Appalachian Mountain Club

Narragansett Chapter Annual Report 2018

Report of the Chapter Chair:

This past year, the Executive Board turned its focus to communications. I must confess that this area is foreign to me; I still have trouble spelling IBM. It became clear early in the past year that the existing website was rapidly becoming antiquated and a new site was needed. Mike Krabach, who had served as webmaster and communications chair felt that the old site was inadequate for the new demands being placed upon it, particularly in light of the new Outdoors.org site. It was time to create a site that would mesh with the new AMC site. Since Mike had wanted to step back from serving as webmaster and communications chair, he suggested that this would be a good time to bring somebody new onboard to create and manage the new website.

Jeff Ulrickson stepped forward and volunteered to create a new site and chair the Communications Committee. Jeff managed to accomplish the project well under budget (half what was budgeted) and, in the process, created a site that is being used as a template by other chapters as they move to sites cloned from the AMC site. Jeff did a remarkable and expeditions job, notwithstanding several delays due to the contractor and a couple of delays requested by City Square. The new site came on line in the late summer and is excellent. It has all the flexibility we could demand and works seamlessly with the Outdoors.org site. Jeff has also tweaked the Meetup site and the Facebook page so that there is an easy interface and consistent branding across all platforms.

Additionally, the chapter moved in some new directions. The board approved stand-up paddling as a new activity, and it seems to be taking off. We will know next summer. Additionally, the Board approved “Photography hikes,” hikes designed to afford neophyte and experienced photographers opportunities to learn more about photography and to practice their art.

One of the Chapter’s goals has been reaching out to young members. The Young Members Subcommittee, chaired by Chris Josephson, became much more active during the year, offering a variety of events that appeal to our younger members, and membership has been growing. Neil Murray has volunteered to lead the family activities committee. Both committees had been dormant, but are now awakening to offer a new, more vibrant range of activities.
I have been trying to work with the Veterans’ Administration to offer activities that would appeal to military retirees and disabled veterans. Trying to coordinate with the VA has been difficult because this is new to the VA, but I plan to continue my efforts to create hikes and other activities that appeal to those in VA care.

Our Conservation Committee joined in a successful effort to nix a proposed realignment of the Amtrak tracks. The proposal would have run tracks through lands that had been set aside for conservation, and which serve as prime hiking areas. Among these areas are the Grills, Francis B. Carter, and the Great Swamp. Additionally, the Committee became active in seeking the wild and scenic designation for Wood and Pawcatuck River watershed.

The chapter has long been active in working with the Department of Environmental Management and other groups to maintain trails and build bridges, etc. We currently maintain around 80 miles of trails, at no cost to Rhode Island taxpayers. These efforts continued in the past year.

The chapter has been struggling with the fact that few of our leaders are leading as many activities as we would like. Leaders are the backbone of the chapter, without them the chapter would collapse. Their initiative in proposing and leading activities is critical to the chapter’s vitality. The challenge, then, is to get each leader to lead more activities. One complaint that has been heard from leaders is the real or perceived difficulty in posting activities on the AMC Activities Data Base. We need to find ways to encourage our leaders to lead more activities.

We are also trying to develop better working relationships among the various activities and to unify the chapter so that all the parts work together, as a single unit. Toward that end we had a board retreat in September, ably moderated by Susannah Hatch. Implementation of the ideas generated is ongoing.

Another challenge faced by the chapter is the demographic composition of its membership. We are largely a group of older adults, and the average age of our members seems to be increasing (if only we could find the fountain of youth!). Without younger members the chapter will wither. Additionally, the chapter needs to develop a more diverse membership and find ways to make our activities appeal to wider audiences. These are daunting tasks, but they can be managed.

