



**NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER**

YOUR CONNECTION TO THE OUTDOORS

**EXCOMM MEETING AGENDA**

Date: 5/02/19

Location: Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Concord, NH  
 Food provided by Membership

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Officer</u></b>			
Rick Silverberg	Chair		x	
Jim Kent	Vice Chair		x	
Kerry Landry	Treasurer		x	
Wanda Rice	Secretary		x	
Frank Miller	Past Chair		x	
John Mullens	Regional Director			
<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Committee</u></b>			
Hiel Lindquist	Biking		x	
Jen Kimball	Communications	Christina Cozzens		Communications
	Paul Hopkins	Con/Ed	x	
Larry Yetter	Excursions	Beth Zimmer		Excursions
	Membership		x	
Kathleen Upton	Mountaineering			
Ben Green	Mountaineering			
Bob McLaughlin	Newsletter			
Robin Temple Diamond	Paddling		x	
Roscoe Diamond	Paddling		x	
Paul Berry	Paddling		x	
Debbie Marcus	Programs		x	
Paul Pinkham	Ski			
Valerio Viti	Ski			
Thor Smith	Ski		x	
Richie Holstein	Trails		x	
Bill Foster	Trails			
Paul Berry	Website		x	
Max McClaskie	Website			
Jamie Cullinane	20's & 30's			

**Guests**

Faith Salter x

7:00 pm, Call to order, attendance, introductions and announcements.

1. Next meeting date: June 6, 2019 at Holiday Inn, Brown Ave., Manchester. Food to be provided by Mountaineering.

2. Approval of Prior meeting minutes Wanda Rice

Edited minutes from the April meeting were sent out prior to the meeting for final examination. A motion was made, seconded and all voted in favor of accepting the April minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report Kerry Landry

The checkbook is balanced and up to date. \$15,000 was transferred to reserves. This is the money allocated to the Cardigan trail project. Our quarterly allocation came in and we now have \$44,000 on hand for budgeted expenses. Committees with accounts are counted as separate by Club. Kerry is now using the pro version of Quickbooks. This has simplified the bookkeeping and will also be cheaper than the version used before. This version can track actual budget & remaining funds more easily. Leader training will be classified as participant costs. There was some discussion regarding Paypal payments coming in and near future payments for Bike, Paddling, and Mountaineering.

4. 2020 Budget planning Kerry Landry

We need to start budgeting earlier for the next budget cycle. A possible 2 year budget template from the club could help with situation where payments come in early for things like Excursions workshops that don't have payments going out until the next calendar year.

Committees should be thinking about major events, expenses & revenues for 2020. At the September Excomm meeting, there will be a template available to start working on the 2020 budget. There is a way to deal with payments that come in during 2019 for expenses that will occur in 2020 (such as Excursions' Cardigan Workshops). Funds will be set aside as a "prepay" so that it doesn't have to be turned over to the club as reserves if our checking balance gets too high. Capital assets are only items over \$5,000 in value.

5. Succession and growing membership Hiel Lindquist

Hiel is still looking for a co-chair. He commented on a perception by some non-members that participate in volunteer led activities that there is no reason for them to join since they are already able to participate without joining. He said his response to these comments is that membership is a donation to the club which supports activities that non-members take advantage of. Club may not be marketed properly to encourage joining and an emphasis should be made on the Club website that membership is more than something to get you a discount at a hut or lodge and a magazine. Membership helps contribute to continuation of activities etc. AMC needs to highlight what membership dollars support. Message is what do membership dollars do? Hiel would like to see more effort in getting out the word about giving back through leadership. Continuous effort needs to be made to recruit people for

leadership and to become part of the AMC community. Member dollars support conservation etc. Should open and opening positions should be advertised in Mountain Passages?

6. Discover Wild NH Day, 4/20/19 Jamie Gillon

Attendance was down due to bad weather. Still reached quite a diverse group of people who had not heard of AMC. This continues to be a good venue to get the word out. Trail tools were still a very popular part of the display. Unclear if it can translate into significant numbers of new members. Communications' did a photo booth which was really popular. What new chapter literature should we develop to hand out at events like this that will stress what membership dollars do? Hiel suggested more stuff available to hand out that is family specific since it is a strong family event.

7. NH Chapter topics for May 19, 2019 Chapters Retreat Rick Silverberg

From Frank, young blood is needed across the board, especially in leadership and instructing. How do we make our volunteering efforts more attractive to younger people? Faith commented on having a more robust onboarding support system to support new people and encourage them to become involved. A packet of info is coming eventually from the Club with the new chapter logo related stuff. Faith is hoping new stuff will be available soon.

8. Website update Paul Berry

Regarding the new WordPress website.....all pages for new site have been created. Now time is being spent on moving content from the old site to the new site. This is a long process since there is a lot of content. Max's new job is limiting his available time to do the migration. Richie offered to help with the migration.

9. Proposed change to AMC's requirement for youth participation Paul Berry

Current wording & proposed wording on handout from Paul. Paul feels that limiting those responsible for minors to friends and families is too limiting. Faith commented that the current wording was in the context of the possibility of predators. So leaders were not given the responsibility of unrelated youth. Rick feels it's unlikely that leaders will be allowed to be responsible for unaccompanied youth. Paul would like to bring it to a fall AMC OLDC meeting.

10. Committee updates

Trails...10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New England Trail. Membership....14 people at the most recent membership social. Presentation was by Biking. Need a committee to volunteer for the next one after Trails. Still looking for a co-chair. Paddling ....had a table at the paddling film festival also went to NH Wild Day. Committee is working on summer events. Excursions...spring school featured a power outage, heavy rain, thunder & snow. Mountaineering...19 for recent crevasse rescue workshop. They had heavy rain and a teachable moment with instructor injury via ice axe. No diversity

problem in Mountaineering events. They made \$2,000 on workshops that will be available for leader training. Working on succession and recruiting new leaders. Programs....projector needs a centrally located home. Rick is taking the projector home for now. Any time you need the projector, you can email the Excomm email list to try and locate it. In the future we will try to keep it with someone who lives in the Concord area. Looking for a Programs co-chair...you don't have to be a leader. Need a new Excomm secretary for next year due to Wanda's second term expiring. Con Ed looking at some photo editing for pictures folks need help with.