Excomm meeting minutes
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Next full meeting will be February 4, 2016, probably in Concord. Dinner will be provided by Young Members.

7:00 PM Call to order by Bill Warren

Introductions/Announcements

1. **Approval of prior meeting minutes**
   Secretary Wanda Rice
   Motion to approve by Bill, seconded by others & unanimous to accept.
2. **Review of Treasurer’s Report**
   Treasurer Rick Desmarais
   Business as usual. Spent $4404 in November. $110K in assets. Bernice Johnson fund disbursement to Excursions for Family Group activities for 2015. Have not received final membership allocation yet form the club. Budgets are due 12/15/15. YM, Ski, Paddling, bike, excomm are submitted. Rick is here to help if needed with budgets.

   Bill introduced us to some of the features of GoToMeeting and encouraged committees to use it if they want for their own meetings.

   Bill reviewed what it means to be excomm & excomm plus (Larry Yetter, Rick Silverberg, Family Group Rep).

**Committee Goals**

*Mountaineering w/Tom & Joe*

1. Revise approach to leaders certification to every other year.
2. Offer more clinics.
3. Have more equipment to help new members.
4. Consider offering some YM and age bracket specific clinics.
5. Try to get more leaders to offer outings.

*Young Members w/Jamie*

1. Keep the active socials in Manchester, Portsmouth and Lakes going strong - we had at least 6 of each this past year.
2. Establish socials two other places - Upper Valley is in the works, we should do our best to pursue at least one other location.
3. Add at least 5 co-leaders (ie go through training). We have three in the pipeline already.
4. Keep the big (camping/cabin) weekends going, I think we have a good amount, with seven the past year.

*Programs w/ LuAnn & Terri*
1. The program committee would like to meet the required 2016 Chapter scheduled events (By-law requirements).
2. We would like to assist current committees, if needed, with their program arrangements and provide aid if requested. We would try and share resources so that they can complete their committee agenda.
3. We plan on enlisting two new regional ambassadors to help cover areas around the state. They would be used to help oversee and host speaking engagements.
4. The program committee would like to implement a master list or calendar to track all committee programs. This would help to avoid conflicts and minimize competition of speakers.
5. We hope to encourage leaders and/or any AMC member to participate in their local community and try to coordinate a local event.
6. We plan on documenting protocols, procedures and any additional notes and records on a thumb drive. This in turn can be passed on to future chairs with all information in regards to the committee intact.

**Ski w/ Valerio**
1. Transition leadership to keep things together & develop long term vision.
2. Define the mission (back country, etc.).
3. Increase number of leaders to make committee more sustainable (19 current, 14 in training, want to have 25-27 in next couple years.)
4. Establish Master Leaders as most active leaders and make them more eligible for leader benefits. Also recognize leaders in training & alumni.
5. A track for skill development for leaders w/ continuing education.
6. Increase female leadership.
7. Professional Ski Instructors of America host a class.

**Trails w/ Richie**
1. Increase the size of the Trails Committee There are adopters and trail enthusiasts already who are members of the Ski and Excursions committees. We should recruit them by attending a meeting of those committees and / or by using their mailing lists. We finally have a recent list of trail adopters at Cardigan. See if any of those people are NH Chapter members and if they wish to be Trails members. We will also recruit from Spring School.
2. Run more trips from the Committee. Encourage new leaders and all adopters to list or co-list their trips under Trails.
3. Trail adoption of as many trails as possible at Cardigan.
4. Increase training.
5. Increase participation on trips. Take better advantage of Facebook (especially via Jamie and YM) and MeetUp.

Bill interjected that the trail adoption process needs some work. It has not been a good working system. Richie commented it is difficult to get adopter names from the Club so that coordination can occur. Bill is asking for help from club level to improve this.

**Website w/ Paul Berry**
1. Continue incremental website updates to existing website content, improve style and usability, and remove clutter and content of limited relevance.
2. Encourage committees to review content on their part of the website.
3. Work toward letting committee co-chairs or designees upload their content.
4. Develop WordPress Pilot

Richie asked about having trip info from outdoors.org info still showing up. Paul said they intend to keep that. Paul said they will be getting help from Maine in revamping the website.