The chapter was established in 1921; we have stood the test of time. As we approach our centennial, we need not only to celebrate our heritage, but also to build for the future. We are blessed with great talent and I believe that we can continue to thrive for the next hundred years.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Miller
Treasurer’s Report - Matt Putnam

The chapter remains in a healthy financial position. Per AMC policy, some funds were moved from the checking account to the invested reserve account to maximize the amount of funds in a money making position. From a cash management perspective, the club has remained conservative.

This year the chapter approved $5,000 to put the Narragansett Chapter at the front of the line for a website upgrade in conjunction with the overall AMC website. We are pleased to report that we accomplished the job for approximately $2,500.

The chapter continued to invest in its members by providing scholarships for leaders attending the AMC’s highly regarded Mountain Leadership School and establishing a dedicated leader reward budget intended to upgrade the frequency and quality of leader awards and recognition efforts.
Current cash and investment balance (10/29/18)  $ 71,799.80

Current Revenues and Expenditures by Sub-Committee - Sept 2018

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Annual Meeting            | $ -         | $(359.21) | $(359.21) |
Website Development       | $ -         | $(2,473.40) | $(2,473.40) |
Dues Allocation           | $ -         | $(11,174.75) | $(11,174.75) |
Invested Reserves         | $ -         | $(1,222.00) | $(1,222.00) |

Subtotal w/o Dues Allocation | $ 23,928 | $(23,382) | 546 |
**Net**                   | **$ 23,928.34** | **$(34,557.14)** | **$(10,628.80)** |

Note: $11,174.75 is the reversal of an accidental over-allocation of Membership funds by the club. It is an accounting adjustment and should not be treated as an expense incurred by the chapter.
Leadership Development Committee Report: Chair Ed Poyer

The Leadership Development Committee supports the Chapter’s activities committees’ leader development by producing leadership training and wilderness first aid workshops. We work with other committee chairs and sub-chairs, and are substantially helped by the general membership. We rely on the AMC Education Department for help with leadership training workshops. We hire the professional trainers from Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunities for wilderness first aid. The committee offers map and compass training for anyone interested. The committee also manages chapter scholarships for leaders to attend advanced leadership training such as Mountain Leadership School.

The annual spring Wilderness First Aid Workshop was held in March at the South Kingston Land Trust Barn. This workshop is essential for ensuring safe opportunities for your membership, and to enable leaders to fulfill their WFA requirement for leading for some chapter committees. This training was attended by 36 chapter members, leaders and members of the public. This course was again coordinated by Charlie Killam with extensive help from registrar Emily Bennett.

We also produced, with the help of the AMC Education Department, a leadership training course at the Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association Campus in Hopkinton, RI. The workshop was attended by 11 experienced and prospective leaders.

In May, the committee ran the annual 2 session Map and Compass Workshop and Field Practice, instructed by Ed Poyer, Bob Janus, Charlie Killam, Sean Buckley, Jim Swanberg, Matt Putnam and Denise Poyer and attended by 18 chapter members.

Five of our chapter leaders instructed at the AMC’s Mountain Leadership School. One of our chapter leaders is the School Director for the eighth consecutive year.

In 2019, we plan to offer the WFA and Map & Compass workshops, and will produce a one day leadership workshop if there is sufficient interest. We plan to once again encourage leaders to attend Mountain Leadership School through our chapter scholarship program.

Membership Committee Report: Chair Gregg O’Brien

Membership has remained consistent over the last five years. The membership number is approximately 2900 for our chapter. This is up from approximately 2700 due to a shift by City Square in the way that they calculate family memberships.

The Membership/Social committees sponsored a number of fun-filled activities this year, including tubing at Yawgoo, beach polo in Newport, a beer tasting event in Pawtucket, and the Annual Spring Gathering at Goddard Park.

