

**AMC NH Chapter EX COMM June 4, 2020 zoom meeting at 7:00 pm**

**Executive Committee Members Attending**

**Officers**

**Chair Rick Silverberg X**

**Vice Chair Jim Kent**

**Treasurer Kerry Landry**

**Secretary Debbie Marcus X**

**Committee Chairs**

**Bike Hiel Lindquist X**

**Communications Christina Cozzens X  
Jen Kimball. X**

**Conserv/Educ Paul Hopkins X**

**Excursions Larry Yetter X  
Dan Heon**

**Membership Jamie Gillon X**

**Mountaineering Tom Sintros X  
Amanda Knight**

**Newsletter Bob McLaughlin X**

**Paddling Robin Diamond X  
Roscoe Diamond X  
Paul Berry X**

**Ski Paul Pinkham  
Valerio Viti X  
Thor Smith**

**Trails Richie Holstein X  
Bill Foster X**

**Website Stephanie Howes  
Paul Berry X**

**20's & 30's Jamie Cullinane**

**Ex Officio****Past Chair****Frank Miller****Reg Dir North****John Mullens X****Guests****Hannah Hergenrather AMC X****Felice Janelle X****Susan Zielinski X****Agenda Standing items**

Call to order, attendance, introductions, and announcements. Open positions on Excomm

**Programs Chair.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. All zoom meeting attendees introduced themselves.

**Minutes** Debbie Marcus secretary

Minutes from the May 7, 2020 ExCom meeting were sent via email. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Bob McL, seconded by Hiel, and voted for approval. Note to all: we should use the [excommplusnh@amc-nh.org](mailto:excommplusnh@amc-nh.org) email address for ExCom communications.

**Monthly financial statement** Kerry Landry treasurer

Kerry was unable to attend this meeting, but had reported the financials. The financials have not changed from the previous month with 2 exceptions: the check for the Rumney Rocks project was sent to The Access Fund, as voted; payment for a NH Chapter Zoom account setup, as voted.

Motion to approve monthly financials was tabled.

**Old business**

**Rumney Rocks:** The Rumney Rocks restoration project check for \$15,000 was mailed to Mike Morin, The Access Fund. This wraps up our chapter's donation to the project.

**Programs Chair:** Rick introduced Susan Zielinski, who has volunteered to fill the Programs Chair position. Susan briefly described her background and experience with AMC. The position is Interim until Oct 2020, and added to the slate for 2020-2021. A motion to approve Susan as Interim Programs Chair was made by Debbie, seconded by several, and voted for approval. Welcome, Susan!

**Website update:** Per Rick, Stephanie Howes has been working on the landing pages and fixes are in progress. Paul Berry has been inputting email addresses and described the work he is doing to update the forwarding function regarding email links on the website. Paul is also updating the Excommplus group email. Forward any changes to him. The issue of having the AMC activities data base interface with the NH Chapter website is still an open item. Attempts will be made to reach the Maine Chapter contact to determine how they were able to do this.

Stephanie plans to offer another training session via zoom in June, TBA.

## **New Business**

### **AMC response to Covid - 19**

Rick introduced the official AMC rubric for carrying out AMC volunteer activities. Committee Chairs will be getting the message to leaders about trip leading with this rubric.

Larry: Excursions held a zoom meeting on 6/2. Trip leaders are 50:50 on whether they will lead at all under the restrictions present in the rubric. Currently, a couple of leaders will try leading trips and will present experiences at a follow up zoom meeting for Excursions leaders.

Paul B: Paddling has a leader-only training trip on 6/6/2020 to explore social distancing and Paddling trip expectations under the rubric.

Richie asked if waivers for minor children are going to be included in the new e-waiver under the Covid-19 rubric. Hannah said the new e-waiver will address minor children.

John M: The regional directors will be receiving more information from the Club on 6/5/2020.

Tom: Mountaineering is presently holding off and expects to hold leader-only trips at first. He expects the only way to manage the rubric requirements is to cut down the numbers of participants significantly.

Hiel: Biking is working on planning and leader training.

Valerio: Ski - The calendar is too far out to enter into leader planning/training.

