

AMC Worcester Chapter
Executive Committee Meeting - Minutes: May 29, 2019

Boylston Historical Society: 7 Central Street, Boylston, Mass.

Attending:

Joe Massery	Kim Beauchemin	Shalin Desai	Janice Melchiore
Zenya Molnar	Bill Zahavi	Ingrid Molnar	Debi Garlick
Paul Glazebrook	Jean Langley	Kim Simpson	Dave Cole
Don Hoffses	Claudine Mapa	Lisa Buckley	John Grote
Stephen Crowe	Mike Morin	Michele Simoneau	(minutes)

Guest: Charlie Arsenault – AMC Regional and Peter Hinrichs

[6:30 PM]

Meeting was called to order

Joe Massery presiding. Joe mentioned that next month's meeting will be the barbeque. We have a guest tonight, Peter Hinrichs. Sue is not here so Michele will be taking the minutes notes.

REGULAR BUSINESS

[6:32PM]

April Meeting Minutes

Sue was not in attendance, so Minutes of April EC meeting will be reviewed in June.

[6:33 PM]

April Treasurer's Report (Jose)

- Jose was not in attendance, so Joe presented the Treasurer's Report. Neil had comments which were worked out with Jose prior to meeting.

April Treasury Report ACCEPTED with above changes.

[6:34 PM]

Volunteer of the Month (Kim B)

Comment by Jean L. Does membership understand how VOM is picked? People don't know they are nominated unless they win.

May Nominations (13):

- DENIS LAFORCE nominated by Janice Melchiore
Enthusiastically planned and coordinated the 8th Annual Bike Touring Workshop
- KATHRYN CONVERSE nominated by Janice Melchiore
She was responsible for registering folks for the Touring Workshop, collecting the workshop fees from participants and handling all communications / questions. She was also a presenter.
- MICHAEL HAUCK nominated by Janice Melchiore
He did a great job presenting content at the workshop and demonstrated their touring bikes to workshop participants.
- BRUCE WESTER nominated by Janice Melchiore
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- KAREN MACKIN nominated by Janice Melchiore
She did a great job presenting content at the workshop and demonstrated their touring bikes to workshop participants.
- PETER EGGLESTON nominated by Zenya Molnar
For organizing and executing his second co-lead to become a local hike leader. The hike was a great success, and the Chapter needs good leaders like Peter to keep up the momentum of the hiking program, especially for 20s & 30s.
- MIKE HAUCK nominated by Denny LaForce
It was only 2 years ago he joined us at a cycle touring workshop followed a few weeks later on his first tour to Otter River. Since then he has become a cycle leader and has been leading rides both short and long. Last year he took the plunge as the leader of a 6-day cycle tour to Cooperstown NY and this year is leading a 5 day tour in Western Ct, Ma, Vt, returning through Eastern NY. Mike does not just pick a pleasant route with a few campgrounds along the way. His tours are well researched and note all the alternate places to camp, grocery stores, convenience stores, and places to restock along the way. He enters all that information as a Worcester Chapter's Ride w/ GPS route, so everyone has more than enough information on what is along the route, and where to find it. He always displays sound judgment, even disposition, and is thoughtful of the needs and abilities of everyone on the ride/tour.
- SEAN COTTER nominated by Joe Massery
For being a leader for this year's BP Gear Shakedown
- CHRIS FOGARTY nominated by Joe Massery
For being a leader for this year's BP Gear Shakedown

- ED FARON nominated by Shalin Desai
Big props to Ed for connecting us to a dozen or so organizations and acting as an ambassador for TrailsFest. With his help, we were able to recruit 10 different organizations to show up for TrailsFest as tabling partners.
- COLIN NOVICK nominated by Shalin Desai
Big thanks to Colin for letting us use the Greater Worcester Land Trust space for TrailsFest planning meetings and for connecting us to several land trusts, providing sage advice on marketing and advertising TrailsFest, and for doing a radio show on behalf of TrailsFest.
- GEOFF CALDWELL nominated by Shalin Desai
Geoff, on his own, jumped onto the Trail Maintainers podcast and did a huge podcast promo for TrailsFest. He did a wonderful job explaining what we were trying to accomplish with this event and welcoming any and all to TrailsFest.
- WILL HOLDEN nominated by Shalin Desai
In addition to joining the TrailsFest planning team, Will also managed to get the New England Scenic Trail to join us at TrailsFest and also helped with the signage and marketing for TrailsFest.

May VOM winner: BEN COON

Nominated by Christina Ferretti for making the YM Planning Weekend such a success!

May VOM ACCEPTED

[6:40 PM] NEW BUSINESS

Report on Chapters Retreat (Joe, Kim)

AMC 150 mission – set of goals and mission restatement for 150-year anniversary. New mission statement and Vision statement.

