



# AMC Maine Chapter Executive Meeting

## Minutes

### May 14, 2020

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#### Present:

Cindy Caverly	Chair
Bill Brooke	Vice Chair
Kathleen Redmond-Miller	Past Chair - Absent
Janet Roderick	Treasure
Jeanine Libby	Secretary
Kristen Grant	Membership
Denise Fredette	Outings
Paul Hahn	MWI/Nominating
Phil Coyne	Trails
Chris Franklin	Conservation
Tom Ianello	Communications
Carey Kish	Newsletter
Noelle Koch	Youth Member Co-Chair
Steven Profaizer	Young Member Co-Chair
Whitney Plasket	At Large
Hannah H	AMC Volunteer Support
John Mullens	Regional Director
Eliza Townsend	Maine Conservation Director

#### 1. Call to Order & Introductions at 6:06 pm: Cindy Caverly

- Cindy opened the meeting thanking everyone that have done online webinars while we go through the COVID-19. The webinars have been very well attended.
- As an ice brakers, everyone was asked how they spent their time outside today. It was nice hearing all of the different activities.

#### 2. Changes to Agenda

- No changes to the Agenda

#### 3. Vote on Minutes from January 4, 2020 and March 12, 2020 Meetings

- a. January Minutes: Change the amount for the Little Lyford Bunkhouse to from \$20,000 to \$25,000 was motioned by Paul Hahn, second by Janet Roderick and all in favor, no opposed.
- b. March Minutes: Janet Roderick was not absent, Paul Hahn motion, all in favor.

#### 4. Nominating Committee Report: Paul Hahn

- Open Positions: At-Large - Programs - Appoint Christo Sedgewick as acting program chair. Paul Hahn motioned, Janet Roderick second, all in favor, no opposed.



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#### 5. Treasurer's Report: Janet Roderick

- Only do essential spending this year. Member engagement expenses are approved along with the webinars and newsletters. There will be no changes in the Newsletter budget.
- We have \$21,800 from membership in our budget and we will be placing that in admin budget.
- Currently we will leave the budget as is but know that we are not going to have enough income coming in due to COVID-19.
- We received \$720 in web membership this year.
- Overall income will be reduced this year due to COVID-19.
- Outing budgeted for Wilderness First Aid Class was canceled. Members that signed up were able to get a refunded. We got a refund of \$750 for the deposit we put on the Wilderness First Aid Class. Wilderness First Aid will be booked some time in 2021.
- Trails budget included tools; we will not be purchasing them at this time as we are unable to work on trails.
- Conservation has a small amount, mainly for meetings and programs, we can do other webinars to continue to engage our members.
- Communications, the consulting fees for Tim Flight will continue.
- Annual meeting is our biggest expense and will talk about it later in the meeting today.
- Additional budgeted expenses for name tags, clothing for ExCom, volunteer expenses, and programs all have been put on hold as we've been asked by the Club not to spend this money.
- Volunteer recognitions, name tags and clothing for the ExCom Committee, additional education, trails, MWI volunteer budget, and programs that AMC puts on in Greenville. These are areas in the budget to curb our expenses.
- John Mullens commented that everything is still up in the air, no answers yet on Fall Gathering.
- Audit for the chapter will be delayed until mid to late July.



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- Hannah H stated that the AMC Maine chapter has done a great job with the webinars. Attendance to the Leave No Trace Program was excellent.

