having AMC at Joy Street take over the VanGuard account. Questions were raised with regard to trip funding income/expense. This issue will be discussed at a future meeting per a recommendation by Pelletier. On a motion by Robertson, seconded by Pelletier the Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously without revisions.

New Business:

Hanauer raised the issue of travel reimbursement for chapter members. The current rate of reimbursement is 48.5 cents per mile. Hanauer wants the chapter policy rate changed to 30 cents per mile. On a motion by Robertson, seconded by Peterson, the rate of reimbursement was changed to 30 cents per mile and approved unanimously.

Bergstrom raised the issue of a zero balance in the budget for 2007 and said that was okay for now.

Committee Reports:

Appalachian Trail: Jim Pelletier

Pelletier reported that the income and expenses for their committee are fine and currently supporting the committee's work. Most of their expenses are for AT Day. They are well into the projects for the summer season and updates are on the web.

Berkshire Exchange: Jon Hanauer

Hanauer had nothing to report except the budget for the Berkshire Exchange has been reduced based on four issues being done and not five.

Canoe and Kayak: Connie Peterson

Peterson reported they are doing a river safety cleanup on June 2, 2007 on Monroe Bridge in Deerfield. Zoar Outdoor is helping and will cover some expenses for removal of trash. However, the committee may have some expenses that will need to be reimbursed. Pelletier made a motion to keep \$400 for supplies in Canoe/Kayak budget for 2007, seconded by Druzisky and approved with one nay vote.

Conservation: Pat Lukas

Lukas reported on the June 2, 2007 Shatterack cleanup and Robertson volunteered to do a river trip on

the Connecticut River. Lukas also stated that she felt the current amount in the 2007 budget was okay as is.

Family Programs: Bob Wallner

Wallner reported that the \$300 in the current budget was okay as is. Most of his events are no cost or low cost. He is looking at planning a Fall 2007 or Spring 2008 family outing at Noble View that may be combined with the Worcester Chapter.

Noble View: Rob Robertson

Robertson reported that work had commenced for the footprint of the bathhouse that is to be constructed at Noble View. The cost for foundations, excavation, and underground plumbing and electrical will be about \$75,000. He also reported that the revenue projections for the year thus far are slightly ahead of projections. Lastly, underbrush clearing is ongoing.

Outings: Dave Koerber

Koerber stated that he would like to have a meeting with trip leaders as he sees fewer and fewer participants stepping up to do monthly coordinating and leading trips. He requested help in setting up such a meeting for the Fall, 2007 and asked for funds to accomplish this. The Outings Committee budget was increased from \$208 to \$500.

Training and Education: Donna Walters

Walters reported on the training and education meeting held at Noble View. She feels training and education is blossoming but funding is dwindling. At the Noble View meeting, a brief history of how leadership training evolved and who paid for the costs of it was discussed. Walters plans to send an email to committee members with questions she has prepared and asked for input from the committee on the questions she has. She further requested that one hour be allotted at the next meeting of the Executive Committee to discuss training and education and to prioritize trainings.

Young Members: Steve Beauregard

Beauregard reported that notice of the annual picnic is in the AMC Outdoor magazine. He needs \$250 under events.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM on a motion by Robertson, seconded by Peterson, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is June 19, 2007.

Patricia A. Stevenson, Secretary