

AMC Worcester Chapter

Executive Committee Meeting: 2/22/2023

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

Auburn Middle School: 9 West Street, Auburn, MA 01501

6:30 PM — Meeting called to order & Regular business - Christine Pignatiello, Chair

- Welcome and Review working agreements (online etiquette)
Request: Email communications subject ECOM. If branching to unrelated subject, request is to start a new email with correct topic in subject line; this will facilitate searches and ensure email doesn't get buried
Hybrid Meeting: Wendy monitor online. Raise hand.
- Review/Accept minutes of previous EC Meeting – Jan 2023 (5 min)
Discussion: none; Minutes accepted
- Review of Treasurer's report – *Provided in Advance, Review Deferred*
- Volunteer of the Month – *FEB 2023* – Chris P (5 min)
 - Nominated (4)
 - Pat Lambert by Joe Massery - leading Movin & Grovin Hike Series – creative and fun hikes; great for introducing new hikers to AMC
 - Barbara Dyer by Joe Massery - leading Movin & Grovin Hike Series – creative and fun hikes; great for introducing new hikers to AMC
 - Mike Morin by Alex Molnar for 20s/30s Feb social event
 - Joe Massery by Barbara Dyer for being a great leader and person. Does so much for the chapter, from weekly hikes to the mountain tops.
 - Winner. Mike Morin by random draw

6:40 PM — Old business

- Annual Mtg Planning Update – Kathryn Acciari (10 min)
 - Reviewed budget w/ Chris C and Jose
 - Chris P and Joe input potential venues. Reached out to 5
 - Manor, Cyprian Keys, Eastern shores, Apex. (Black light Mini golf). Masonic Temple
 - Will schedule separate decision-making meeting. If interested in decision show of hands: Chris P. Joe, Kathryn
- Climbing Gear / Gear Shed Updates – Chris P (5 min)
 - Sent email lists items should be purchasing for safety/effectiveness.
 - Chris stated proper process is to present to finance first then ECOM for vote; Shared with finance
 - Will schedule next month for review
 - March 10 Educators Outdoor to review revise use gear shed. Ingrid to provide updates next month or month after
- Planning Meeting Follow Up Items
 - (Leadership Recognition – Table till March):

- Conservation Committee Update – Eric Harris (10 min)
 - Carbon Footprint Challenge
 - Results: Feb. 7 responses: winners lowest Kathryn 32; Improve on travel; Lower foot allow time to walk to local shops ; reduce pack
 - Christine P. 41 Improve home category; Lower practicing eco driving to reduce waste
 - Cheri M. 53. Improve home category
 - Patches will be distributed
 - Will continue all year.
 - Subcommittee Recruitment Status (Eric and Meighan)
 - No responses. Zenya stated some interest from 20s30s group
 - Meighan next blast will be highlight this.
 - Nice writeup.
 - Other ideas: social media, FB group monthly. (Eric will post)
 - Debi. Hike leaders April 2 explain to hike leaders. Eric will attend
 - LNT Training
 - Looking to have opportunity to get folks certified. In person Class will be posted soon. Anyone welcome.
 - Maine 5 day backpacking class. Master Educator level
 - Steve Ciras: Possibly hold a less intense class. Several different formats.
 - Just learn there are Awareness classes which can do in half hour.
 - How do we train to do those classes. (i.e. Train the Trainer) Weekend Training required
 - Cost TBD. Is a LNT Covid training recorded done during Covid. Look through video studio on Chapter Webpage. Check if it is any good.
 - Steve certified to teach LNT Awareness trainer
 - Will give LNT in Leadership training in May.
 - Charlie Arsenault, Pat Lambert and Steve are all trained to provide awareness training.
 - Is course offered? AMC is LNT partner. Check with Conservation committee Club, Heather Clish, Lisa Schott (training coordinator). Alex Delucia and/or people on his team who teach course, Someone in City Square
 - Eric to reach out to Lisa Schott to see if training course is being offered. We have people in our chapter (Steve).
 - Eric maybe we can do both a 1-day thing. Or weekend to get folks certified to train. A Gear shed hike out with example subject might be to compost poop
 - Kim put training online for covid. Will provide link
 - Cool to get more people to train people to train.
 - Eric ask is there a need to have a train the trainer.
 - Include LNT in Trail head talks.
- Communication Update - Alex Molnar (5 min)
 - Vanessa and Alex working on ECOM Survey to determine future of meeting hybrid/ remote/ in person/ dinner. If anyone interested speak up.
 - Meighan question: would you like a link to other communication outlets. Maybe a standard footer/table for this blast.
 - Add Agenda item to develop standard footer.
 - Wendy send links leadership, BP workshop in blast.
 - QR Code. FB page, links. Push forward