Richie: Richie pointed out that equipment and materials are a component of the rubric for trailwork and for leaders in general, who must carry extra gloves and masks. Discussion followed about this expense for leaders. The Chapter has funds to purchase gloves and masks in bulk quantities for leaders. Paul B made a motion for the Chapter to provide \$200 for gloves, masks, and mailing costs to ship them to leaders requesting these items. Larry seconded, and it was approved. Rick volunteered to have everything sent to him and he would ship out to leaders as they request this.

Paul B asked AMC rep, Hannah, about the use of the new e-waiver and potential data-mining. How do we address questions about this? Hannah said the information will be “saved” by the Club but did not know if it would be used for fund-raising appeals, etc. She will follow up on that.

### **Additional On Line Activities/Newsletter Articles**

Christina: The previous social media posting re Water Sources in the Presidential Range got a lot of traction, especially with the Huts closure. Communications could follow up on the theme with an article and posting on Water Treatment importance/ options/products. Bob McL agreed that would be great for the next Newsletter. Requests everyone send him articles, photos, etc. before June 22.

### **Conservation**

. Paul H reminded us to compose letters to state legislators and officials re climate change. These can be sent in the fall.

### **Annual Meeting**

NH-AMC's annual meeting is scheduled for OCT 24 2020, to be held as a large-scale zoom session starting at 7:00pm. Debbie confirmed that The Grappone Center has sent a new contract to move our reservation and \$1000 deposit to October 23, 2021. Plans on the agenda and timeline are underway. Rick is assembling a Nominating Committee and needs one more volunteer from the Chapter.

Committees need to confirm chairs/co-chairs for the Nominating Committee's slate. Any Excom members who think they may not be returning in 2020-2021 should let Rick know asap.

### **Committee for 100<sup>th</sup> chapter anniversary celebration**

Start now to plan trips from each committee for 2021 that has some theme in it related to the Chapter's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This could include historic locales, historic trails, use of old photos to recreate the experiences of 1921, and more. Paddling which started in 1971 will be celebrating 50 years in 2021.

**AMC Annual Chapters retreat** May 16 was held as an on line meeting. John M reported that maintaining social contact with our members is crucial at this time, as we are not seeing them at activities. Concerning budget issues, no one is spending money at this time.

### **Follow up on Mountaineering committee**

Welcome Tom Sintros and Amanda Knight as new Interim Chair and Co-chair, also added to the 2020-2021 slate.

**Biking:** Hiel introduced Felice Janelle, who has volunteered as Interim Bike Co-Chair and who will be added to the slate for 2020-2021. Felice spoke about her experience and involvement in Chapter activities of biking and hiking. A motion was presented by Jamie, seconded by several, and was so voted to approve Felice's addition as Interim Biking Co-Chair and addition to the 2020-2021 slate. Welcome Felice

### **Chapter Vice Chair:**

Valerio Viti has agreed to be nominated as Vice Chair to serve in the place of Jim Kent who had to step down. A motion was presented by Tom and seconded by Larry, and so voted to approve Valerio as Interim Vice Chair for 2020 and for Vice Chair 2020-2021.

Congratulations, Valerio!

Discussion ensued about Rick serving as chair for an additional year, 2020-2021. Rick had consulted with AMC and reviewed the bylaws and believes there is precedence for permitting this action. Rick will provide the proper references for everyone to confirm this.

Richie announced that the Clark Brook Campsite at Cardigan will be renamed to recognize Tom's dedication to Cardigan. He would like a plaque installed in the Lodge, as well. Richie will follow up on that. Debbie will send him the contact info for Saymore Trophy in Concord. Bob McL requested an article for the Newsletter and Richie will write up something. Rick asked Hannah if the Club has hired a new Cardigan manager, and Hannah responded that there is no word on that.

### **Communications committee**

Discussion of Annual Meeting 2020 came up again. Jamie: requested Hannah's assistance in contacting the Club for the 25 Yr and 50 Yr Members. Bob McL: an orchestrated photo array of the 25 & 50 year awardees would be great for the Zoom meeting. The Communications Committee agreed to plan how to put it together.

### **Round the table committee up dates**

Roscoe, Paddling: Their trip reservation has been moved to 2021. How do they record this change in their budget? Kerry will assist with the proper recording of this change.

### **Next meeting Sept 3 2020**

It is likely the meeting will be by zoom again.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Bob McL & seconded by Jamie. Voted to adjourn at 8:30 pm