Members are encouraged to suggest or sponsor social activities. Budget money is available to cover expenses, if requested and approved in advance.
The AMC Narragansett Chapter fondly remembers the following members who passed in 2018:

Patricia Sikora, member from 2004 – 2012;
Virginia Bescherer, member since 1986;
David E. Flynn, member since 2008;
Ralph M. Henry Jr., member since 1981; and
Kate Imbrie

Conservation Committee Report: Chair Linda Pease

We were honored this year to have the opportunity to submit a letter of support to the Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association in their endeavor to have the river designated a Wild and Scenic river. This was done with the approval of the AMC Narragansett board and the AMC’s main office in Boston.

This year’s conservation committee conducted a variety of activities, we conducted a clean-up of the regular river trail at Swan Point Cemetery, but were introduced to a whole new section, making this great old hike a surprising new hike with the new section. After the clean up this trail was used for a very successful Wednesday night hike and social. Cleaning up these two sections of trails at Swan Point Cemetery will become a new annual Earth Day event. At the Spring Fling in June, we had a conservation walk and tree ID.

The combination of visiting museums and doing a walk or hike has become a much-appreciated new idea that has worked well for the past three years. This year was a tour of the Herreshoff Museum during their open house. Even though the hike was rained out, we all had a great time at the Herreshoff Museum which chronicles the story of the building of America’s Cup winning yachts, but the company built many other types of practical boats as well. It’s a Rhode Island story and an American story.

We often support other groups, and this year we supported the Save The Bay Swim by volunteering. Save the Bay has worked tirelessly on their efforts over the past decades to keep the bay clean for water-oriented sports and activities such as fishing. They also spend a lot of time in educating people to take care of the bay.

We also have instituted showing environmental movies at the East Providence Library. We hope to expand showings of environmental movies to West Bay and South County Libraries in the future. The two movies being shown this year are “Tapped” and “Plastic Ocean”. Both are stories about the impact of plastic bottles not just on the environment, but on our health as well.

The annual conservation paddle on the Lower Pawtuxet River is a treat – this river was once one of the most polluted and is now a great paddle any time of year and especially in the fall.

We would like to hear from you for more ideas from which we can create conservation activities.
Trails Committee Report: Chair Dav Cramer

After several years of working on major projects (building a bridge over the Wood River as part of the Mt Tom Trail and restoring a CCC pavilion at Stepstone Falls) the Trails Committee focused on increasing the number of trail adopters. Currently, there are 10 trail adopters, for 26 miles of the following: Ben Utter, Breakheart, JB Hudson, Mt Tom, Narragansett, Penny Cutoff, River, Shelter, and Vin Gormley Trails, and in the Washington Management Area the Walkabout Trail.

The Trails Committee of the Narragansett Chapter is tasked with trail maintenance. This involves routine maintenance, such as brushing, blazing, providing dry passage across wet and muddy areas, removing blowdowns, and erosion prevention. The Committee also lays out new trails, as requested, and reroutes already existing trails, as needed.

On behalf of the AMC Trails Committee, thank you to the 56 volunteers, assisted by 20 employees of the Dassault Systèmes Company of Johnston, who contributed a total of 1264 hours of trail work, and administrative duties, from October 2017 through September 2018. There were two volunteers who contributed more than 100 hours each:

Chris Shafer 171 hours
Jim Dowling 159 hours

They qualify for the AMC Volunteer Service Award.

The following trail work volunteers contributed 12 or more hours of volunteer service qualify for the Narragansett Chapter volunteer service patches:

Aime Brisette  Rick Degrande  Russ Miller
Mike Benoit  Jim Dowling  Roy Najecki
Roy Benoit  Maria Earley  Kerry Robinson
Tony Chernasky  Fred Griffith  Chris Shafer
Henry Cruciani  Steve Higgins  Joan Taylor
Dav Cramer  Elizabeth Jardine  Jeff Ulricksen
Jennie Crooks  Peter La Freniere  Helena Willis

These are the statistics of trail maintenance work performed in the Arcadia Management Area:

Bridge and boardwalk construction  79 hours
Trail hardening  59.5 hours
Water bars and steps  31.5 hours
General maintenance  470 hours

Additionally, Committee members provided trail maintenance work elsewhere:

The Nature Conservancy Tillinghast Management Various Land Trusts
George Washington Management Burlingame State Park
Other parks and recreation areas

Technical Climbing Report: Ken Hamel & Joe Vaglio

The Climbing committee hosts a myriad of trips and events throughout the year.

