Members in Attendance:
✓ Wayne Goertel  Chair
✓ Bill Warren  Vice Chair
✓ Rick Desmarais  Treasurer
✓ Beth Zimmer  Secretary
Karen Thurston  Past Chair
✓ Doria Harris  Biking Co-Chair
✓ Paul Hopkins  Conservation & Education Co-Chair
✓ Eric L Savage  Conservation & Education Co-Chair
Kevin Rooney  Excursions Co-Chair
✓ David Ross  Excursions Co-Chair
✓ Marianne Page  Membership Co-Chair
✓ Trudi Janoschek  Interim Membership Co-Chair
Tom Sintro  Mountaineering Co-Chair
Joe Dorsheimer  Mountaineering Co-Chair
✓ Ron Janowitz  Newsletter Co-Chair
✓ Brett Billings  Newsletter Editor (Guest)
Brian Morin  E-mail Blasts (Guest)
✓ Paul Berry  Paddling Co-Chair
✓ John Pilla  Paddling Co-Chair
✓ LuAnn Laquerre  Programs Co-Chair
✓ Terri Wilson  Interim Programs Co-Chair
✓ “Sam” Ruth Jamke  Regional Director, North (NH & ME)
Paul Pinkham  Interim Ski Co-Chair
Valerio Viti  Ski Co-Chair
✓ Al Grimstad  Ski Committee Newsletter (Guest)
✓ Richie Holstein  Trails Co-Chair
✓ Denise Carter  Interim Trails Co-Chair
Bill Foster  Interim Trails Co-Chair
Open  Website Chair
✓ Joshua Meltzer  Young Members Co-Chair
✓ Jamie Gillon  Young Members Co-Chair
✓ Wanda Rice  Family Group (Guest)
✓ Frank Miller  Excursions (Guest)
✓ Linda Moore  (Guest)
Call to Order

Wayne Goertel called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Thanks went out to the Paddling Committee (Paul & Marie Berry) for tonight’s dinner of beef stew and mac & cheese.

Upcoming dinner schedule:

- November 5: Ski & Trails
- December 3: Young Members

Welcomes and re-introductions were made among members and guests, who included several individuals who are on the upcoming ExComm nomination slate.

Next Meeting: November 5, 2015

Remembering Gene Harding / Wayne Goertel

Gene Harding, Biking Co-Chair, passed away recently after a brief battle with cancer. Seven members attended his funeral this past Sunday. We will have a photo of Gene at Annual Meeting and we will invite his son and girlfriend to our Annual Meeting.

Approval of September Minutes / Wayne Goertel

Wayne Goertel took minutes at the September meeting and he had sent out a draft via email. A motion was made by Richie Holstein to approve the minutes; this was seconded and approved unanimously.

Review of Treasurer’s Report / Rick Desmarais

Rick Desmarais had sent out a Treasurer’s report via email. Rick reported we have over $72K in the bank, and over $50K in invested reserves. In all, we are finishing up the year in fantastic shape.

There were no further questions or comments.

Nomination Committee Update / Bill Warren

Bill Warren invited all new ExComm nominees to this month’s meeting. Our AMC NH newsletter publically announced the field. The upcoming slate will include

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fourteen individuals new to ExComm. Bill outlined that the focus was on filling committees versus finding officers, as committees are where the work happens.

- Paddling – This committee chooses individuals at their November meeting
- Frank Miller – Vice Chair
- Wanda Rice - Secretary
- Linda Moore - Conservation
- Trudi Janoschek & Ellen Ruggles – Membership
- Terri Wilson – Programs
- Paul Pinkham – Ski
- Bill Foster & Denise Carter – Trails
- Anne Hudnell – Young Members
- John Mullens, Regional Director – His term begins in January

**Annual Dinner Meeting Update / LuAnn Laquerre & Terri Wilson**

Fifty-nine individuals have signed up for banquet. LuAnn is working on door prizes. The Newsletter Committee mentioned that they could send out one more newsletter blast. Terri is collecting registrations.

**Thoreau Falls Bridge / Paul Berry & Sam Jamke**

Both Paul Berry and Sam Jamke took advantage of one of the tours to the Thoreau Falls Bridge, which is under discussion for removal. Paul noted that an AMC survey indicated mixed results with some leaders wanting repairs and some feeling the bridge is located in wilderness and removal was appropriate. The USFS considers that the primary season of usage for the bridge to be “summer.” Paul countered that perhaps, “winter” is truly the primary season. And skiers, without this bridge, would have no safe alternative to crossing the river. The AMC Ski Book notes that particular trail as a premier X-ski trail. Continued feedback from leaders and committee volunteers has resulted in the Club responding and shifting their position.

