

AMC Worcester Chapter

Final Minutes: Executive Committee Meeting June 29, 2022

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

This meeting was hybrid – both in person and via Zoom

6:30pm – Meeting called to order and Regular Business

In Attendance:

Michael Morin	Wendy Dziemian	Kim Beauchemin	Chris Pignatiello
Joe Massery	Debi Garlick	Mike Peckar	
Fred Mezynski	Christine Crepeault	Ingrid Molnar	Ruth Langh
Erin Doolittle	David Elliot	Meighan Matthews (AMC)	Charlie Arsenault (AMC)
Vanessa Butler	Neil Schutzman	Stephen Crowe	Ginny Bixler (minutes)
Eric Fung-invited guest	Karyn Marciniac	Eric Harris	Alex Molnar
Zenya Molnar	Gaurav Dutta	Dave Laska	Faith Salter (AMC)
Nate Schumacher (AMC)			

- **Welcome and Introduction**
- **Review working agreements** (online etiquette)
- **Review/accept minutes of May EC meeting** – 3 corrections- 2 on attendance - Dave Elliot was listed as attending & Neil Schutzman was not and added that Eric Fung was an invited guest; Under Leadership and Wilderness First Aid - correction to WFA - Accepted
- **Review of Treasurer’s Report** –Jose Schroen not in attendance
- **Volunteer of the Month** –Joe Massery nominated twice – by Ingrid and Zenya Molnar for Phoenix Shelter trip. Joe organized, planned, and executed the entire trip; he provided good food, camp skills and good humor

Also nominated: Steve Cirus –nominated twice by Ingrid and Zenya for Phoenix Shelter trip and for his commitment to trail maintenance

Walt Lazarz - nominated by Jose Schroen for carrying backpack on a recent trip

Debi Garlick – nominated by Jose Schroen for carrying extra water on a recent trip

6:45pm – NEW BUSINESS

- **Gear Shed Committee Proposal**–People would like a volunteer committee to monitor the Gear Shed and collaborate with Educators Outdoors. Other Chapters are interested in replicating Worcester Gear Shed as a model. Ingrid Molnar volunteered to be Coordinator. It was decided a Task Force should be formed that will need to define roles and seek volunteers.
- **Worcester Chapter won 2020 Social Media Challenge for Virtual Presence** and received delicious gourmet cupcakes.

- **Update website and forms** -When checking website, Wendy found committee members not listed and some forms outdated. Links maybe incorrect. Secretary needs to send Meeting Minutes to Darryl Gagne to be posted. Nancy should send Wachusett Views to Darryl to post. Both Minutes and Wachusett Views should be put in SharePoint. Mike to create a Google Doc (password protected) to track issues. Dave to review Leader Training Evaluation with Wendy.
- **Leadership First Aid** - Two Wilderness First Aid Courses scheduled –July 16th and 17th and October 1st and 2nd. July’s course is full and October’s course has 10 participants.

Collin is preparing for a September hybrid course (1 day of reading on own; 1 day in person practice).

Discussion held about how to deal when leaders’ First Aid has lapsed, what to require for renewal, and what courses should be accepted for Wilderness First Aid certification.

Faith - Questions can be directed to leadership at amc.org.

Voted to remove restrictions on Wilderness First Aid courses, including hybrid course. We will accept any course that provides an official WFA certification. Unanimously accepted

