Appalachian Mountain Club - Berkshire Chapter Executive Committee
DRAFT Minutes of Meeting – December 17, 2007

Present: Jon Hanauer, Deb Levine, Jim Pelletier, Ian Beatty, Kelly Druzisky, Jim Van Natta, Bill Fogel, Connie Peterson, Bob Napolitano, Rob Robertson, Bob Bergstrom, and Pat Stevenson

Call to order and acceptance of minutes: The meeting was called to order at 6:43 P.M. The minutes of November 12, 2007 were presented and read. On a motion by Pelletier, seconded by Napolitano, the minutes were approved unanimously with no revisions.

Announcements: Jon Hanauer and Jim Van Natta
Hanauer reported that he had heard from the new Southern New England Policy Manager, Mike Gildesgame, who would like to attend an Executive Committee meeting of the Berkshire Chapter. The purpose of his attendance is to learn more about issues of concern to the Western region of AMC.

Jim Van Natta introduced Bill Fogel who has agreed to be the new mountaineering co-chair.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Druzisky
Druzisky presented the treasurer's report as of 12/17/07 and noted that there was one more dues allocation due to come in for calendar year 2007. She requested that members review the budget figures presented in her report for 2007 and if there were any questions regarding these figures to contact her directly.

Robertson reported that he was hopeful that monies loaned to Noble View by the chapter for renovations would be repaid during calendar year 2008 but that this was contingent upon grant monies forthcoming from the state to the town of Russell, to AMC, to Noble View, and finally to our chapter.

On a motion by Napolitano, seconded by Pelletier, the treasurer's report was approved as presented unanimously.

New Business:
2008 Budget
Hanauer reported that he had received a check in the amount of $300 as a donation to the Canoe and Kayak Committee. Van Natta reported that he had also received a donation of $100 for the Mountaineering Committee. Peterson and Van Natta will send thank you letters to the donors. Hanauer will send stationary letterhead to Van Natta to send the thank you letter to his donor.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to developing tentative budget figures for calendar year 2008. Based on 2007 approved budget figures, revisions were made to amounts presented. Hanauer will review the dollar changes made with Druzisky and will also follow through on recommendations made by Pelletier to gather data with regard to budget figures discussed. Pelletier recommended that Hanauer send another report out for review so that we could look at these figures again at the January 7, 2008 meeting.

Club-wide Open House at Joy Street and Annual Meeting
Hanauer reminded everyone that the Open House at Joy Street is Friday, January 25, 2008 and the Annual Meeting was set for Saturday, January 26, 2008 in Danvers. He further reported that conservation and education will be well presented at the Annual Meeting.

Committee Reports:
Due to the lengthy discussion of the 2008 budget figures, there was no time for committees to give reports.

On a motion by Napolitano, seconded by Levine, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. in the same location.

Patricia A. Stevenson, Secretary