Sam added that also on the walk to the bridge were Larry Garland (AMC Cartographer) and Chris Jenkins (NHPR). If the USFS takes the bridge down, they will be required to use hand tools and they will have to carry out debris manually. The bridge is supported with two 66’ tree stringers, each with significant cracks. Both removal and repair of the bridge are both daunting tasks.

Going on this Saturday’s trip are, Jeb Bradley (NH Senator) and a few trip leaders.
Kelly Ayotte (US Senator) has come out in support of repair.

Bill Warren had contacted Sue Arnold (AMC) and Faith Salter (AMC). He told them the NH trips leaders and ExComm members have a lot of knowledge and that when there are issues impacting NH activities, the Club should be reaching out, consulting with us, and getting our opinion. The Club did eventually reach out to leaders in the form of a survey, and shortly after, a letter put out by Susan Arnold showed a modified position.

Sam and Paul thanked everyone who provided feedback and helped with this endeavor, and encouraged all concerned to continue to express their interest and to consider writing how the bridge’s primary season should be considered to be wintertime.

**Cardigan Trails Adoption Update / Richie Holstein**

Richie reported that a real problem continues to exist, primarily in the form of major communication gaps, as information about trail conditions, AMC work parties, and adopters is not readily available. We are only able to get a list of trails still needing adoption. Despite the Chapter’s continuing strong commitment to Cardigan and its trails, we cannot get a list of current adopters.

On a positive note, the Boston and NH ski committees are working together to clear ski trails prior to the winter season.

**Young Members / Jamie Gillon**

Wayne Goertel began by reminding all that we have talked in the past about how we reach our constituency. Young Members (YM) has mostly used Facebook, but that there were privacy-related considerations.

Jamie Gillon continued that YM used to have a public Facebook group, wherein everybody would get notified when an event is posted. Due to privacy concerns, YM changed to a closed group. But alas, notifications only go out to “friends” of the person who creates the event. If YM has 600 followers, there is no way to notify them all due to the closed nature of the Facebook group.

After discussion, YM has decided that it is going to close their NH Facebook account that they are going to migrate everyone to Maine’s YM Meetup page, which will be rebranded as a joint ME / NH page.

As Maine and New Hampshire have different requirements for leaders, Jamie inquired if there were any foreseen problems with this change. Members had no concerns and encouraged YM to pursue this merger.

Jamie added that if any of the activity leaders wanted publicity for their events, that they could send announcements to Jamie for distribution among YM.
Budget Request / Jamie Gilon

Jamie requested money for a program for YM. Programs and Hospitality has money in the budget and will support this event. No motion was required.

2016 Look-Ahead / Bill Warren

Bill Warren, incoming Chair gave a brief glimpse into some of the thoughts he has as we look forward:

- He would like to continue with adhoc committees looking at specific topics, as these committees draw on people with excitement and passion about certain topics.
- Regarding the activity committees, he would like to make sure committees have what they need.
- He would like to bring the discussion of leader appreciation and recognition back to the forefront.
- A while ago, he asked activity committees to give credit to leaders who offer programs, not just to leaders who conduct hikes or activities, as “programs” are a form of outreach to our members.

Acknowledge Volunteers Retiring from ExComm / Wayne Goertel

- Karen Thurston, Past Chapter Chair
- Ruth “Sam” Jamke, Regional Director
- Gene Harding, Biking
- Eric Savage, Conservation / Education
- David Ross, Excursions
- Marianne Page, Membership
- Ron Janowitz, Newsletter
- Michelle O’Donnell, Newsletter
- Joe Dorsheimer, Mountaineering (serving through December)
- Tom Sintros, Mountaineering (serving through December)
- John D. Pilla, Paddling
- Tony Schmidt, Skiing
- Josh Meltzer, Young Members
Thanks / Bill Warren

Bill thanked Wayne Goertel for his years of dedication and service and noted how well the two of them together on issues before the NH Chapter. There has been some fun and there have been some difficult tasks. Wayne promised that he will be an active past chair. Members gave Wayne a round of applause.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- October 16-18, AMC Fall Gathering, Lake George, NY
- October 16-17, SOLO WFA Training
- October 24, NH Chapter Annual Meeting, Concord
- November 4, ExComm Meeting

Motion to Adjourn

At 8:10, a motion was made to adjourn. This was seconded and approved unanimously.

Future & To Be Continued Items

- N/A

Minutes: Beth Zimmer
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