

AMC Worcester Chapter

Draft of Minutes: Executive Committee Meeting: January 26th, 2022

To foster the protection, enjoyment and understanding of the outdoors.

THIS MEETING WAS REMOTE VIA **NEW CHAPTER ZOOM** (SEE BELOW)!

6:30 PM — Meeting called to order & Regular business

In Attendance:

	Michael Morin	Karen Marciniak	WendyDziemian (minutes)
Zenya Molnar	Neil Schutzman	Debi Garlick	Alex Molnar
Jon DiRodi	Christine Crepeault	Ingrid Molnar	Mike Peckar
Erin Doolittle	Paul Glazebrook	Faith Salter (AMC)	Ruth Langh
David Elliot	Joe Massery	Gaurav Dutta	
Mark Ford	Eric Harris	Chris Pignatiello	
	Stephen Crowe	Vanessa Butler	

- Welcome
- Review working agreements (online etiquette)
- Review/Accept minutes of previous EC Meeting - accepted
- Review of Treasurer's Report (November/December)- accepted
 - Families did not spend their budget
 - Paddling owes/overspent
 - Jose will create a tab in the spreadsheet so ECOM has access
- Volunteer of the Month from Christine Pignatello
 - December- Emerson Grant for his impressive trail dedication
 - Honorable mention:
 - Steph Keimig
 - Vanessa Butler
 - Nate (gear shed)
 - Don Davies

January- Christine Crepeault won but defaults to Steph Keimig because Chrisitne is EC

7:00 PM — New business

- Election of Communications Co-Chairs to Executive Committee -Michael

Mark Ford and Nany Cahn

Moved to accept- Dave Elliot

Seconded- Mike Peckar

- Kim Simpson Award

Michael Peckar and Steve Crowe spoke to his tremendous contributions to the New England hiking community, especially conservation

In his memory, especially since he did not want awards or accolades himself, they think a conservation award in his memory/name would be fitting

A committee is in the works in conjunction with the Midstate Committee. The first award may go to Kim's family

Joe asked what they need from ECOM and what the next steps are.

Dave E suggested making the award like the Appy of the Year award and mentioned other people from other committees and organizations that could be included in the Kim Simpson Award committee like a Worcester GMC committee member and ways to publicize

Mike does not disagree but would like the Worcester Chapter to fund the award

Mike M made a motion for us to vote on the award and the sub committee with a \$200 dollar award

Mike P moved Dave E seconded- vote passed

The proposal is a draft- award may take place a trails event at Wachusett

Christine asked if the funds would come from Midstate budget

Mike M suggested it come from the Chair or Annual Meeting budget instead

They decided to use the Chair budget

Moved to accept- Gaurav Dutta

Seconded- Paul Glazebrook

- 2022 Wilderness First Aid and CPR Training from Paul Glazebrook referred us to

Colby Meehan's email from 1/12

Hybrid model for \$65 plus food and lodging

Online training with a one day in person training in a few locations

Boston and Nobleview are the closest, nothing in Central Mass this year

There will be June and July options for the same training as last year in the Berkshires

Paul will contact those folks that are in need of certification or due for recertification

Paul asked us to consider compensating people who choose the hybrid option and have to travel 2 plus hours for the in person component up to \$100 just this year and to revisit this next year

Applies to fully active leaders (ECOM members are considered active leaders) and leaders in training and Midstate Trail leaders, anyone else will be on a case by case basis

Paul Glazebrook made the motion

Mike Peckar seconded

Discussion

Faith asked us to think about how we frame the question and the importance of training leaders who lead

Neil S is concerned about the expense

Paul clarified that the hybrid is less expenses

Zenya asked for more specific info to share with 20s and 30s

Paul will provide and is sharing Colby's email with ECOM

Faith shared that the online portion is extensive and time consuming

Proof of payment and certification completion will be required for the reimbursement

Funding from Paul's budget for AMC and Mike P's budget for Midstate

Mike Morin motioned to amend

Neil Schultzman moved to approve

Mike Peckar seconded

Passed

Return to main motion

No further discussion

Mike moved the vote again

Passed

- TrailsFest 2022 Kickoff

This year- do we want a large event or smaller one like last year due to COVID uncertainties?

