

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

**Present:** Pat Lukas, Rob Robertson, Jim Pelletier, Jon Hanauer, Donna Walters, Bob Wallner, Dave Koerber, Bob Bergstrom, Kelly Druzisky, Cynthia Martin-Thompson, Jim Van Natta, Cosmo Catalano, Pat Fletcher, Deb Levine, Bob Napolitano, Ian Beatty, and Pat Stevenson

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M. On a motion by Pelletier, seconded by Robertson the minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting were read and approved unanimously with revisions.

**Announcements: Jon Hanauer**

Hanauer welcomed Cynthia Martin-Thompson, the new Mountaineering Chairperson, and thanked her for accepting this role. Hanauer announced that the application for \$450 of SDA money to supplement new member potlucks was not approved and therefore that amount would have to be trimmed from the budget. It was recommended to reduce Canoe and Kayak budget to zero. Each chairperson was given an opportunity to express their concerns about budget trimming for their respective committees.

**Treasurer's Report: Kelly Druzisky**

Druzisky had nothing to report since the last report given in May, 2007. Beatty reported that his budget costs have been greatly reduced by recent changes to maintain the website and he plans to return \$86 to the Chapter. Hanauer raised the issue of putting Vanguard monies into the Porter-Dickinson fund which earns more interest and is managed by the AMC in Boston. He will follow through on this idea with Roger Scholl.

**New Business:**

Donna Walters, Training and Education Chairperson, reported that costs for training and education had risen but there has been no increase in her budget from the chapter to keep up with costs. With that in mind she asked the committee to prioritize the following trainings based on what the chapter can afford. An exercise was conducted to determine priorities and the outcome follows in the order of priority.

- 1. Leadership training**
- 2. WFA**
- 3. Miscellaneous training (mountain leadership and leave no trace)**

Koerber suggested promoting WFA to active leaders and Catalano suggested that we should charge for leadership training.

After much discussion, it was decided that the Training and Education budget will be \$1300 and the WFA budget will be \$800. Napolitano suggested, based on the outcome of the exercise conducted, that Walters should focus on leadership training. Further discussion followed and it was decided that a sub-committee would be formed to help Walters decide what to do about leadership training. Druzisky and Levine will serve on that sub-committee and possibly Chris Fogarty and Matt Emerson.

Hanauer brought up the issue of creating a position for the most recent past Chapter Chair to serve on the Executive Committee as Past Chair. Catalano motioned to create this position, seconded by Napolitano, approved unanimously.

Robertson brought up the need for a Nominating Committee and offered to serve on that. Fletcher offered to assist with this.

Levine recommended orienting new board members as to who we are, what we do, and perhaps having a job description for board positions. She offered to send an email to members to solicit other suggestions for these positions.

### **Old Business**

#### **Budget (conclusion and approval):**

Revisions to the final budget were discussed. Robertson motioned to decrease Canoe and Kayak by \$200 leaving a balance of zero, seconded by Pelletier, and approved unanimously. In addition, there will be a negative budget for the Website Committee because Beatty will return \$86 to the Chapter. Training and Education budget will be \$1300 and WFA budget will be \$800. Robertson motioned to accept these revisions and approve the final budget, seconded by Pelletier, approved unanimously. Hanauer stated he will email a new chart of the approved budget to the Executive Committee.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Appalachian Trail: Jim Pelletier**

Pelletier reported that they are putting together the plans for AT Day on October 6, 2007. He further reported that they are implementing new leadership requirements. Koerber and Napolitano are working on getting leaders for hikes on that day.

#### **Noble View: Rob Robertson**

On May 31, 2007, demolition began for construction of the bath house at Noble View. Conduit line for disposable tanks was installed and the debris field cleared and graded. The foundation for the bath house was dug out and Forish is going to begin foundations. Work is moving forward.

#### **Membership: Deb Levine**

Levine reported that there will be an Intro Social at Lenox Library from 6 to 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 26, 2007.

There being no further business, Fletcher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM, seconded by Napolitano, approved unanimously.

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 6:30 P.M.

Patricia A. Stevenson, Secretary