In January we hosted our first Ice Climbing trip. These trips also double as winter hiking and skiing trips, as we are obviously up North in Ice and Snow country. The first is in the Lincoln, NH area.

Also in January, we held our Climbing Committee AMC Holiday Party. A simple gathering of climbing friends over food and libations, discussions were held, great feats of climbing revisited, etc.

February finds us in Smugglers Notch, VT for our second Ice Climbing Trip. At the end of February we were present at a climbing competition at Carabiners climbing gym in New Bedford, MA, promoting the AMC to that community of participants and spectators.

At the end of March we held our annual "Ross Pond Cleanup". This is an event where many of us get together and clean up the area around the cliffs at Ross Pond in Killingly, CT. This is a popular crag for our climbing and our spring instructional classes. This cleanup allows us to give back, and to have a clean area for our instruction.

On the first full weekend in April we held our annual Beginner class. We get a lot of our new members by talking this class up at local gyms, and posting fliers. We consistently get 20 participants for this class year in and out.

In the middle of April our own Kevin Sweeney (a guide and member from CT) runs a "New Leaders Workshop". This allows us to continue to educate existing climbing leaders, and to qualify new and upcoming climbing leaders, so that we can be prepared for our upcoming monthly trips.

At the end of April/first weekend in May we ran our Intermediate Class. This class is more advanced and focuses on multi-pitch climbing. It also allows us to further cultivate leaders for our trips.

In the middle of May we ran a Self-Rescue Class, with Dave Fasullo, the guy that literally wrote the book. This is something we co-fund, so that both leaders and seconds will be prepared to work together in an emergency situation.

In June we ran our first official rock climbing trip of the year to The Gunks in New Paltz, NY. What makes this trip particularly special, is that we further introduce our new Beginner/Intermediate class attendees to premier multi-pitch climbing, assuring their participation, socialization with new and old members, and advancement of their skill set.

In July we ran our second weekend rock climbing trip. This trip is to the Cannon Mountain area in New Hampshire.
In August we ran our third rock climbing trip, to Rumney in New Hampshire.

In September we ran our fourth rock climbing trip, to the Cathedral/Whitehorse area in North Conway, New Hampshire.

In October we ran our final rock climbing trip of the calendar year. Back to The Gunks in New York.

We are also looking to send a group of our members to a Wilderness First Aid course through the Boston chapter, at the end of the month. This will be partially sponsored by our committee.

November will see the climbing committee at a showing of Reel Rocks 13 (an annual climbing film event), we'll sponsor a drawing, with donations from manufacturers I am in contact with through my work.

In 2019, we are looking to maintain our overall agenda, and continue to add members and expand our climbing membership. We are always looking to expand our footprint in the local climbing community, and for ways to be involved and have a positive impact.

One thing we hope to add, working with the Trails Committee, is some trail work at Ross Pond in Killingly, CT. The area where we climb could use some attention, trail building and ground retention.

We continue to mentor both climbers, climbing leaders, and trip leaders throughout the course of the year. We are always looking to increase our membership and to provide opportunities for personal/internal growth.

Other objectives and goals will come up throughout the year.

**Young Members Report: Chris Josephson**

The Young Members organized 12 local hikes and 3 bike rides and one social in 2018 as of 9.30.18 and plan on hosting a few more outings before the end of the year.

