**AMC Maine Chapter**

**Executive Committee**

**January 14, 2016**

**L.L. Bean Manufacturing Facility, Brunswick, Maine**

Executive Committee Attendees:

Doug Chamberlin, Mary Riendeau, Tim Flight, Dave McCarthy, Paul Hahn, Denise Fredette, Sarah Keats, Paul Hahn, Nancy Jacobson, Peter Roderick, Jeff Pengel, Lisa Pengel, Pete Carney, John Mullens, Cindy Caverly, Roger David

Guests:, Sam Jamke, AMC Regional Director, Caitlyn Bernard, AMC Policy Staff, Bryan Wentzell, AMC Policy Staff, Bill Brooke, AMC Member, Rol Fessenden, AMC Board Member, Peter Mullen, AMC Member, Chris Beam, AMC Member

Introductions were made.

Approval of minutes from the November meeting—presented by Mary—**Passed unanimously.**

Committee Reports:

Outings: Peter said that he was excited to have Bill Brooke soon to be his co-chair. A good variety of trips has been listed.

Young Members: Denise said that January is very busy. They have had a good showing of people for trips.

Meetings and Education: Lisa said that there were five or six presentations scheduled now.

Trails: Jeff said that not much is going on right now.

Tim reminded people about email blasts.

Dave reported that the ExCom has adopted Laurie’s Ledge Trail for maintenance in the Maine Woods.

MWI: Paul reported on Medawisla. They are on schedule to open in January of 2017.

Meetings and Education: Nancy had five meetings in Bangor with five or six more scheduled. Attendance is varied. The high was 58.

John said he had no report. His first board meeting will be at the Annual Summit.

Sam said that AMC will be launching the new website this month and said for members to be prepared to give feedback.

Conservation: Pete said that Bryan and Caitlyn kept him very busy last month. The Senate and House passed an extension to LMF.

Doug proposed that we officially recognize Bill Brooke as Outings Co-Chair—**passed unanimously.**

2016 Budget: Presented by Cindy, who sent it to the ExCom electronically. She reviewed the projected budget. Cindy asked for feedback about the reports she sends out. Budget approval—**passed unanimously.**

National Park Issue: Presented by Pete. The so-called Maine Woods National Park is a 150,000 acre rectangle to the east of Baxter State Park. About half is proposed to become a national park and the other half a national recreation area. Lucas St. Clair will be doing presentations. To create a national park requires an act of congress. It could initially be designated as a national monument by President Obama. Meetings and Education has two informational presentations on the calendar.

Request for AMC speaker at Sea Road School—How should we respond? Dave said that he participated as a bike safety instructor. He said it was a good program. Doug asked if anyone was interested in doing it. Roger suggested referring them to the Maine Association of Search and Rescue. He said he would contact them, as well as the school.

Review the job description for each committee—This month: Trails. Jeff reviewed the Trails Committee description. Guidance could be provided to land trusts. The ExCom voted to accept the new description of the Trails Committee—**passed unanimously.**

Review job description for Historian/Archivist or new committee: Three people are interested. Doug reviewed how this could possibly be handled. Sam said that Becky Fullerton at AMC would be interested in materials and could inventory them and make a list. Doug said he was interested in developing a timeline of chapter life. Sam said a good resource would be the annual reports. She suggested making a plea in *Wilderness Matters*,if anyone had materials to share. Sam said it might be worth asking Becky what she had from Maine Chapter records. John suggested hearing from each of the people interested. Peter Mullen said he is an IT person and writer and loves being outdoors. He has no preconceived notions of what we might need. Chris Beam said that his professional background was as an archivist and a history teacher. He worked for the National Archives, including working on the Nixon tapes. He has been teaching in adjunct positions. He has no real preconceived notions. He said it could be a committee effort with three people interested. Paul reviewed the bylaws regarding appointments. Sonny Martineau was also interested but was unable to attend. Sam suggested doing oral histories with long-time members. Peter suggested that someone interview Bob Cummings. Doug proposed that we make this a permanent committee—**passed unanimously.**

ExCom meeting changes: Presented by Doug. The issue of improving communications was discussed at the retreat. Did we want to consider remote meetings? Gotomeeting can be used through the AMC’s account or zoom.com. Denise asked about how members could participate in online meetings. Doug said he could have people contact him if they were interested. Denise suggested having a meeting site where people could participate online if they needed to. Lisa described the facilities at the Brunswick library. Rol said he would find out about Wi-Fi access at the current facility (L.L. Bean). Doug said that he would email information for the Zoom service. He said another part of this would be creating an online forum for discussions when we were not having meetings and conducting business between meetings this way. Doug said he would try to find out about the possibility of internet access at L.L. Bean before changing facilities. He said the Brunswick library looked like a good possibility.

John thanked Sam for being our regional director for the past six years.

The next ExCom meeting is on March 10, 2016, at L.L. Bean in Brunswick.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Riendeau