

AMC Ski Committee Meeting Minutes – November 2011

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Attending: Peter Lindholm, Aldo Ghirin, Tay Evans, Roger Coulson, Pete Rhoades, Tom Lepisto, Brenda Conaway, Eddy Luttmer, Valerie Paul

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Trip Planning Meeting

There were 25 people who attended, 5 new leaders attended and most of them got a colead. We had at least one person who get a ski colead. Next year we should work more closely with HB to make sure it does not conflict with their Winter programs, and consider holding it at someone's house.

Novice Tele Workshop

Everything is all set. Wachusett raised the cost by \$2, but Peter will probably keep rate the same.

Ragged Mt.

Peter and Jeff have been contacted by Ragged about the clinic. They are hoping to get a group rate.

Instruction Optional XC Ski Trip

We still need someone to lead the trip. Eddy and Valerie may be interested in leading it and will talk off-line with Peter L.

Cardigan

Ben sent an update. We have rented 45 beds, and have instructors in place. He also found out that EMS is renting telemark/bc gear again this year.

Last year, about 70% people used PayPal to pay for Cardigan, so we will definitely do it again. Re: using nonprofit status: According to Peter L, going to nonprofit only saves .7%. The downside is that it's a hassle to get it through, we need more info from Joy street. It's also confusing to participants to have one account for the ski com because they would see a list of choices and have to know which one to choose. Current thinking is to continue to use Peter's personal Paypal account.

The group discussed Square—a new method of payment. It allows you to accept credit cards from other people. SquareUp.com. Valerie knows someone who uses it and really likes it, however a quick look at the Web site shows that it's costs about the same as PayPal.

Action Items: Peter to give Ben the latest FAQs. Ben needs to update the FAQs to accommodate AT gear and Splitboarders.

Novice Cross Country

Nothing to report. We have dates, coordinators, and instructors.

WFA

The November course happened and went well. About 5 ski instructors attended. Roger didn't think Joy St. was a great location because of lack of outdoor space for scenarios. Brenda liked the location and instructor. We have a December course and several ski instructors will take it then.

Harvard Cabin

Eddy and Valerie would be interested in co-leading a Harvard cabin trip. Also Peter and Tay may be interested in early March trip.

Action Item: Brenda to coordinate. **Done.**

Train the Trainer

We'll do a TTT for the BC and tele workshops and not for XC this year. Need an instructor. Because of the tele Workshop schedule, the TTT needs to happen the 1st week of Jan. Discussed possibly approaching the Boston chapter for reimbursement for TTT.

Action Item: Brenda and Dave will discuss who might be appropriate from NET. Ted Sever is also an option.

Irene Closings

Action Item: Dave will send info on Irene closings to AMC Ski Leaders.

Joint Ski Trip with NH Chapter

Action Item: Dave will follow up with Tony about a date and get it in the listings.

Open House

The open house is on Dec. 8th at Joy St. Nick and Pat will be giving a slideshow on their travels Dave has raffle items.

Web Site

Peter fixed the Web site. Still needs some updating in the leader area. Peter will update some pictures and trip summaries.

Listings

Aldo brought up that when skiing is listed, all committees are listed all in the same place. Because of this, we decided to list all ski trips on the Web site. Aldo will add a comment during email blast to Ski mail that there are other ski trips available through other committees.

Boston Chapter Expense Guidelines

Brenda and Dave went over Boston chapter financial guidelines and the committee discussed it.

Action Item: Peter and Dave will send out the document to ski leaders for comment. Dave will bring those comments to the Exec Com at the November meeting.

Ski Chair

Action Item: Peter will also send email to the ski mail lists and put together a nominating committee.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13th. Peter L. will host.