5.5.18 Snake Den Hike. Leader: Chris Josephson

5.12.18: Green Falls Pond Hike. Leader: Corey Mott

5.17.18 Neucatonocket Hill Hike: Leader Chris Josephson

6.1.18 Lime Rock Hike. Leader Chris Josephson.

6.6.18 Caratunk Hike: Leader Chris Josephson. Co-Leader Jack Beggs

6.10.18 Long Pond Yawgoog Hike. Leader Chris Josephson
6.13.18 Arcadia Hike. Leader Catherine Livolsi
6.21.18: Lincoln Woods Hike. Leader Chris Josephson
6.26.18 Ten Mile River Bike Ride, Leader Chris Josephson, Co-leader Kelly Athaide
7.5.18: Sachuest Point Hike. Leader Catherine Livolsi
7.24.18: Conimicut Point Bike Ride. Leader Chris Josephson, Co-Leader Kelly Athaide
8.3.18: Neutaconkanet Hill Hike. Leader Chris Josephson
8.29.18: Snake Den Sunset Hike. Leader: Chris Josephson. Co-Leader: Jack Beggs
9.5.18: East Bay Bike Ride. Leader Chris Josephson
9.16.18: Wolf Hill Hike. Leader Chris Josephson
9.19.18: Trivia Night at Millworks Tavern

**Biking Report 2018: Marcie Madsen**

This year we scheduled close to 30 weekend and midweek rides.

The traditional rides, Clam Cake, Westport and the Block Island ride, remain very popular and many participants comment they look forward to them each year. The Tuesday and Thursday evening rides were well attended. In May, June, July and August we offered several evening rides of between 10 and 25 miles. It has become apparent these rides are well liked and well received and we hope these rides will remain as popular in the coming years.

Sid Wax remains one of our most prolific leaders doing 9 rides. His love of cycling and his enthusiasm is to be applauded (and rewarded!). Ted Bell and Carol Richards led and co-led several rides as well. Their diverse locations keep participants happy riding all over the state. Linda Pease and Bill Rush’s Pasta Challenges offer a break midweek for exercise and dinner! I commend EVERY bike leader and co-leader for their commitment to our chapter.

I look forward to working with our many bike leaders again and hopefully inspire new leaders for the 2019 riding season.
Backpacking & Northern Hikes Report: Ed Poyer

The Backpacking & Northern Hikes group offers day hikes, weekend trips based in lodges, hut trips and backpacks in the mountainous and/or northern regions of the North East. We lead trips north of the Mass Pike and west of the Connecticut River. We lead backpacks for the chapter anywhere in the region.

We’ve enjoyed another enjoyable and safe year of hiking and backpacking. This year our group sponsored 20 activities run by 17 individual leaders and co-leaders. Our leaders provided activities ranging from the popular day hikes in the Holyoke range to winter trips above tree line in the White Mountains. Hikes were run in Massachusetts Vermont and New Hampshire.

In addition to day hikes, we offered hut trips in New Hampshire. We once again enjoyed an overnighter to the Lakes of the Clouds Hut, where we enjoyed the Alpine Flowers and the hearty food.

All of our leaders continue with their Wilderness First Aid/CPR training and some have maintained their Wilderness First Responder certification. Five of our leaders instruct at AMC’s Mountain Leadership School, one of whom has served for eight years as the School Director.

Some of our leaders offer club-wide events, and one of our leaders has led hikes at “August Camp” for several seasons. Our leaders also serve as resources to our chapter’s Leadership Development Committee for workshops.

The committee again offered workshops in backpacking, winter hiking equipment and winter mountain safety, which were well attended and very well received.

Our Step by Step hiking series, which trains new hikers to mountain hiking skills and conditions, continued to attract interest, thanks to the commitment of our leaders.

In 2019, we hope to expand the number of leaders, especially younger leaders, and to offer at least 25 trips.

Many thanks to our northern hikes leaders and co-leaders who offered us so many fun, challenging, well run and reasonably priced activities this year.