- QR Code – Carol Warren (10 min)
 - What is QR Code
 - How to use
 - Potential examples
 - How to create: Bug: Canva.
 - Concern with data mining ... Generator that we approve. David Elliott



7:20 PM — New business

- Steve Ciras - Update & History of Worcester Chapter's Involvement with the Maine Woods (15 min)
 - Intro: Steve past chair, Recipient AMC distinguished service, WFA, APPY, Trail adopter, LNT awareness instructor
 - Presented Support of Maine Woods initiative PowerPoint
 - WC Lodge purchased 1940 burned down 1993 by arsonist. Took 10 years
 - Created Endowment fund buying climbing LNT training. Food, 1000 inner city kids, veterans disabled outside fly fishing; Gear Shed some;
 - Newsletter Wachusett Views cover photo came from that front porch
 - Funded several things in Maine Woods
 - Greenville Maine 100 miles wilderness
 - Piece of property 37000 2003
 - 2009 Roach Pod property
 - Baker mountain
 - Silver lake
 - Pleasant Mountain
 - Protected 100,000+ acres of land in Maine. Other conservation groups protecting that corridor
 - 2007 this chapter donated \$10000 to build Phoenix Shelter and Privy. Most done in first year.
 - Going yearly doing more work. For AMC, boundary marking foundation, coolers show good times.
 - 2011. asked to adopt Henderson Brook Trail Gorman to AT. Mud, ladders, AMC providing us education on trail work, how to use axes. Cost chapter nothing.
 - 2021. helped Andrew Norkin shelter. \$15000, In charge of All Trails for many years. Gave this chapter a chainsaw class. To build, Mini version of Phoenix shelter.
 - Lot of fun.
 - Why is Worcester committed to Maine? It is our responsibility - AMC is a conservation organization. Oldest in US. Actually, a conservation group with a hiking, skiing, biking problem. Our obligation.
 - Mission / Vision: Preserve: Gorman Chairback helped develop. Yurt in front. Octagon shaped because it was built by a soldier who lost a limb in Civil War and couldn't carry longer logs
 - Fisheries
 - 90% eastern brook trout are in this region
 - 2016: 14000 develop fisheries
 - Map. Maine has pristine skies (AMC property). Not White light polluted. International Dark sky park. Phenomenal # stars you can see. Northern Lights
 - 2023: US dept Transportation Highway giving \$\$ to protect trails.
 - \$8K. to Henderson brook trail: retaining walls, ladders, steps, bog bridges, done by AMC professional trail crew.

- Upcoming:
 - June 9-12: Trip to Phoenix. Regular trip to Maine. Maintenance, stage materials. If EC wants to go. Let Steve know ASAP
 - July, Aug: 20s/30s Little Lyford. Worcester, Maine, NH, Boston. Purpose: Help Henderson Brook
 - July, Aug: Non 20s/30s. Phoenix. Help Henderson Brook
 - Are trips posted. One Is posted as BP trip after talking to City Square.

- Outdoors Connector Update – Meighan Matthews (10 min)
 - Demos shared Jan 18 Summit Feb 4; Newsletter Feb 16
 - Activity posting process for leaders
 - Participant views; Activity search process; Links available
 - Survey form for questions/comments on leader levels.
 - Producing FAQ page using questions comments
 - Volunteer SharePoint site. FAQ. Updates every 2 weeks
 - Launch Q3. 2023. Later by a bit. On track.
 - Ask from Chapters. Need a few volunteers. Identify a point person with few individuals to manage leader level transition process.
 - Leader Levels: Current leaders can lead same types of trips they always have.
 - Maine chapter started transitioning. 4 steps in process. Maine in final steps of Step 4; Debrief them and then share
 - Southeastern Chapter next up
 - Worcester considering work next month Wester, Narragansett, Southeast.
 - Staff supported process. As involved or not.
 - OLDC. Feedback registration questions for Outdoors Connectors in Registration Bank. Leaders can choose from. Looking for representative to assist with coming up with those questions.
 - Need Website person to help with link to website.
 - Timeline Representatives from all chapters to participate in user acceptance testing.
 - All leaders will have access to professionally created and presented training
 - Staff is participating by transferring ActDB to OC
 - Creating a trip Library encompassing 2019-2022 organizing by state and activity to easily reference (details only – no leader info). Not transferring anything else from other years.
 - Should consider 2023 trips as well (ski not ramped in 2022)

- LOGO issue – Chris P (5 min)
 - Volunteer relations Feb 8 Corporate Need to support a complete move away from old AMC LOGO.
 - No \$\$ spent on new things with old logo.

