AMC Narragansett Chapter Executive Board Meeting
August 14, 2018

Attendance:
The following were in attendance at the August 14, 2018 Executive Board meeting: Chris Shafer, Jeff Ulrickson, Gregg O’Brien, David Cranmer, Russ Miller, Joan Taylor, Linda Pease, Barbara Flagg, Chris Josephson, Neil Murray and Greta Cottrell.

A motion to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2018 AMC Narragansett Executive Board Meeting was approved.

Spring Fling:

Gregg O’Brien provided an account and evaluation of Spring Fling event. Gregg recommended that, if at all possible, the Spring Fling should be scheduled at a time that would not conflict with other activities. She also stated that organization of this event is a lot of work for one person. Activity leaders that participated did a great job. However, a small number of sub-chairs declined to participate. According to Gregg, overall attendance was somewhat disappointing and there was particularly low attendance at the water events due, perhaps, to the fact that participants were required to bring their own boats. On the positive side, several new people and families with children were in attendance.

There was some discussion as to selection of alternative venues for the future Spring Fling events.
In order to facilitate future event planning, Gregg will provide her notes to Jeff Ulricksen, who will create an on-line Spring Fling folder. Board members agreed that the Spring Fling was a success and thanked Gregg for all her great work on this event.

**Retreat:**

Russ Miller discussed his proposal to have an Executive Committee retreat to rethink what the Chapter is about and to determine the direction in which we need to focus our efforts in order to make the Chapter more vibrant. September 22 is the date that greatest number of members can attend.

Items for discussion include but are not limited to:

1. Prioritization of Chapter goals;
2. How can we encourage young members and families with children to participate in chapter activities;
3. What can be done to encourage new leadership;
4. Possibility of increasing the number of positions on the Executive Committee and determining eligibility requirements for vacant positions; and
5. Determining term limits for membership on the Executive Committee.

**Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP):**

There was a discussion regarding Stand-Up-Paddleboard (SUP) existing as a separate committee. Currently SUP activities are grouped under Flat Water Kayaking. Integration of SUP requires working with paddling chairpersons.
Membership Subsidy:

The first activity scheduled to compensate for the membership subsidy was not a success. The potential activity could not take place due to injury, however the person in question failed to communicate this fact.

In order to fulfill the agreement the member needs to lead six activities in a year to compensate the club for the subsidized membership fees.

Annual Dinner:

AMC Narragansett Annual Dinner will take place at Chelo’s in Warwick, RI. The facility holds approximately 150 persons. Board members agreed to cap attendance at 140 persons. The chapter is supplying appetizers, and a partial subsidy for dinner. There will be no fund raising raffle conducted this year.

The guest speaker will be a URI professor who specializes in shipwrecks.

Young Members:

Chris Josephson stated that he was having difficulty getting participants for activities. This seems to be a problem that all chapters are experiencing. One suggestion was to improve communication using e-capabilities. Another suggestion was to conduct a separate meet-up for younger members. A motion to support Chris by providing funds ($180) for operating expenses incurred was approved.
Rock Climbing:

Greta Cottrell attended the meeting to represent the rock climbing group. There are approximately 80 members of the rock climbing group. The activity is quite popular attracting younger participants (mid-thirties). Classes were held in the spring for participants with varying levels of ability.

Debit Card:

Previously, we expenses that were incurred by the chapter were paid by M. Krabach using his personal credit card. He was subsequently reimbursed by the chapter. It was agreed that, in the future, the chapter will own the account. A motion to secure a chapter debit card tied to the account was approved by the executive committee.

Editorial Criteria:

There was a brief discussion regarding the need to eliminate typos and spelling errors in activity write-ups. Chairs and sub-chairs are encouraged to review write-ups prior to submittal to ensure that they meet established criteria. Chris Shafer will edit items for posting on the website.

Sea Kayaking Chair:

A motion to appoint Mike Rinaldi to the position of sea kayaking sub chair was approved by the executive committee.
Website:

Jeff Ulrickson stated that the AMC Narragansett chapter website is the guinea pig for the entire club. At the time of this meeting, the website is ready to go live. Jeff reiterated that the website is never complete. Updates and changes are constantly being made.

It was mentioned that some activities on the website have no information tied to the activity. It was agreed that each activity listed on the website should have some comment attached.

Jeff stated that his work as communications chair has taken about 20 hours a week. Due to personal commitments he will not be able to allocate as much time to web responsibilities during the coming Fall semester.

Chapter business was concluded and the August 14, 2018 Narragansett Executive Board meeting was adjourned.