

A.M.C. BERKSHIRE CHAPTER

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 15, 2012

AMC's Mission:

The Appalachian Mountain Club promotes the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of the mountains, forests, waters, and trails of the Appalachian region.

We believe these resources have intrinsic worth and also provide recreational opportunities, spiritual renewal, and ecological and economic health for the region.

Because successful conservation depends on active engagement with the outdoors, we encourage people to experience, learn about, and appreciate the natural world.

Call to Order: 6:38 PM

Reading of the AMC Mission by Dave

Introductions: Acceptance of Minutes: All

Announcements:

Present: Dave Sauriol; Sabine Prather; Sonja Goodwin; Bob Bergstrom; Pat Fletcher; Jon Hanauer; Bill Vogel; Roger Beer; Nora Hanke.

Treasurer's Report: Sonja Goodwin

Funds in Savings Account \$11, 067.00

Funds in Checking account \$18, 473.10

Total \$29, 540.10

Second quarter Porter Dickinson Fund balance \$84, 622.70 (in 2011 \$78,299.83)

Committee reports:

Appalachian Trail: Jim Pelletier

Berkshire County Representative: Vacant

Berkshire Exchange: Jon Hanauer

Fall/Winter Newsletter has been mailed. There was no summer newsletter due to lack of time-sensitive material. Next issue deadline will be January 9, 2013.

Canoe & Kayak: Connie Peterson, Sabine Prather

After last weekend's trip, the 2012 season is now finished.

Conservation: Vacant (interim Sabine Prather)

Sabine will represent this topic at the Fall Gathering this coming weekend.

Family Programs: Vacant

Membership: Vacant

Mountaineering: Bill Fogel, Sarah Long

Bill and Sarah (in absentia – report emailed) report they have been busy with a trip every weekend. They held an Intermediate Climbing Course on September 22nd and 23rd and had seven attendees. This was followed by a multi-pitch climbing trip to the Gunks

October 6th and 7th with 12 participants- their largest multi-day trip in quite some time.

They also ran a top-rope anchor course at the Western Mass Climbers Coalition Annual

Rendezvous fundraiser on September 29th. There are trips scheduled every weekend until the beginning of November, and then there will be climbing weekly on Tuesday nights at the Central Rock Gym in Hadley.

Bill steps down from this committee effective this month and Sarah is checking for a new volunteer to co-chair.

Noble View: Frank Evans

Nominating: Vacant

Outings: Jon Hanauer

Web site bugs (from Joy St webmaster) led to false cancellation announcements. He thinks this has been resolved.

He continues to have trouble getting enough notice of proposed trips for listings to show in Outdoors. More listings are made on short notice and are posted on the internet only.

Public Relations: Sabine Prather

Noble View education events have been posted on Facebook page today. Berkshire Bash have been posted on two other websites (and an additional posting made by Jon). She will represent this chapter w Dave at this weekend's Fall Gathering.

Trails: Pat Fletcher

Bog bridging reconstruction at Rising Corners in Southwick was completed with assistance of the Pioneer Valley Hiking Club. Awaiting other parties' readiness for completion of Bray Bridge, Mt Tom work. He would like to achieve replacement of small shelter in Section 3 of the NET. This is dependent on funding. In January Pat plans to hold a meeting of the NET Stewardship Council for further planning.

Training & Education: Vacant

Website: Bob Bergstrom and Roger Beer

See below

Young Members: Paxton Berardy

Old Business

Berkshire Bash Planning: Final

Sabine needs payment of ~\$400 total for the speaker, and an estimate of venue charges has not yet been provided. Sonja agrees to make payments to Sabine once provided with the figures.

Awardees have been determined.

30 members signed up so far. Most are paid.

New Business

1. Website Update: Bob & Roger

Sabine, Roger and Bob met to discuss priorities. ExComm members provided comments and Bob solicited comments and suggestions via email. Bob stated changes can be made just as easily after the new site is live as before (see [http:// 96.39.114.109/](http://96.39.114.109/)). He needs final feedback over the next week to make the new site live before the chapter annual meeting.

Pat reports there will be a National Park Service sponsored website on the CT and MA portions of the NET.

2. Budgets

Preliminary figures were requested by Dave. Sonja and Dave will work together to inform the committee chairs where they are in relation to their budgets. Information must be shared via email or else a December ExComm meeting is needed.

3. Annual report

Dave will solicit reports from the committee chairs to provide to Joy St by late December.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Nora E Hanke