# EXCOM Meeting Agenda

**Date:** 03/02/17  
**Location:** Holiday Inn, Brown Ave., Manchester

## Name | Officer
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Bill Warren | Chair
Frank Miller | Vice Chair
Rick Desmarais | Treasurer
Wanda Rice | Secretary
Wayne Goertel | Past Chair
John Mullens | Regional Director

## Name | Committee
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Doria Harris | Biking
Hiel Lindquist | Biking
Paul Hopkins | Con/Ed
Liz Wyman | Con/Ed
Kevin Rooney | Excursions
Beth Zimmer | Excursions
Jen Fairchild | Membership
Matt Christiansen | Membership
Michelle Beadle | Mountaineering
Johannah Hunter | Mountaineering
Tom Sintros | Mountaineering
Brett Billings | Newsletter
Joe O'Neil | Paddling
LuAnn Laquerre | Programs
Debbie Marcus | Programs
Teri Wilson | Programs
Paul Pinkham | Ski
Valerio Viti | Ski
Richie Holstein | Trails
Bill Foster | Trails
Denise Carter | Trails
Paul Berry | Website
Brian Morin | Website
Jamie Gillon | 20’s & 30’s
Anne Hudnall | 20’s & 30’s
Guests
Kathy Ellis x
Rick Silverberg x

6:30 PM Dinner provided by: Trails
7:00 PM Call to order    Introductions/Announcements

1. Approval of prior meeting minutes                Secretary Wanda Rice
   All voted to approve February minutes.

2. Review of Treasurer’s Report                     Treasurer Rick Desmarais
   It was a relatively quiet month. There was a deposit for dues allocation from the
   Club. The Ski Committee was active with deposits.

3. Next meeting date:  4/6/17    Location:  TBD
   Food provided by: Web Committee

4. Review public/private minutes policy              Presented by: Wanda
   A few months ago, it was decided by Excomm that sensitive information should not
   be included in published meeting minutes. We have been trying out doing 2 sets of
   minutes, one public and one private. Private has details, public is condensed.
   Wanda proposed that we go back to one set of minutes and handle sensitive issues
   as they arise. There was discussion regarding minutes. Many felt that minutes can
   accommodate concerns without having two sets. Motion to rescind previous action
   to make 2 sets of minutes. All voted to approve.

5. Future of the NH Chapter                         Presented by: Bill
   Bill led a brainstorming session on where Excomm would like to see the chapter
   headed in the future. Following is a summary of ideas:
   • More, smaller AMC infrastructure options for overnight trips.
   • More online meetings vs. in person, especially for committees.
   • Ways to integrate conservation message into other committees & activities.
   • Take our leadership model to other chapters.
   • Find ways to promote lesser used trails.
   • Take action on issues that were discussed during a survey of club issues at a
     previous meeting.
   • How much do we want to share with other chapters?
   • Reduce the barriers between chapters & between chapter and Club (work
     more across chapter lines for events and activities).
   • More connection of committee chairs with corresponding committee chairs
     from other chapters in informal settings.
   • Look into getting involved in getting young people outdoors.
   • Have some gear available for beginners, especially for workshops?
   • Find ways to get more people to transition to leadership.
• Improve outreach by trying to reach people of lower skill levels.
• Reduce the burden on Excursions & other activity co-chairs (Club is instituting more things to do such as standards for Meetup).
• Committees could learn from other committees within the chapter.

Bill outlined the initiatives we’ve been working on in the last few years. Anything that we want to do should be consistent with our mission, bylaws etc.

6. Fish & Game NH Wild Day
   Presented by: Debbie Marcus
   April 29 at NH Fish & Game headquarters in Concord. Last year the event drew 10,000 people. It is a free event & our booth is free. We are seeking volunteers to help, especially with set up and break down/pack up. Excursions has their Spring School at Cardigan the same weekend. Need people on hand to talk with the public in shifts. We need watercraft, trail work tools, and backpacking/hiking/camping equipment as well as the people on hand to talk about them.

7. Bylaw review update
   Presented by: Paul B.
   Still working on it. All committees should read the bylaws and review for changes, especially those specific to committees. Changes should come before Excomm by June.

8. Chapter finance policy update
   Presented by: Rick Desmarais
   Still working on it.

9. Other:
   Richie will look at offering a spring WFA for leaders who couldn’t do it in November.
   Frank indicated someone is needed to teach about hypothermia at Cardigan workshops.
   Bill indicated we are looking for inventories of equipment from committees. John M. indicated that the Club is developing a form for inventories.
   Chapters retreat will be May 5-7 at Mohican Outdoor Center. There will be brainstorming for a new set of goals for the Club.
   Fall Gathering Committee has their next meeting on 3/15 and will be determining activities. They need to hear from committees to help set up activities. They hope to have a budget after that meeting.
   Winter workshops at Cardigan were both full and well received. Good registration numbers with younger participants.

8:30 Adjourn