

Appalachian Mountain Club - Berkshire Chapter Executive Committee
DRAFT Minutes of Meeting - July 24, 2007

Present: Jon Hanauer, Bob Napolitano, Pat Lukas, Jim Pelletier, Bob Wallner, Bob Bergstrom, Cynthia Martin-Thompson, Jim Van Natta, Pat Fletcher, and Pat Stevenson

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 P.M. On a motion by Pelletier, seconded by Napolitano, the minutes of the June 19, 2007 meeting were read and approved unanimously with one minor revision.

Announcements: Jon Hanauer

Hanauer announced that Rosmarie O'Connor had been killed in an automobile accident recently. Rosmarie was an active member of the Chapter and managed the listings for Tuesday hikes. Hanauer plans to send a card on behalf of the Chapter. He also plans to do a tribute in the next Berkshire Exchange.

Hanauer also announced that Druzisky was not present this evening as she is on vacation. With regard to the cash advance policy, he plans to review the policy and bring any recommendations for change to the next business meeting scheduled in September, 2007. The August meeting will be at Deb Levine's house and will be strictly social. A date, time, and menu are to be determined. Further details will be forthcoming when they are firmed up with Levine. Hanauer plans to send details to Stevenson who will prepare a notice to send out to all board members.

Hanauer also reported that Levine is still looking for volunteers for the October members potluck to do 15 minute presentations on "Oh the Places We've Been." Members should contact Levine for details.

With regard to the Fall Gathering at the Highland Center, Hanauer reported that the Chapter does not have money in the budget to reimburse anyone else for their attendance. He plans to attend with Robertson and Levine. He asked members to notify him if they plan to attend the Fall Gathering.

New Business:

Hanauer reported that he had spoken with Roger Scholl about transferring Vanguard monies into Porter-Dickinson. Scholl advised Hanauer that would be a good move as Porter-Dickinson earns better interest. Funds drawn from Porter-Dickinson by the Chapter need to be authorized by Scholl. Napolitano was in favor of transferring the funds to simplify management of funds under one account. After discussion, Napolitano motioned to transfer the Vanguard monies to Porter-Dickinson, seconded by Pelletier, and approved unanimously. Hanauer will notify Druzisky to make the transfer by mid September.

Hanauer further reported that Levine has gotten Laurie Sanders, contributor to NPR broadcasts to be the guest speaker at the March 29, 2008 potluck. The cost for the speaker is going to be between \$100 to \$130. Napolitano motioned to accept Laurie Sanders as the guest speaker for the March event, seconded by Fletcher, and approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Appalachian Trail: Jim Pelletier—

Pelletier reported that the hiking season was in full swing and projects are well underway. The shelter in South Wilcox in Beartown in Great Barrington is completed. He further reported that hike leaders are still needed for AT Day scheduled for October 6, 2007. Three members attended the AT Conservancy meeting and reported that the training sessions were good.

Berkshire Exchange: Jon Hanauer

The deadline for sending items for the next Berkshire Exchange is Friday, August 3, 2007. Hanauer plans to gather information about Rosmarie O'Connor to prepare a tribute to her in the Berkshire Exchange.

Conservation: Pat Lukas

Lukas reported that the July 7, 2007 river expedition on E.Coli and You was a success and very informative. The trip took them down the Connecticut River to the wastewater treatment plant and showed them another side of the towns along the way. She further reported that the June 7th Shatterack cleanup went well.

Family Programs: Bob Wallner

Wallner stated there was not much to report at this time. He is still learning how to advertise events and is looking for co-leaders for events. He asked Board members to send suggestions and contacts for creating family friendly events with parents in attendance.

Mountaineering: Jim Van Natta

Van Natta reported that they had a good spring and summer season. Two trainings were held for beginner and intermediate climbers. They are picking up new members to this group who they anticipate will be long term members.

Outings: Bob Napolitano

Napolitano reported that September outings are booked and he is working on October. Koerber is planning to leave this committee at the end of 2007 but Napolitano will stay on for one more year.

Trails: Pat Fletcher

Fletcher reported that they are working on trying to relocate sections of the M-M Trail from private to public land. Signage will be put up to advise hikers how many miles they can go on certain sections and where they can pick up next sections of the M-M Trail. They are also working with the town of Southwick and the Land Trust in that area to purchase land for the southern end of the M-M Trail.

Website: Bob Bergstrom

Bergstrom did not have much to report at this time. Beatty is still doing much of the work but educating Bergstrom. Bergstrom requested more lead time to enter trips on the website.

There being no further business, Pelletier motioned to adjourn at 8:20 P.M., seconded by Fletcher, approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be a social event at the home of Deb Levine. Further details will be forthcoming. The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2007.

Patricia A. Stevenson, Secretary