### 6. Committee Reports

- **Conservation** – Eliza Townsend stated that the Maine Legislation finished up earlier in March and may come back toward mid-September. This has brought a wrinkle in Lands for Maine Future Program that seems to have come to the end of the line. Other issue in limbo LD1830 CMP signed a sweetheart deal with the Johnson Pond Land route for a very small amount. A vote of 2/3 was not done. Climate Maine organized to advocate for recommendations. All of this is unfolding now. Federal Level momentum around Land and Water Conservation Fund and National Parks all falling into one area. Trout Unlimited Grant on the Pleasant River work will continue.
- **Programs** - Christo Sedgewick will look at our online presents and see where we can focus to have a more robust program.
- **MWI** - Paul Hahn commented that the Maine AMC is working on accomplishing the Regional Dark Sky designation whereas the Katahdin Woods and Waters went for the Dark Sky designation. Jenny is now in charge of it at the MWI and doing the delicate work on getting the people's buy in. All the work trips at Little Lyford have been cancelled as Little Lyford will not be opened this year due to COVID-19. We had eight (8) scholarship applications; four (4) will go in October and the four (4) that were scheduled to do Memorial Weekend trail work trip will now go to the October trip. We will use \$500 for October scholarships. Penny Miller has asked for us to hold onto this until we know for sure that the October trip will run. As for the Maine Education program in Greenville that we have donated \$2,000 in the past, more discussion will be had at the MWI June meeting.
- **Outings** – Denise Fredette announced that Wilderness First Aid will be rescheduled for Mid-April 2021. Meanwhile, Maine AMC will waive the WFA renewal to allow leaders to lead trips until they can get WFA renewed. There will be options to do an online mini course for this year. The AMC has a relaunch plan to open outings events in three phases. Phase one is for trails and managed physicality and this all



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depends to the State of Maine recommendations. Phase two we can do outing activities such as paddling. Foundational thresholds must be lifted before we can do all activities. Leaders must look at their activities and know if this will allow participants to sustain social distances. Activity procedures will include a lot of screening, need to carry hand sanitizer, face mask, and the waivers will be electronic now. Brief the participants on the inherent risks by participating in the trip. There will be no group meals during phase two activities. Leaders must complete the COVID-19 training. Phase three will be the new normal. The Leaders will need to have additional face masks, gloves, and hand sanitizers in their first aid kits.

- **Membership** - Kristen Grant wants to reach out to the people that are not the hikers or bikers. We have 5000 members that we do see. Kristen wrote a couple articles. She will plan to write up about our programs and conservation.
- **Newsletter** – Carey Kish announced that Monday, June 1, will be the next deadline for the newsletter. Everything we talked about tonight would be extremely beneficial to put in the newsletter as well as the latest statement from the AMC on what is happening at the Club level. Announcing and welcoming Christo Sedgewick as our Program Chair along with an introductory of his short- and long-term accomplishments.
- **Communications** – Tom Ianello has been making great headway on getting our Webinars up on the Maine AMC YouTube page. In addition, adding more content on our Facebook page. Slack is a communication tool for business and organizations. It is a way to message each other. It's easy to use, along with email or iPhone notifications. One can set it up to block out certain times. Tom will send this out via email for all of us to tap into it.
- **Trails** – Phil Coyne gave us an update on what has been happening in trails, not so much. No tools, all kinds of trips planned that ended up getting cancelled. Leaders to groom to become leaders and now no training. Phil is keeping the trails crew still interested and motivated and will look for trail maintenance training in September. Carey Kish mentioned that MOAK has purchased trail tools through a grant with Eastern Mountain Sports. Got some great tools and he is sure that if we



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- want, we may be able to use them for our AMC trail trips. This may be a great connection to do trail work together with AMC and MOAK.
- **Young Members** – several trips scheduled that had to be cancelled.
- 7. Ongoing Business** we would like to ask Cristo to talk about Programs as our new Programs Chair. Have a list of things for everyone to ask “what can programs do for you” encourage people to come forth with their suggested. Online webinars for online programs. Livestream the programs to show them in the future as a virtual program.
- 8. New Business**
- **Annual Meeting** – Cindy Caverly announced that we have a nonrefundable deposit of \$800 with Pineland Farms. It’s possible to try to get the deposit back and she will try. We cannot spend this type of money this year on the annual meeting. Paul Hahn stated that the girl scouts had a meeting in downtown Portland that had various food stations and various TV’s showing all different types of outing trips. This could be something we could do for our annual meeting. John Mullens, NH Chapter had a similar discussion and they decided to not have a dinner this year and voted to have an online annual meeting.
- 9. Adjournment** – 7:42 p.m. meeting adjourned.
- Next meeting will be a virtual BBQ on July 9, 2020