AMC Narragansett Chapter Executive Board Meeting

June 12, 2018

Attendance:

The following Executive Board members were present at the June 12, 2018 meeting: Chris Shafer, Jeff Ulricksen, Gregg O’Brien, David Cranmer, Russ Miller, Joan Taylor, Linda Pease, and Barbara Flagg. Also attending were Maria Early and Jean Marie Josephson.

A motion to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2018 AMC Narragansett Executive Board Meeting was approved.

Treasurer Report:

A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report dated June 12, 2018 was approved (attached).

Spencer Donation:

The matter of sending a written acknowledgement to George and Ella Spencer for their $1000 donation was discussed. Apparently, the Spencers have stated that no correspondence acknowledging their donation is necessary.

Club Equipment:

Jeff Ulricksen reported that he now has possession of the club banners and other miscellaneous equipment that he collected from Mike Krabach but he does not have the kayaks. There was some discussion as to which kayaks belong to the club. Linda Pease will follow-up.

Membership Subsidy:

Although there were some reservations as to setting a precedent, the Board agreed that the club would pay the club membership fee of a particular person who cannot afford to pay membership dues, since the club does not want to lose the services provided by this person. It was agreed that the person in question would be required to conduct/lead six activities or events and in return the club would pay his/her membership fee.
National Trails Day:

On June 2, 2018, a total of 12 volunteers in 3 crews conducted trail maintenance along the Tippecansett, Hemlock Ledge, and Mt. Tom trails. Most of the work consisted of brushing, tree cutting and installation of water bars. Due to the numerous storms this previous winter, there were many downed trees across the trails.

Spring Fling:

Gregg O’Brien provided an update on Spring Fling. Activities will take place within the beach pavilion. The blue grass band will play until 2:00 PM.

Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP):

Gregg mentioned the possibility of forming a new sub-committee for Stand-Up Paddleboard activities. Gregg has proposed that Mark Allio lead the sub-committee. Mark is an REI instructor and has excellent qualifications. Currently, the AMC does not have approved events for SUP activities. A request for guidance from Joy Street has been made but there has been no response as of the date of this meeting. Linda Pease will follow up.

Wood / Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Designation:

A copy of the letter that was sent to the Wood / Pawcatuck Watershed Association in support of the Wild and Scenic designation is attached to these meeting minutes at the request of Linda Pease.

Meet-Up

Jeff Ulrickson stated that he now has control of Meet-up. However, the chapter needs a way to make payment directly for keeping the website online. Jeff is working with the Treasurer to accomplish this but in the meantime, Mike Krabach is paying the bill and the club is reimbursing him.

Website:

Jeff reported that he has reduced the number of pager from over 1,000 pages on the old website to just 19 pages on the new website. He acknowledges that there is still work to do. Some testing needs to be completed but he hopes to have the site go live soon. He reiterated that the website will keep changing according to the club’s wants and needs. Jeff then presented a “draft” version of the website to board members. Everyone was impressed and a motion to go live with the new website was approved.

Chapter business was concluded and the June 12, 2018 Narragansett Executive Board meeting was adjourned.
Narragansett Chapter Treasurer's Report 6/12/18

March 2018 Checking Balance
Bank statement balance April 2018 $ 19,844.04
Outstanding Checks ($4,820.31)
Outstanding Deposits $619.39
Ending Checking Balance $ 15,643.12
Invested Reserves as of June $51,949.14
Total Net Assets $ 67,592.26

Current Revenues and Expenditures by Sub-Committee - June 2018

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Total Committees $ 8,821.47 $ (7,745.12) $ 1,076.35

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Annual Meeting $ - $ (200.00) $ (200.00)
Website Development $ - $ (1,379.00) $ (1,379.00)
Dues Allocation $ - $ (11,174.75) $ (11,174.75)

Net $ 8,821.47 $ (23,548.87) $ (14,727.40)

Note: $11,174.75 is the reversal of an accidental overa-allocation of Membership funds by the club. It should not be treated as an expense incurred by the chapter.

Significant transactions since last report:
Lakeside Retreats (Winairee Deposit) ($3,050.00)
Sean Buckley - funds for Adirondak Trip Deposit ($500.00)
March 13, 2018

Sean Henry, Chairperson
Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee
C/O Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
203 Arcadia Road
Hope Valley, RI 02832

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am writing on behalf of the Appalachian Mountain Club to confirm our organization’s support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee and their recommendation to seek National Wild and Scenic Designation for seven rivers in the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed. We also support the development of the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Plan to protect the values of the rivers. This position was taken by a formal vote of the Board of Directors on behalf of our over 2,700 members at our meeting on March 13, 2018. Enclosed is a copy of the motion from that meeting.

Over many decades, our chapter has led hikes, paddles, bike rides and held conservation activities in the Wood/Pawcatuck watershed. The chapter maintains many miles of hiking trails and bridges in the study area, has re-built the picnic pavilion near in the upper wood basin. The chapter was instrumental in constructing a hiker bridge over the Wood River near route 165.

Granting this Wild and Scenic designation would ensure that not only our members, but others with myriad interests and appreciation for the watershed could continue their activities knowing the Wood/Pawcatuck was permanently protected.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Pease

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Conservation Chair and Paddling Sub Chair
Appalachian Mountain Club - Narragansett Chapter (RI Chapter)