7:50PM – Kudos / General Announcements


- Around the table
 - Steve: Free give aways Books to Zenya. Carol
 - Steve: Emerson Grant helping out GWLT
 - Eric: Feb Carbon Footprint thanks
 - Kathryn: Snickerdoodles Thanks Chris
 - Carol: Thank Steve for Presentation
 - Alex: Thank Steve presentation. 2022 Fish passage process
 - Zenya: first 20s30s meeting 6 new people including Eric leadership bp advertising
 - Walt: thanks to ECOM for great work
 - Chris: thanks QR Code, communication forward
 - Joe: Thanks Chris, Wendy. Efficient meeting. Annual Gorman Chairback recreation trip. Aug 4
 - Kim: BP April 1; April 15 gear shakedown. Primary focus; Noodling Trails Fest. Similar to last year. Focus on running trips week before; barbecue Saturday culmination. If ideas on running trips for Trails Fest Feel free to get the out. Trails Fest: and trip name. Wendy food; Carol Paypal button
 - Debi: Leaders meeting Sunday April 2.
 - Ruth: shoutout to Alex Zenya for Waterville xc ski day. 2 new ski leaders Eric Fung, Rob Gonzales. 2 ski events in 4 day time frame
 - Bug: TY for great timekeeping on meeting
 - Meghan: Thanks Steve for presentation, Kudos to Kim on Trails Fest, Announcements: developing partnership template chapter and outside org. Can share a draft template. Point to Volunteer News; Orientation new existing committee communications; SharePoint; March Facilitator training
 - David Elliot: request for Meghan, forward volunteer newsletter to ECOM
 - Vanessa: Thank Carol for stepping up
 - Wendy: Thank Bug for interest in becoming a chapter hike leader
 - Chris: thanks Steve for presentation.

8:00PM – Adjourn

Action Item Review

Action Item	Owner	Status
Submit notification of proposal for Endowment Committee name change in By-Laws prior to next Annual Meeting (see Nov 2022 ECOM mtg minutes)	Christine P.	OPEN
Migrate outdated SharePoint documents into archive folder	Chairs	OPEN

AMC WORCESTER CHAPTER Executive Committee Calendar: 2022- 2023

Date	Day	Meeting
11/30/22	Wednesday	EC Meeting
1/21/23 9A – 1P	Saturday	EC Planning Meeting
1/25/23	Wednesday	EC Meeting
2/4/23	Saturday	AMC Annual Summit, Norwood
2/22/23	Wednesday	EC Meeting
3/29/23	Wednesday	EC Meeting
4/26/23	Wednesday	EC Meeting
???	Friday - Sunday	AMC Chapters Retreat – Harriman Outdoor Center
5/31/23	Wednesday	EC Meeting
6/28/23	Wednesday	EC Meeting
Summer Break		
9/27/23	Wednesday	EC Meeting
9/30/23	Saturday	Fall Fest
10/25/23	Wednesday	EC Meeting
11/11/23 5p-10p	Saturday	Annual Meeting & Social
11/29/23	Wednesday	EC Meeting

AMC WORCESTER CHAPTER
Attendance List: 02/22/23

Position	Name	Attended in person	Attended virtually	Absent
Chair	Chris Pignatiello	√		
Vice Chair	open			N/A
Past Chair	Kim Beauchemin	√		
Secretary	Carol Warren	√		
Treasurer	Jose Schroen			X
Social Media (at large)	Karyn Marciniac			X
Biking Chair	Eric Fung			X
Communications Co Chair	Nancy Gahn			X
Communications Co Chair	open			N/A
Conservation Chair	Eric Harris	√		
Families Chair	Cheri Mitchell			X
Finance Chair	Christine Crepeault	√		
Hiking Chair	Debi Garlick		√	
Historian	Dave Laska			X
Leadership Chair	Wendy Dziemian	√		
Membership Chair	Kathryn Acciari	√		
Midstate Trail	Mike Peckar			X
Paddling Chair	David Elliott	√		
Skiing Chair	Ruth Langh		√	
Social Chair	Vanessa Butler		√	
Climbing Chair	David Brainard			X
Third Wednesdays	Erin Dolittle			X
Trails Chair	Steve Crowe	√		
DEI Chair	Ladda "Bug" Kosaketh		√	
20s and 30s Chair	Zenya Molnar	√		
Outreach Chair	Alex Molnar	√		
Programs Chair	open			N/A
Chapter Members/Guests				
	Joe Massery	√		
AMC	Meighan Matthews		√	
	Walt Lazarz	√		
	Steve Ciras	√		

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