**Membership not in attendance**

**Conservation/Education w/ Paul Hopkins and Linda Moore**
1. Continuing presence in the newsletter w/ article for each issue.
2. Outreach to BSA with the idea of being a resource for them, & participate in April kick-off event.
3. Work with programs about presenting conservation programs using speakers from various conservation groups.
4. Working on a hiking photography program & working w/ Luann to get a seacoast venue.
5. Linda is working on setting up workshop on land conservation process (easements etc.) for land owners. Paul B. offered Concord library for photography. Hiel mentioned Cooperative Extension as another resource from which to pull experts.

**Newsletter w/ Brian Morin**
1. More online content.
2. Post articles individually on the website to better accommodate web searching.

**Bike w/ Doria**
Doria would like to present something after Biking has a meeting.

**Paddling goals w/ Paul Berry**
1. Increase the number of trips.
2. Get 5 new trip leaders.
3. Create more "leader recognition" which may include a catered meal & meeting similar to what Excursions does every 3 years.
4. Add a new process for AMC leaders from other chapters to become paddling leaders.
5. Create a "YouTube" spot for information, recruitment, training and entertainment (at Chapter level?).
6. Increase size of Paddling’s excomm by including active leaders.
7. Revamp out of date by-laws.
8. Add more conservation/education activities similar to Trash Patrol.
9. Increase input from paddling leaders.
10. Increase input from paddling participants that are not leaders.
**Excursions w/ Beth**

1. Co-chairs want to discuss sustainability with Excursions Committee. Looking at how to bring new people to some of the programs like Predidential Range Hike, Leader Review Board and Cardigan schools. Currently there are not clear paths to becoming more involved in these things. Collected input at Pats Peak event which will be reviewed with leaders in the future.

2. Leader recognition: leader candidates can now be reimbursed for training 3 hikes after mentor hikes. Offer workshops for leaders like walk w/ a ranger.

Bill commented that the Club is interested in having the Chapters, through their activity Committees, provide a path to recognize leaders from other Chapters and furnish them with written guidelines for becoming a NH leader. Beth commented that the conversation is currently on making the path to leadership clear to those moving from other chapters. Paul B. commented that other chapters bring trips to NH and that leaders from other chapters may have appropriate experience from leading trips to NH for other chapters.

**Other topics:**

Tom commented that we need to make sure that all committees are represented at NH Wild in April. Luann would like to see membership get involved in it. There followed some discussion about NH Wild.

Bill informed us that only 6 webcam pictures can be on GoToMeeting at one time.

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**Trail adoption issue for Excomm consideration**

NH Chapter adopted Old Bridle Path (OBP) many years ago (perhaps in conjunction with the creation of the Franconia Parkway). The Trails Committee is proposing that we give up OBP and concentrate on Cardigan and have the chapter adopt a specific trail there. It will be adopted by Denise on behalf of NH AMC. There are 3 potential trails recommended by Richie: 1<sup>st</sup> choice: Clark Trail from Woodland to Holt Clark Cutoff. 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: Back 80 from Manning to 93Z trail. 3<sup>rd</sup> choice: Back 80 from 93Z to Elwell Trail. Richie motioned to give up OBP and adopt on of the 3 choices. Multiple seconds. Discussion: Paul Berry wondered if excomm needs to vote on it. Richie says yes, because the chapter is listed as the adopter. Kevin recalls that OBP might have been chosen because some of the leaders would overnight at Greenleaf Hut to create a different experience. Richie’s research did not unearth a reason why we have this trail. All voted in favor of dropping OBP and picking up a new trail.

Paul Berry on meeting minutes on web: Post to website after approved. He questions what to post and how much detail. No action, continue to post as we have been.

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Annual Summit, January 30. Money is budgeted for committee chairs to go if they want. No overnight, $30 for the programs offered.

Bill asked for further business and there being none, adjourned at 8:31.