- **7:07 pm- GEAR SHED Update** - Nate Schumacher (AMC staff) presented slides showing Gear Shed use and giving an update on how Worcester Chapter Grant money was spent. Money from Greater Worcester Land Trust and Worcester AMC Chapter helped build Gear Shed last year. Money was also used to train leaders from Educators Outdoors, a group that targets people of low income, minority, people of color and people who have a historical lack of access to the outdoors. Training has also been provided to new leaders of Dynamy, Upward Bound, Girls, Inc Worcester, and Abby Kelley Foster School, JUMP and the Leominster and Fitchburg Boys and Girls Clubs. Gear from the shed has been used by groups for hiking and we are now looking to expand to groups in Worcester and local area to include Fitchburg and Leominster. Leaders were encouraged to think about what additional gear might be needed/wanted for the Gear Shed.
- **7:30 pm Budget and Grant Application Process** – Christine Crepeault reviewed budget and applications process for October. She sent out email with timeline but the format remains the same as pass two years. She and Jose will get out updated information for people to start the process in August. She recommended people who have ideas for new programs or who want to fund something differently to start the process early. She recommends sharing information if a new person is taking over your position. Next Grant Applications are due July 31st. Grants are due twice a year (January 31st and July 31st).
- **Leader Appreciation** - Zenya Molnar opened the discussion for a Leader Appreciation by the end of the year. Faith Salter stated the AMC Volunteer Store is up and being tested. Items are available that are

Chapter specific. Chapter can give a coupon code for volunteers to redeem for merchandise. Also discussed having a get together and awards. In past years, a Master Leader award was presented. Could present a Leader Board showing number of trips. Possible date for get together could be late summer or early fall.

Budget for leader appreciation could be consolidated into Leadership budget for the coming year. Faith stated Worcester Chapter Executive Committee has the ability to change budget and allocate money for things determined to be important to the Chapter. Zenya to send an email asking for ideas and cost and then to follow up with a meeting.

- **Fall Fest** – Mike sent PDF regarding volunteering at events at the Highland Center, Noble View, and Mohegan. Nonmembers who present at an event can get a free membership.
- **Nomination Committee**- Chapter has a well-established process. Three open positions – Biking Chair, Family Chair and Membership Chair.
- **Meetup follow up** – currently disabled. Karen attempted to pay for account. She received notification that payment was received but when trying to finish set up, she was asked for additional money.
- Action Item Review

Action Item	Owner	Status
Submit proposal for Endowment Committee name change in By-Laws		OPEN
Migrate outdated SharePoint documents into archive folder	ALL	OPEN
Investigate restarting in-person ECOM meetings	Joe/Neil/Mike P	CLOSED
Status update on MST/Endowment bank access	Mike	
Speaker series collaboration with THRG Asked to wait for new coordinator	Erin	OPEN
Check with Auburn Middle School about availability and cost for a 6/29 ECOM meeting	Wendy	OPEN
Worcester Archives transfer	Dave	OPEN

7:50 – Kudos/General Announcements

- Ginny – Kudos for Phoenix Shelter trip and trail work
- Charlie- Kate Collins AMC Staff members working on software change
- Christine- Wendy for coordinating in-person hybrid meeting
- Christine C–Joe for providing food
- Kim – Joe and Wendy
- Ingrid – nice to be back in person; Welcomed Meighan
- Eric – to all Chairs for being present and for the work they do for the organization
- Nate – for the invitation and the funding
- Meighan- to Ingrid and Christine for a great hike
- Erin – reminder that July 20th is Third Wednesday Potluck at Broad Meadow Brook (5:00 - 8:00)

- Faith - Dave Elliott for sharing Water Chestnut Pull notice
- Alex – AMC sponsoring Primary Source trips to remote areas
- Zenya – Chapter support for 20s &30s Trail Crew
- Vanessa– July 16th Social with hikes
- Steve – Pine Hill Trail Crew
- Mike – Wendy and Joe for hosting the meeting and to Dave Elliot for the swag
- Wendy – everyone for coming out tonight
- Debi – everybody for Pemi Loop Backpacking
- Karen – nice job with hybrid meeting
- Neil - John Gau fighting lung cancer and would appreciate anyone reaching out to him
- Gaurav - hybrid model
- Eric H - Carbon Footprint Challenge getting started and leaders can start promoting

Next Meeting –September 28, 2022 In person - Auburn Middle School

8:06pm – 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
April 28 – May 1, 2022		AMC Chapters Retreat
May 25, 2022		EC Meeting – Virtual
June 29, 2022		EC Meeting – In Person
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

Join Zoom

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