Flat Water Kayak, Sea Kayak and Stand-Up Paddleboard Report:

Sea Kayak: Mike Rinaldi
Flat Water Kayak/SUP: Linda Pease

The first thing to note for 2018 regarding the paddling committee is the addition of Stand-Up Paddle Boarding. Mark Alio was instrumental in requesting it and assisting to get it approved by AMC’s main office and then organizing an inaugural event combined with kayakers at Lincoln Woods. He organized another trip on the Narrow River with George Robillard who is the second
leader for the group. We hope to grow this new group next year and SUP will be a third committee under the paddling committee umbrella.

We ran the usual variety of flat water and sea kayak trips with the addition of an early season shakedown paddle, and a new paddle on the Taunton River in Dighton/Berkley departing from the Dighton Rock Museum in Dighton Rock State Park. When we returned, the museum was open. We dried our feet and went in to explore. There are four theories about the rock which is inside the museum and has hieroglyphics. We hope to do this trip again next season when the museum is holding a program.

We wish to thank all the people who led trips this year and we hope to reprise the favorites and find some new places to paddle as well. We invite members to join as participants, or become leaders in any one our three committees or maybe all three.

**Social Hikes Report 2018: Sid Wax**

Our AMC Narragansett hike/socials (or Wednesday walks, as they are affectionately known) have been tremendously successful. In the past year, thanks to 15 different leaders, we have run 45 hikes spread throughout the state. Almost all of the weeks we did not have a hike were due to inclement weather (though we were quite lucky in that regard).

All year round, people have been willing to “get off the couch and join us” as we do a low level hike for about 2½-3 miles in the evening and go out to dinner. In summer we go on trails, beaches, and neighborhoods around RI. In the darker months, when visibility and footing is more important, we stick mostly to pavement, and normally use flashlights to guide the way. The dinner location is not divulged in advance in order to keep this from becoming a dinner club. The emphasis is on getting outdoors.

We get 10-18 participants every week, limited by leader’s preference or dinner venue considerations. There is usually a waiting list, even in winter months. In the past year, nearly 200 people have taken part. We recruited an estimated 30 new AMC members and developed 3 new hike leaders. On a typical week about 3/4 of the participants are AMC members, including many who had become inactive over the years.

The hike/social group has made great use of the AMC Narragansett meetup page. The page is very successful in getting the word out and getting new participants and potential AMC members. In addition, for this sort of activity, where a lot of screening is not required, we have found the meetup site to be invaluable in simplifying signups and waiting lists. Nearly all of our signups are done via the meetup page.

The Wednesday hike/socials go back about 20 years, when the late long-time AMCe Bob Cillette filled the chapter’s need to have socials that emphasized the outdoors (since AMC is an outdoors club). With his infectious enthusiasm, he recruited as many as 25-30 people every Wednesday evening to come on his walks and bike rides (later restricted to just walks) followed by dinner. After Bob’s death, we found that we could not duplicate his recruitment power, but thanks to meetup to get the word out, the tradition has prospered once again.
Local Hikes Report: Jean Marie Josephson

This year “Local Hikes” aimed to offer 4-6 mile, comfortably paced hikes to interesting places during daytime hours. Time was allowed for the taking of pictures, binocular use, and nature loving. We went on the Cape Cod Canal, to Sachuest Point, the Newport Cliff Walk, all over Goddard Park, to Little Neck Cemetery, around Fort Adams, Destruction Brook Reserve, and Fisherville Reserve, to name several. The daytime hikes proved popular with a variety of people: retirees, shift workers, as well as, parents with their children in school. The plan is to offer 1 – 3 hikes a month, weather permitting. These hikes are listed on our Meet-up site, as well as, on our outdoors.org site. As of this writing, no expenses have been incurred.
Chapter Leadership

2018 New Leader Qualifiers for Narragansett Chapter Leader Patch:

Mark Alio (Standup Paddleboarding)
Marilyn Chadwick (Local Hiking)
Bonnie Krauss (Local Hiking)
Catherine LiVolsi (Young Member Hiking)
Mike Rinaldi (Sea Kayaking and Flatwater Paddling)

