NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER
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EXCOMM MEETING AGENDA

Date: 02/01/18  Location: Comfort Inn, Concord

Name                      Officer
Frank Miller              Chair          x
Rick Silverberg           Vice Chair     x
Jennifer Rheuame           Treasurer    x
Wanda Rice                Secretary     x
Bill Warren                Past Chair    x
John Mullens             Regional Director  x

Name                       Committee
Hiel Lindquist              Biking        x
Paul Hopkins               Con/Ed
Larry Yetter               Excursions    x
Beth Zimmer               Excursions    x
Jamie Gillon               Membership    x
Kathleen Upton          Mountaineering
Toby Burgess               Mountaineering
Ben Green                 Mountaineering
Brett Billings            Newsletter
Mike Hocevar              Paddling
Robin Temple Diamond      Paddling
LuAnn Laquerre            Programs      x
Debbie Marcus             Programs      x
Paul Pinkham              Ski
Valerio Viti              Ski          x
Richie Holstein            Trails       x
Bill Foster                Trails
Paul Berry                Website      x
Max McClaskie              Website      x
Jamie Cullinane        20’s & 30’s        x
Kathy Ellis               Communications x
Chris Vaughan              Communications

Guests


7:00 PM Call to order, attendance, introductions and announcements

1. Next meeting date: 3/1/18 Location TBD in Manchester, Food by Mountaineering

2. Approval of December meeting minutes Secretary: Wanda Rice

   All in favor of approving December’s minutes.


4. Programs Committee will take over setting up locations for future Excomm meetings. It has been a task for the Treasurer in the past.

5. Treasurer’s Report Treasurer: Jennifer Rheumé/Bill

   Jennifer has decided to step down from the Treasurer position. Bill Warren has volunteered to help with that post until a new Treasurer can be found. All voted Bill Warren as temporary treasurer. Bill mentioned that it is likely that once a new treasurer is established, the Chapter will change banks so that online banking will be possible. This will simplify the Treasurer’s work.

   There is still $3,000 earmarked for Camp Dodge work if the project goes ahead and $15,000 is earmarked for Cardigan accessible trail project. The Chapter is submitting the form to the Club for $20,000 for leader appreciation/ recognition. After these expenses there will be about $1,500 left over in our reserves. Bill will be submitting the yearly audit which will include committee accounts and equipment inventories.

6. Bob McLaughlin was introduced and will be coming on board as a new Newsletter co-chair. All voted in favor of Bob.
7. 2018 Chapter Budget

As in recent years, budgets submitted by committees were reviewed at an officers meeting in January. The officers made no changes to what committees submitted. Budget was sent out in advance of this Excomm meeting. There was a motion by Bill to adopt the budget which was seconded and followed by a short discussion. All voted in favor of budget as proposed. It was stressed that we would like to see the Committees spend their budgeted funds.

8. Update on New Club Finance Policy

Money in our reserves over a set amount would be sent to a Club account. The purpose of this policy is to limit the amount of money that sits unused in chapter accounts. Major changes have been made to the original proposal as a result of suggestions by the Chapters. This policy also applies to Committees’ accounts (for those who have their own accounts). Committees should work on spending down their balances to drop below the threshold of what they will be allowed to keep on hand. The Finance Policy Process will probably take up to a year to be completely functional. We will be showing funds as a prepaid expenses for some big expenses like PRH (Presidential Range Hike) and Excursions’ Cardigan schools.

What happens to Chapter reserve money that is sent to the Club? Once it has been moved, we must make requests to get it back. This has been happening with invested reserves in the past with reasonably good success. The detailed rules will be evolving as the year goes on. It is unclear at this time when the policy will take effect. Budgeted money can stay in our accounts to some degree. More details will follow as they become available.

9. Web Site Update

Max has been working on a new website. New version will give Committees’ co-chairs and approved people the ability to log in and make changes to their own pages. Will be using WordPress for this version of our website. It will take some time to move content from the old to the new site. Max plans to send out a link to the new site for previewing. We
expect the site to look similar to Maine’s & some of the Club stuff. Larry asked about the web store. Logged in people will be able to edit their stuff on the store. Webmasters are still willing to do stuff for you if you don’t want to do it. Communications is also available to help update content on individual pages. Rick would like to see more leader resources on the website, also a Chapter wide calendar and the new finance policy. The role out timeframe: hoping for spring.

10. Leader appreciation/recognition  Wanda Rice
Wanda reviewed some of the feedback from the Committees regarding who was rewarded last time and what might work this time. Previous and proposed for this time varied slightly. Excursions, Ski and Mountaineering used 6 trips in 2 years, Biking would like to use 3 trips in one year, Paddling used 2 trips in one year. Committees should work together so leaders who work for multiple committees don’t get multiple items. Previous leader appreciation was meant to be a pride item. Beth would like to see unified qualification across committees. Volunteer vs. leader: what should be recognized? Some committees would like to recognize some volunteers who do a lot but are not trip leaders. Some examples were volunteers that help out at Excursions’ Cardigan workshops and Fall Gathering volunteers. Should volunteers vs. leaders get different items? What level of volunteering should be counted to receive an item? Richie & Luann w/ Wanda meet as a subcommittee to work on next step and volunteers vs. leaders’ definition.

11. Membership Committee Members  Jamie Gillon
Looking to make Membership be a true committee vs. just co-chairs. Jamie has a couple other people wanting to join. He would like to have people from various committees so that we can be more in touch with what we have to offer to our members. Feb 21 will be the first meeting. Beth commented that the Committee commitment needs to be defined in order to recruit more people. Jamie will work on getting that out.

12. Setup of Exploratory Committee for Activities setup  Paul Berry
Paul would like to see if there are activities listed as supported by the Club that we don’t currently offer but could. Possibly Communications or Website committees could survey members to see if there are any new activities that our membership would like to see offered.

13. Leadership guideline updates will be ongoing by OLDC    Paul Berry
The Club is looking for some unity in trip descriptions across chapters. Club rules don’t require listing on website, but Committee approval is required.

14. Richie relayed that the NH Sight Evaluation Committee has denied Northern Pass.

Adjourn 8:37