Who has the authority to sign contracts? All contracts require a signature from Boston. Chapters cannot sign contracts.

Interchapter event on July 8 near Harriman Outdoor Center.

Fall Gathering 2020 – Delaware Valley Chapter.

[6:50 PM] OLD BUSINESS

TrailsFest Status (Shalin)

Tents will be set up in a different spot than first intended. Food trucks will be set up further up the mountain. John Judge is coming. Partners have reconfirmed. Activities have a few signups. AMC Worcester Chapter tablecloth is missing. 41 volunteers and 35 trail maintainers will be at TrailsFest.

[6:58 PM]

Annual Meeting Status (Jean)

Jean is working on financials. Fees are 28% per head. Speaker sent a long biography; Jean is editing to shorten. Will need projector, bring our own to save money. Task list will be done in September.

[7:02 PM]

Volunteer for Planning Meeting Team Read-out at Next EC Mtg (Joe)

Steve Crowe – Partnerships/Conservation

[7:05 PM]

Last Word on Dog Policy (Paul)

Policy has been distributed to EC by Paul. If a dog is a pet, the leader can exclude. If a dog is a service dog, the leader can NOT exclude. Paul will post policy on website, distribute to leaders.

[7:08 PM]

Finance Committee Status – Meet before next EC (Joe)

Joe will call meeting before next EC meeting for mid cycle review. Joe read off list of committee members.

[7:11 PM]

Nominating Committee (Dave)

Search committee will meet in June.

[7:12 PM] Action Items (Joe)

- 2019 Nominating Committee: Plan, schedule, members. [Dave C] Planned for June. OPEN
- Reconvene Chapter Finance Committee in April for mid-year budget/expense review [Joe] OPEN
- Determine if additional Leader Training or WFA sessions are needed; budget requirements. [Paul, Shalin] DONE
 - In years past, 2nd session for WFA had low turnout. For LT, there are offerings by other chapters that would be more cost-effective for us.
- Propose or clarify Chapter's requirements for leaders taking WFA; propose reimbursement policy. [Paul, Jose] OPEN
- Post dog policy and scenarios on Chapter website. DONE

WFA Training

(Shalin) We don't want to host second session as it's not well attended.

(Paul) 22 leaders need recertification this year. Chapters set up their own requirements and policies for WFA. Reimbursement policy worked out with Jose.

[7:22 PM]

Round table (All)

- Kim B – Should EC members get recognized for what they do? Could incorporate into the Round Table, give kudos to people who do things. Kim thanked Shalin for all his work on TrailsFest.
- Michele – Thanked Shalin for all his work on TrailsFest.
- John G – Interchapter climbing committee has been formed. John is a member representing our Chapter. There will be a group climbing at Redemption Rock Crag on TrailsFest.
- Don H – Thanked Steve and Shalin for work on TrailsFest.
- Lisa – 1000 people are on the Facebook page. Will post reminders for TrailsFest.
- Shalin – thanked everyone on TrailsFest Committee.
- Mike – Quarterly clubwide 20's and 30's social event tomorrow.
- Kim S – Mid-State Trail. Had a meeting with Ware River Watershed planning group. Marathon Trail Race is on again Columbus Day Weekend. The new guidebook is out and will be sold at TrailsFest. Thanked Steve Crowe and his volunteers.
- Bill Z – YOP Endowment request will be voted on each year even though it's approved for three years. The proposal for JUMP gets paid to YOP in addition to regular YOP endowment. Weekly Tuesday paddling begins next week.

- Janice – Bike season is in full swing. Bike touring event had 16 participants. Leadership requirement guidelines, where is it at? Paul – some pushback from Boston. Charlie – Chapter has ownership of chapter policies. Can build upon club level policies. Steve – ITC only meets once a year, did not approve policy.
- Claudine – Thanked Shalin for work on TrailsFest.
- Zenya – People should take photos at TrailsFest to be put in newsletter. Shalin – there are 6 photographers.
- Charlie – Thanked Kim and Joe for representing the chapter at Chapters Committee meeting.
- Paul G – Minors on trips have to have a parent or guardian sign waiver. If overnight trip, parent or guardian has to attend. Thanked Shalin for work on TrailsFest.
- Steve C – Thanked Kim S for work on Mountain House Trail. Emerson Grant and John Grote are adopters for Mountain House Trail.
- Dave – Shout-out to Kim Simpson and Marie Auger for work on Mid-State Trail Guidebook. Berkshire Chapter had a paddle event at Tully Lake. Worcester Chapter families were there.
- Joe – Thanked Michele for taking notes for the minutes. Thanked EC for the shortest meeting in history.

[8:00 PM]

Meeting Adjourned