

AMC Berkshire Chapter Executive Committee meeting draft minutes  
Monday September 19, 2011 6:30pm

Baystate Health conference center, Whitney Ave, Holyoke

**Present:** David Sauriol, Sarah Long, Deborah Levine, Bob Bergstrom, Paxton Berardy, Eric Gove, Sabine Prather, Connie Peterson, Nora Hanke.

**Call to order:** 6:41pm. Dave Sauriol read the AMC mission statement.

**Approved:** August 2011 minutes approved.

**Guests** - none.

**Committee Reports:**

Berkshire Exchange - Jon Hanauer

No report.

Treasurer – Sonja Goodwin

No report.

Young members – Eric Gove

Summer barbecue canceled by late August storm.

Plans TBA for a social.

Outings -Jon Hanauer

No report.

Publicity – Sabine Prather

Sabine has used Facebook to list some chapter events, including events that are collaborative with other groups (such as Housatonic Heritage).

Deb recommends that the chapter website also be used to advertise events.

Sabine would like photographs for a display to publicize the club and chapter.

Conservation - Sabine Prather

On Sat. Sept. 24, Public Lands Day, people are encouraged to “give back to their public lands”. There are upkeep events at several local sites. See National Public Lands website. Sabine is attending a summit on local sustainability at GCC that w/e. She is also leading a hike at the upcoming Fall Gathering. At the end of this

meeting, Sabine resigned from this position, due to taking on a new one (see below).

Training and education – Eric Gove

On Sept. 10 Leadership Appreciation Day at Noble View was held, w about 15 participants in addition to the organizers. There is a Young Persons leaders' training the last weekend of October. There is a costume party that same w/e, on Sat., 29<sup>th</sup>, during the Fall training in Charlton. Berkshire Chapter will host the Spring training at Noble View.

Canoe & Kayak – Connie Peterson

Recent rain has made waterflows much greater and reduced paddling safety. Longstanding, annual Jamaica, VT event for this coming weekend canceled due to Vermont Army Corps of Engineers canceling the usual seasonal water release. A Farmington, MA release scheduled for this fall will however still be held, so that event will not be canceled.

Mountaineering - Sarah Long

Wednesday night climbs finishing, and w/e climbs continue occurring weekly. There may be an anchor class conducted jointly with Western Mass Climbers' Coalition.

There will be some winter mountaineering and skiing trips; only day trips planned so far.

Trails – Pat Fletcher

No report.

Appalachian Trail - Jim Pelletier

No report.

Website- Bob Bergstrom

Nothing new to report. Eric offers to provide photos for any new website mockup. Dave requests that Bob provide a report at the October meeting.

Vacant chairs: Berkshire County representative; Family Programs; Membership; Nominating; Quiet Water.

**New Business:**

**Old business:**

Monetary guidelines for multi day trips

Newest draft policy reviewed. Further changes requested and made. Policy approved!

Fall Gathering w/e of October 15th

ExCom members planning to attend so far: Dave; Sabine; Eric.

Compensation for expenses provided to ExCom members upon provision of receipts. Nominations sought for Appie of the Year (to be announced at November Berkshire Bash).

Berkshire Bash November 5th

Venue remains the American Legion Hall in Hadley, on Rt 9.

Dave secured the speaker: Ron Strickland, of Pacific Crest Trail fame.

Chapter will advertise the vacant chairs.

New Vice chair

Sabine announced that she would offer herself as the new Berkshire Chapter Vice chair, as this has been discussed with her previously and she feels that the time is now good for this. The nomination was duly made, seconded, and approved.

**Unfinished business:**

Website revisions.

Bylaws revisions

**Meeting adjourned at: 8pm.**

**Next ExCom meetings scheduled for Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. No ExCom meetings in November or December. Annual Berkshire Chapter meeting will be Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at the American Legion Hall in Hadley.**