AMC NH Chapter – Minutes

Meeting Date: October 3, 2013

Meeting Location: Holiday Inn, Manchester, NH

Members in Attendance:

√ Karen Thurston Chair
√ Wayne Goertel Vice Chair
√ Bill Warren Treasurer
√ Beth Zimmer Secretary
√ Gene Harding Bike Chair
Paul Hopkins Conservation
Eric L. Savage Education Chair; Past Chair
Jennifer Varney Excursions Co-Chair
√ David Ross Excursions Co-Chair
√ Patty Anderson Hospitality Chair
√ Mitch Manseau Membership Co-Chair
√ Marianne Page Membership Co-Chair
Jim Kent Mountaineering Co-Chair
Tom Sintros Mountaineering Co-Chair
Ron Janowitz Newsletter Editor
Michelle O’Donnell Newsletter Editor
Susan Englert Newsletter Editor
√ Sally Leonard Paddling Co-Chair
Marcy Stanton Paddling Co-Chair
√ Paul Berry Programs Co-Chair
Marie Berry Programs Co-Chair
"Sam" Ruth Jamke Regional Director, North (NH & ME)
Tony Schmidt Ski Co-Chair
Valerio Viti Ski Co-Chair
√ Richie Holstein Trails Chair
√ Tom Todd Webmaster
√ John Green Young Members Chair
√ Lu Ann Laquerque Guest / Future Hospitality Chair
√ Ed Parker Guest / Future Membership Co-Chair
√ Joshua Meltzer Guest / Future Young Members Chair
√ Wanda Rice Guest / Family Group Coordinator
Call to Order

K. Thurston called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Approval of September ‘13 Minutes / Beth Zimmer

B. Zimmer had sent out minutes to ExComm members via a prior e-mail. A few small corrections will include: head count for the December appreciation event at the Currier Gallery will max out at 75 (not 90); and some small grammatical corrections were made. A motion was made by M. Manseau to approve the minutes as presented; it was seconded; there was no discussion or comment and the motion was approved unanimously.

Just as a reminder, at the last meeting, a motion passed to place final approved minutes on the AMC NH website. This applies to ExComm minutes and not to the other committees.

Annual Report – Status / Update

B. Zimmer reported that the Annual Report is back from the printers. Copies were made available for ExComm members to preview.

Review of September ‘13 Treasurer’s Report / Bill Warren

B. Warren had sent out treasurer reports to ExComm members via a prior e-mail, reflecting finances through the end of September. The reports were received without question or comment. B. Warren noted that the chapter is in great shape, financially. With resources coming in and budget planning around the corner, we should keep in mind our ongoing topic of volunteer appreciation.

Next Meeting: Date and Food

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 7, 2013.

Thanks go out to the Bill Warren for arranging tonight’s dinner; the Biking Committee (G. Harding) will provide November’s food.
Calendar:

- Winter Expo – December 2013; rotunda reserved; volunteers needed, contact Paul Berry

- Tar Sands presentation next Thursday, October 8 at Audubon; this will be a “show up” event with no food and no reservation required; this week-night event will be the first of its kind for our Chapter.

- Fall Gathering – October 2013

- Annual Dinner Meeting – October 26, 2013
  - 100+ headcount thus far; still receiving registrations
  - A number of 25 & 50-year members will be in attendance
  - We have collected $1750+ so far; the remainder of funds to pay for the event will come out of the budget
  - Raffle prizes will include books, three, $25 LL Bean gift certificates and the grand prize is a weekend at Highland Center
  - After discussion, it was agreed that the guest speaker, AMC Club representative (Susan Arnold), AMC NH Chair and Vice Chair will be excluded from the raffle
  - Roger Scholl, outgoing Director of Volunteer Relations and former Chapter Chair, and 26-year member will be coming to the annual meeting and will be recognized and given a gift of a framed photograph

- Volunteer Appreciation Event – December 5 at the Currier Art Gallery in Manchester

- Nominations deadline – October 6

AMC NH Website

T. Todd learned that our website was down a week ago Thursday. No courtesy e-mail was sent. The situation was that of a ‘capacity’ issue. The amount of transfer in a month exceeded our allowance. There was no telephone support and we were not allowed to transfer to another division or pay for an upgrade. This was very disappointing; T. Todd is in the process of transferring our website presence to another ISP, but that this will take some time.

T. Todd can do a couple of things to reduce bandwidth. He will work with webmasters within AMC to find another ISP.
After brief discussion, it was agreed to publish the annual report on the website after the meeting has occurred.

2013 minutes are up-to-date on the web site. Minutes from prior years are up in varying degrees of completion.

**Fall Gathering**

W. Goertel and B. Warren going to Fall Gathering, as is Rick Silverberg OLDC (Outdoor Leadership Development Committee).

There will be meetings on such topics as membership, OLDC, and chapter leadership, etc.; hikes activities and opportunities to meet individuals from other chapters; an opportunity to meet with John Judge, AMC President; chapter Chairs and Vice-chairs meeting; social interaction between chapters; possible informal topics include leader appreciation (free WMG online, for example); other possible informal topics; etc.

**Next Month**

- Meet-up Tools – J. Varney
- Fleece – P. Berry & E. Savage
- Programs Direction – P. Berry & M. Berry
- Fall Gathering Report – W. Goertel & B. Warren
- Budget Preview

**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 7, 2013.**

**Appreciation**

ExComm members gave a heart-felt thank you to Karen Thurston, outgoing chair.
Items for Possible Future Discussion

- Mountain Passages: what is the future direction of our newsletter
- Ad-hoc Education Committee report
- How to or “if” to offer CPR to trip leaders
- Hut Nights: to what degree the Chapter should continue to underwrite these events and where in the budget should this event be placed

Adjournment

At 8:23, a motion was made by P Anderson to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes: Beth Zimmer
10/3/13