

Worcester Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

June 28, 2017

Boylston Historical Society, 7 Central St. Boylston, MA

Attendees: Dave Cole, Joe Massery, Kim Simpson, Bruce Wester, Charlie Arsenault, Pat Lambert, Jose Schroen, Steve Ciras, Mike Foley, Michele Simoneau, John Grote, Deb Herlihy, Gina Shea, David Elliott, Fred Mezynski, Kim Beauchemin, Karen Maki, Ingrid Molnar, Alex Molnar, Steph Murphy, Jonathan DiRodi, and guest Tim Loftus.

BBQ 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Official meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Dave Cole presiding.

6:45 PM – Normal Business

- Secretaries Report May Meeting

Approved.

- Treasurers Report April, May (Jose)

The Maine House trip advance amount was reinstated to the April report in the amount of \$1815.

May Report was approved.

- Endowment Proposals review and Approval.

No proposals submitted for this meeting.

- Volunteer of the Month (Joe)

Steph Murphy, nominated by Charlie Arsenault, for contributions as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Janice Melchoire, nominated by Charlie Arsenault, for contributions as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Jeffrey Mayes, nominated by Karen Maki, for representing AMC at the Knox Trail Boy Scout Event in Southborough.

Bob Gilcrest, nominated by Steve Ciras, for an awesome job of trail maintenance at the Phoenix Shelter and Henderson Brook Trail.

Walt Lazarz, nominated by Steve Ciras, for an awesome job of trail maintenance at the Phoenix Shelter and Henderson Brook Trail. (Not eligible to win.)

Peter Roderick, nominated by Steve Ciras, for an awesome job of trail maintenance at the Phoenix Shelter and Henderson Brook Trail.

Jose Schroen, nominated by Charlie Arsenault, for chairing the Nominating Committee while Charlie is on the AT. (Not eligible to win.)

Andy Wojcikowski, nominated by Charlie Arsenault, for contributions as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Dave Brainard, nominated by John Grote, for helping out with the rock climbing trip to Crow Hill on Sunday, June 11th.

Jeffrey Daub, nominated by John Grote, for helping out with the rock climbing trip to Crow Hill on Sunday, June 11th.

Gerard Fowley, nominated by John Grote, for helping out with the rock climbing trip to Crow Hill on Sunday, June 11th.

Kevin Danis, nominated by John Grote, for helping out with the rock climbing trip to Crow Hill on Sunday, June 11th.

Steph Murphy, nominated by John Grote, for helping out with the rock climbing trip to Crow Hill on Sunday, June 11th.

Laurie Faille, nominated by John Grote, for helping out with the rock climbing trip to Crow Hill on Sunday, June 11th.

JUNE WINNER: Jeffrey Mayes.

7:00 PM – New Business

- 100th Anniversary: two Anniversary Event challenge (Steve Ciras)

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary, we were encouraged to come up with two club events to be held in 2018. The following are the suggestions.

Date	Trip Leader	Event
6/21/2018	Pat Lambert	Summer Solstice
7/8/2018	Gina Shea/Chris Fogarty	Olive Tolman Memorial Hike (The Moats)
September	Bruce W	Ashlet River covered bridge ride
June	Bruce W.	A Century Bike Ride
TBD	Joe Massery (TBD)	Commemorative Trip/Bunk House
TBD	Steph Murphy (TBD)	Gourmet Backpack
Mar-18	Charlie Arsenault	Shapleigh Bunk House Ski Trip (annual)
1/1/2018	Mike Foley	NY's Day Hike - 100 Proof
18-Jul	Alex/Steph	Hike on the Cape - oysters
Mar-18	Ingrid	Maple Sugar Activity/How it works?

Mar-18	Ingrid	Pancake Breakfast
TBD	Karen	Look into how we get members - tabling events
Mar-18	David Elliott/David Miller	7-mile River Paddle
6/4-6/5	Renee Pittelli	Muddy state back pack
20-Jun	Renee Pittelli	
TBD	Kim Marie	Thanksgiving w/e hike
TBD	Bill Z/Sharon W	Madison Hut
TBD	Steph K	Cardigan High Cabin w/e
Several	Janice M	MST (various) 1/12, 2/9, 3/9
TBD	Debi Garlick	Winter hike TBD
TBD	John Grote	Whitney/Gilman Climb -
TBD	John Grote	Crow Hill
TBD	Kimball Simpson	MST - Lucier Property (orate on contributions, information)
18-May	Dave Cole	NV Families w/e
Jul-18	Dave Cole	Sea kayak - New Castle Island
TBD	Jon DiRodi	Watatic
9/8 or 9/9	Steve Ciras	Flags on the 48th
TBD	Bob G	Easter Sat - Monadnock
TBD	Bob G	4th of July BP
TBD	Bob G	Labor Day BP
TBD	Bob G	Moosilauke

- Annual Meeting: Pricing discussion, business meeting potentially early, timing for save the date notice and where to publish (Karen, Dave & Group):

Karen recommended that we keep the ticket price the same as last year's price since the overall projected costs aren't expected the change for this year (\$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers, with past chairs, ExCom, and guest speakers free.)

