# EXCOMM MEETING AGENDA

**Date:** 09/07/17  
**Location:** Holiday Inn, Brown Ave., Manchester

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Joe O’Neil  Paddling  x
LuAnn Laquerre  Programs  x
Debbie Marcus  Programs  x
Teri Wilson  Programs  x
Paul Pinkham  Ski
Valerio Viti  Ski  x
Richie Holstein  Trails  x
Bill Foster  Trails  x
Denise Carter  Trails  x
Paul Berry  Website
Jamie Gillon  20’s & 30’s  x
Anne Hudnall  20’s & 30’s
Kathy Ellis  Communications  x
Chris Vaughan  Communications  x

**Guests**
Steve Gaykan
Max McCluskie
Jesse Robie
Bob McLaughlin

6:30 PM Dinner provided by Conservation/Education

7:00 PM Call to order, introductions and announcements

1. Approval of June meeting minutes  Secretary: Wanda Rice

   A clarification was made to the draft minutes prior to the meeting. The amended minutes were approved.

2. Review of Treasurer’s Report  Treasurer: Rick Desmarais

   Financially we are in good shape right now.

3. Next meeting date: 10/5/17  Location TBD
Food to be provided by the Communications Committee.

4. Interim Mountaineering Chairs  
   Presented by: Bill
   a. Nomination of Ben Greene, Toby Burges, Katherine Upton
   Bill introduced the proposed interim mountaineering co-chairs, Ben, Toby and Kathrine, and gave a brief bio on each.
   b. Approval
   Article IV of the chapter bylaws states that temporary chairs/co-chairs can be appointed if there is a vacancy.

   A motion was made to appoint Ben, Toby and Kathrine as interim co-chairs of the Mountaineering Committee from now until our Annual Meeting in October. The motion passed.

5. Proposed Bylaw Changes  
   Presented by: Wayne
   Proposed bylaws changes must be approved before the Annual Meeting. Wayne revamped some of the language regarding electronic voting and Standing Rules. He tweaked the description of meetings, changing the language around the need for name tags. The Young Members Committee shall henceforth be called the 20’s and 30’s Committee.

   A comment was made regarding Article IV – should we have something to address a situation in which there is no one to appoint to fill an open position? This is a situation that the 20’s and 30’s Committee may be facing soon. How would a committee be governed in the absence of a chair? It shall lie vacant if there is no one to appoint, as was the situation with Mountaineering until interim co-chairs were appointed.

   A motion was made to adopt the bylaws changes. The motion passed.

6. NH Chapter Workshops  
   Presented by: Bill
   a. Handout
   Bill contemplated writing about workshops and training offered by the NH Chapter in his “Notes From the Chair” column for Mountain Passages. We offer 60 workshops, far more than he expected and way too many to be addressed in the space he is allowed.

   We discussed how our workshops “sell out” and that people are asking for more. It was suggested that if there is something you really enjoy doing, teach it and people will love it.

   Some committees have workshops or listings that do not fill; some have people who sign up but don’t show. Should we charge a nominal fee so that people will: 1) attribute value to what we offer, and 2) make a stronger commitment to follow through with their sign-up?
This in turn generated discussion about how to screen people who sign up for events/trips and further led to an idea for how to equip members with the skills they need to participate in activities. Several committee chairs suggested offering a series of a given activity, beginning with what would be appropriate for novices and working up to more advanced skills. The Wednesday Night Series is an example.

7. Excess Funds Policy
   Presented by: John Mullens, Bill and Rick D.
   a. Club push: There has been a tremendous push from the club to spend down our money to levels appropriate for a non-profit organization.
   b. Standing Rules: Bill has added a section to our Standing Rules to address excess funds at the chapter and committee levels.
   c. Earmarking of funds: In our budget, we may earmark funds to be spent on projects that support the club’s mission.
   d. John Mullens is partnering up with the DelVal, Worcester, Mohawk/Hudson and Connecticut chapters to form a task force. The task force will establish policies and guidelines around the regulation of excess funds. Their discussion centers on three key issues:
      1. Level of funds: NH maintains 16 months of estimated operating funds, while other chapters choose different time periods.
      2. Use of funds: We are to spend on projects which benefit the club and its members, and which support club and chapter goals. Examples include the efforts to state our position on Northern Pass, the repair of Camp Dodge, and the contribution toward purchase of land for conservation around Rumney Rocks.
      3. Release of funds: Chapters choose different policies for the release of funds.
   We proposed and amended a motion to formalize our 16 month policy in our Standing Rules. The motion passed.
   The task force hopes to have a draft of the policies to present to Chapter Chairs at the Fall Gathering. Eventually the proposal will go to the Board of Directors for review.

8. Programs Update
   Presented by: LuAnn, Terri, Debbi
   a. Fall Gathering
   The registration for the NH Fall Gathering has been an overwhelming success!! Our current number of 256 registrants is the highest in AMC history! Registration cut-off is September 15th and we predict the committee will meet its goal of 300 registered participants. Great job Fall Gathering Committee!!
   There are still opportunities for those who want to volunteer as activity leaders for Fall gathering.
   b. Annual Meeting
Our Annual Meeting will be on October 28th this year. The guest speaker will be Jake St. Pierre. Jake will be giving a slide presentation on his climbing of Mt. Everest and Denali. In addition to being a great mountaineer, Jake teaches survival skills.

9. Communications Committee update          Presented by: Kathy & Chris

The Communications Committee is establishing themselves as a vital channel for disseminating information about club activities to members and to the public in general. The committee’s goal is to get information out through different media and present it uniformly. Kathy and Chris have created an official Facebook Page and an Instagram Page. They are targeting young people and are trying to reach them through social media. Their next e-blast will be on September 19th. They encourage everyone to submit anything from workshops and special events to content material such as hiker experiences. The message from the Communications Committee is “Whatever it is, send it to us and we will take care of it!”


Paul is writing an article for the Chapter Newsletter. He believes that writing interesting stories about a subject, say moss, can inspire people to take better care of it. The photos he takes are also good to gain people’s attention. Paul is working with the Boy Scouts (Daniel Webster Council) to develop projects that could be done by a Scout Troop or as an Eagle Project.

The Northern Pass continues to be a big issue for the club as a whole. Four public comment hearings have been held regarding the issue.

One of three permits needed for approval of Northern Pass has been obtained. The White Mountain National Forest has agreed to the underground transmission of energy through a portion of the White Mountain National Forest. This would disrupt many businesses and property owners during construction. A verbal decision on the Northern Pass will be announced in February and a written one in March.

Liz is finding it difficult maintain her position on ExComm due to other commitments and a long drive to attend meetings. She will be stepping down as co-chair after our Annual Meeting.

8:30 Adjourn and breakout discussions/ad hoc committees