Prolific Leaders- Led/Co-Led Multiple Activities in 2017 and 2018 or Led Numerous Activities in 2018:

Nancy Baker (Bicycling)
Sandra Barber (Flatwater Paddling & local Hiking)
Pat Bender (Technical Climbing)
Ted Bell (Bicycling)
Sean Buckley (Northern Hiking)
Susan Boland (Local Hiking)
Marilyn Chadwick (Local Hiking)
Scott Dismar (Young Member Hiking)
Tom Freeman (Local Hiking)
Kerri Green (Northern Hiking)
Elise Hedglen (Northern Hiking, Skiing, and Bicycling)
Steve Harrington (Local Hiking, Skiing, and Bicycling)
Chris Josephson (Young Member Hiking and Bicycling)
Jean Marie Josephson (Local Hiking & Flatwater Paddling)
Charlie Killam (Northern Hiking and Leadership Events)
Catherine LiVolsi (Young Member Hiking)
Marcie Madsen (Local Hiking and Skiing)
Corey Mott (Young Member Hikes)
Gregg O'Brien (Membership and Conservation Events, Flatwater Paddling and Local Hiking)
Linda Pease (Conservation Events, Flatwater Paddling, Bicycling, Local and Northern Hiking)
Ann Piascik (Northern Hiking, Local Hiking, Paddling, and Conservation Events)
Ed Poyer (Northern Hiking & Leadership Events)
Carol Richards (Bicycling)
Mike Rinaldi (Sea Kayaking and Flatwater Paddling)
Karen Rudio (Local Hiking and Skiing)
Bill Rush (Bicycling & Sea Kayaking)
Cynthia Sexton (Local Hiking)
Chris Shafer (Trails and Northern Hiking)
Herrick Spencer (Local Hiking)
James Swanberg (Northern Hiking)
Sid Wax (Bicycling & Local Hiking)
Gary Whitney (Sea Kayaking and Flatwater Paddling)
Thanks to Other Year 2018 Outdoor Leaders/Co-leaders:

Biking: Kelly Athaide, John Nery, Larry Rollins

Local Hiking: Jack Beggs, Cindy Benevides, Patti D'Ambrab, Barbara Flagg, Carolyn Gilligan, Debra Huntington, Janet Huntley, Kate Imbrie, Bonnie Krauss, Debbie Mitchell, Cesare Mitrano, Margie Parsons, John Ross

Northern Hiking: Emily Bennett, Tom Grasso, Bob Janus, Margie Parsons, Denise Poyer, Matt Putnam, John Stevens, Rebecca Swagger, Cheryl Withers

Paddling: Mark Alio, Cindy Benevides, Jerry Bernardini, Barbara Flagg, Anne Fusco, Bill Hahn, Mike Krabach, Bill Luther, George Robillard

Skiing: Janine Audet, Lynn Ewart, Elise Hedglen, Christine Satterwhite

Technical Climbing: Peter Barlow, Jenn Carlino, Greta Cottrell, Colin Cummings, Ken Hamel, Sue Lin, Makiko Naruga, Bill Rossi, Dave Schlenz, Frank Sokolow, Ashley Stoehr, Kevin Sweeney, Joe Vaglio

Trail Project Leaders or Trail Program Administrators/Assistors: Roy Benoit, Aime Brissette, Dav Cranmer, Henry Cruciani, Rick Degrandpre, Jim Dowling, Fred Griffith, Steve Higgins, Roy Najecki, Kerry Robinson

Trail Adopters: Tony Chernasky, Jennie Crooks, Fred Griffith, Pete LaFreniere, Earle and Ann Perkins, Kerry Robinson, Neil Rodin, Joan Taylor, Jeff Ulricksen, Dominic Zachorne

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Local Hikes: Jean Marie Josephson
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