There was some discussion about having the Business Meeting as part of the Annual Meeting. Decision made to keep this 15-minute meeting as part of the Annual Meeting as we have historically done.

The notice of the incoming ExCom must be publicly posted at least 60 days before the Annual Meeting. (by September 11th). We can post electronically, which includes posting on the Worcester AMC Facebook page.

Annual Meeting mailing to be printed in mid-September and will be mailed the 3rd week in September

- Update from the Chapters Committee (Joe & Dave):

The nonmember waiver was eliminated. AMC's recommendation of a new business card has been posted in Summit for our use. However, we can still use our own designed cards.

The 2017 Conservation Chair to work with Dave Cole to implement the local chapter conservation message.

- Chapter Assets log review timeline (Dave):

Waiting on updates from Steve Crowe (Trails).

David Elliott (Paddling) said he got rid of two of the old kayaks and will forward Jose the proper paperwork on these. David also said that Lenny has one of the old kayaks and will transfer it (with the proper paperwork) to Lenny.

- Promotional Table invite for July 15 @ Cabela's & update at recent events (Dave, Karen):

Karen reported that there is no information yet on the hours for this event or for the need for help.

- Pool social July 30 (Dave):

At Dave's house on Sunday, July 30th.

- email blast schedule review (group):

Alex reported that this is all up-to-date and that someone is scheduled for the next several months to contribute a piece on their activity. For the newsletter – it needs formatting then it will be ready for sending out.

- Instagram set up & what do we want to call our site: i.e., amcwor? worAMC or...Trish Reske at newspeed.com offer (Dave):

Dave Cole relayed Trish Reske's offer to help set up an Instagram account. There was some discussion as to who will administer the account, who will have passwords to post into account, etc. Ongoing. Steph Murphy recommended that we do not abbreviate "Worcester" and suggested that the Instagram account have the name AMCWorcester. The old fogeys in the group, who have no idea what all this means, happily agreed to whatever was recommended by the younger generation present.

Old Business:

- Asset Inventory: See notes above under "Chapter Assets log review timeline."
- Membership Marketing Card:

Karen confirmed with Jose on how the postage is paid and reimbursed from the Membership Budget. Karen received the final ok to order a supply and start sending them to new members.

Round table (all):

Charlie Arsenault: Expressed thanks for the comments and encouragement on Facebook while he hiked the AT. Will be back on the trail soon to hike the northern section. Later this year he plans on finishing the mid-Atlantic section.

Pat Lambert: The “Dublin Trail Trio” (Claudine, Dale, and Pat), participated in a triathlon this past weekend and came in first.

Ingrid Molnar: Planned Barton and Cove camping and paddling Family weekend of July 15th. Wants to limit participants to 30.

Michele Simoneau: Michele is transcribing Harriot Roe’s journal (1926-1928). Also, free life membership in AMC is given if the following conditions are met: twenty-five consecutive years as an AMC member and be at least 70-years-old. Michele will check Worcester Chapter records for surviving life members. There will be no after-life members.

Fred Mezynski: The July 3rd Wednesday event will be at a cookout at Broad Meadows.

Alex Molnar: The newsletter is in the final stages and will be put out soon.

Steve Ciras: AMC Worcester “adopted” the Phoenix Shelter and Henderson Brook Trail ten-years ago. The Henderson Brook Trail needs major work. Steve may request money from the endowment funds in this coming year for trail work.

Steph Murphy: There have been many YMs engaged at socials, some of them returning for activities multiple times. There are also inter-chapter activities going on (hikes, etc.). Their Facebook members total about 150. All signs of a growing and successful program.

Mike Foley: He scheduled National Trails Day/Adopt-a-Trail Program and no one showed up. However, there were many other AMC activities scheduled that day. Mike will work on organizing another Adopt-a-Trail activity.

· Next Meeting:

September 27, 2017

· Food for Next Meeting:

Deb Herlihy

8:30 p.m. – Meeting adjourned