Mike M suggested we follow last year's model

Gaurav is up for the challenge and cautious about COVID

The last large in person event was in 2019

Activity chairs were involved in the planning

Zenya will share who was on the last committee with Mike M and Gaurav

Steve suggested a February meeting to plan.

Faith added a past planning folder to sharepoint.

Added to agenda a start of meeting:

- Reserves Project (Christine P)

COVID impacting the grant application process

There are funds available

She shared a list of AMC prospective recipients through email

She'd like the Endowment Committee to review club projects as alternatives

January 31st deadline to apply

As a non profit, the aim is not to sit on money

No formal motion requested at this time. She was looking for feedback before the Endowment Committee meeting

- Head count for Dave for logo swag

Hands were held and Dave wrote them down

- Faith- Update on the Mohawk Hudson Chapter and COVID impact following the death of their chair

They recommended they dissolve their chapter when they could not find another Chair and it was approved by AMC

Qualified leaders who are interested will be encouraged to re affiliate with other chapters

8:15 PM — Old business

- Planning Meeting Recap - Michael was unable to go in to great detail but mentioned that he'll be bringing up this years goals in future meetings

Leadership appreciation committee- should we add a non voting person to ECOM to chair this?

The thought is to revive a former practice of recognizing leaders for their accomplishments.

Zenya, Ingrid and Alex volunteered to be a part of the committee. Alex is willing to chair the committee unless there is someone else interested.

Tabled to the next meeting.

- Action Item Review:

Action Item	Owner	Status
Update logo on website	Mike	Open
Update email lists with the webmaster	Mike	Open
Check on Gaurav's access to sharepoint and re invite in necessary	Faith/Mike /Kim	New
Zenya provide Gaurav a list of the former trailfest planning committee members	Zenya	New
Name tags for leaders	Mike	New
Zoom info for Gaurav	Joe	New
Login Credentials from Hannah for Nancy and Mark	Mike	New

8:20 PM — Kudos/General Announcements

Joe- 4/9 Backpacking Workshop scheduled and reach out if interested in NH 48 4Ks Celebration

Steve- Kudos to Emerson Grant

Dave Elliot- thanks for showing up ECOM members, skiing outing was a success
Debi- winter hiking program continues! Large groups, progressing hikers and great success
Jon- Conservation Committee meeting next Thursday, will update us on the challenge
Mike P- Ed Faron's end of the year report on midstate work

30 active maintainers

165 times event totalling over 359 hours of work

9 new maintainers in 2021

Paul- excellent Monadnock intro hike, look for his wifa email that he shared

Vanessa- thanks for New Years event participation, email her if you need the banners or tablecloths for your next event

Jose- thanks for ontime reimbursement requests

Alex- reminds us about the GWLT challenge

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1G6jCWwxhfgV6ZYuhjCCtrCw9zr6VEk-XS9WfxEhNz8U/>

Ingrid- Thanks New Years event participants for planning and leading

Zenya- thanks to Vanessa and Debi for New Year's event

8:30 PM — Adjourn

EC Calendar 2022

Online calendar:

<https://appalachianmountainclub.sharepoint.com/sites/Volunteers/WorcesterChapter/Lists/Worcester%20Calendar/calendar.aspx>

Date Day Meeting

December 1, 2021 Wednesday EC Meeting

January 9, 2022 EC Planning Meeting

January 22, 2022 AMC Annual Summit, Virtual

January 26, 2022 EC Meeting

February 23, 2022 EC Meeting

March 30, 2022 EC Meeting

April 27, 2022 EC Meeting

May ?, 2022 AMC Chapters Retreat, Virtual May 25, 2022 EC Meeting

June 29, 2022 EC Meeting

Summer Break

September 28, 2022 EC Meeting

October 26, 2022 EC Meeting

November ?, 2022 Annual Meeting

Fall 2022 Worcester Chapter Fall Gathering

AMC Worcester is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Meeting

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