



**Boston Chapter
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Appalachian Mountain Club Boston Chapter Annual Report 2011

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CHAPTER CHAIR'S REPORT

Preliminary Report.

In 2011 the Chapter continued its long standing tradition of offering a very large number of trips and outings for a wide variety of member interests and ages. The trips and programs offered by the Hiking/Backpacking, Local Walks and Hikes, Ski, Bike, Paddling, Mountaineering, 40+ and INTRO committees come readily to mind in support of this statement.

The new chapter web site at www.amcboston.org was launched and has been well received. This site is key to increasing the means available for the Chapter and members to communicate with each other.

The Chapter hosted a very successful Fall Gathering in October attended by almost 200 people.

The Executive Committee and the Activity Committees have spent significant time this year to better define our policies and procedures with respect to the handling of participant fees for trips that involve fees. This will create greater transparency to both participants and the Chapter in regards to the use of money collected.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As of the election of 13 November 2011

Chair – Paul Dale
Vice Chair – vacant
Secretary – John Geiss
Treasurer – Steve Dennen
Members-at-Large – Jeff Carlson, Gary Schwartz, Brenda Conaway
Past Chair – John Lisker
Webmaster – Benji Fisher
Ombudsman – John Lisker
Andover – Helen Palmer
Bicycling – Ingrid Shuttleworth

Conservation – Steve Connors
Family Outings – George Tibbo, Morag Deans (co-chairs)
Forty Plus – Lisa Bryant
Hiking/Backpacking – Silvia Dubinsky
INTRO – Ed McManmon
Local Walks and Hikes – Robert Winters
Meetings and Membership – vacant
Mountaineering – Simon Kozin
Mountains and Music – Naomi Krasner
MUD – Geoff Moore
Paddlers – Julia Khorana, Jeff Pacuska
Skiing – Peter Lindholm
Trails – Malcolm Crawford
Windsurfing – Steve Sevcik
Young Members – Jamie Villanueva

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANDOVER COMMITTEE

The Andover Committee, begun in 1975, continues to provide outdoor activities in the greater Andover area. Our activities, primarily show-and-go, are run from September through June usually on Sunday afternoon. This year our full schedule of activities has included walks, hikes, snowshoe, cross-country ski and an occasional flatwater canoe trip. We also have a few weekend trips to NH such as the Chocoholic XC-ski in North Conway. Many of our events are done on AVIS (Andover Village Improvement Society, the second oldest land preservation group in the nation, established in 1894) properties. Dave Dargie and Burt Batcheller led the 41th annual x-country ski at the Raftan Reservation as well as their annual moonlight ski event. We held our March Leaders' appreciation event at REI. Our annual end of the year, June "BBQ" was hosted by Fred Snell. The October Coleader training graduated two new coleaders. Our Fall Open House at the Andover Memorial Library on November 10

featured the showing of the award winning documentary film, “The Work of 1000, Story of Marion Stoddart” followed by discussion with the film maker, Susan Edwards. Our newsletter, The Greensheet, is published bimonthly by editor, Judi Barthakur and our website, <http://amcboston.org/andover> is maintained by Fred Snell. A big THANK YOU to the Andover committee leaders and coleaders who have contributed to our successful year.

Submitted by Helen Palmer, Chair

BICYCLING COMMITTEE

The Bicycling Committee strives to bring together cyclists of all abilities in a friendly, social atmosphere in which they can enhance old skills, learn new skills, and participate in a variety of events designed to foster the enjoyment of bicycling.

The Committee currently has sixty-five leaders and forty-nine co-leaders. This season thirty-seven Leaders and ten Co-leaders lead or co-lead rides, and they and others assisted with other Committee-sponsored events.

With the statistics available to date, the Bicycling Committee had seventy-two events scheduled this season - April through October (31 fewer than in 2010). Nineteen of those events were canceled; 12 due to inclement weather (of which we had more than our share this year), 5 due to lack of interest (some possibly due to high air temperatures), 1 due to leader illness, and 1 for other reasons. To date, one event report is outstanding, and one trip is scheduled for this weekend.

Approximately eight hundred five (805) people, including approximately sixty-nine (69) non-AMC members, participated in Bicycle Committee sponsored events this

season. [This is a decrease in numbers from approximately 1,174 people (including 71 non-members) who participated in scheduled events in 2010.] In addition, one weekend ride not included in the season tally is currently in progress, and two other ride reports remain incomplete, so participant counts may increase.

The various rides included “Series” rides (rides with a regular start day and time), non-series rides, weekend day rides, and weekend multiple-day rides/trips.

In addition to these events, the Committee sponsored the following annual events: a Leadership Appreciation Dinner and Trip Planning Meeting, a Bicycle Repair Workshop, New Member Ride, and a Bicycle Rally.

The *Bicycle Repair Workshop* [Saturday, March 27, Concord, Massachusetts] featured general bicycle maintenance, including instructions on how to fix a flat tire, how to properly lube a chain, and how to adjust brakes and derailleurs and keep them in good operating condition. 20 AMC Members and 16 non-members pre-registered for the event, and 6 people registered the day of the event.

The *New Member Ride* [Saturday, May 15] started in Concord, Massachusetts. 22 AMC members and 10 non-members participated.

The 33rd *Annual Bicycle Rally* [Saturday, June 4] was held at the Friendly Crossways Hostel in Harvard, Massachusetts. Four rides were offered: 67, 50, 27, and 15 miles in length. Appetizers, dinner, and a presentation followed the rides. More than 90 people participated in the Rally, with approximately 60 staying for dinner. Attendance was slightly lower this year than last, but dinner

reservations were limited due to space restrictions.

This season the Bicycling Committee continued to offer a varied program of events to meet the goal stated above. For the benefit of AMC Members, the Community, and the General Public.

Submitted by Ingrid Shuttleworth, Chair

CHARLES RIVER MUD

The all-volunteer editorial team of Jean Sideris and Geoff Moore published twelve full editions of The Charles River Mud since last year's annual meeting. This effort included editing trip listings - which Jean did to a consistently high standard - writing articles, collecting information on special events, design and layout using Adobe InDesign, print and electronic publication and distribution.

The Boston Chapter newsletter is one of only a few in the AMC still available monthly and distributed in print form. Each month we print and mail The Mud to 9500 addresses in MA and 100 in other States. We also send 3500 emails to members with instructions on how to download the electronic version of Mud in PDF form from the Chapter website.

The task is not insignificant and incurs printing and mail handling costs of around \$41,500 annually. The electronic version distribution incurs zero cost by using existing Chapter and AMC infrastructure.

Print and mailing costs continue to rise and it was only the prudent introduction four years ago of the electronic Mud that has contained costs at a sustainable level. However, take up of the email option has virtually stalled in 2011 and a concerted effort is required by all

Chapter Committees to increase member adoption of the electronic Mud.

In 2012 the Chapter will need to add editorial and publishing volunteers and to allocate funds to purchase hardware and software which is currently provided by the existing editorial team.

Geoff Moore
Editor, The Charles River Mud

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

In 2011 the main focus of the Conservation Committee has been developing ideas that build upon the "T to Trails" initiative. The "T to Trails" initiative is intended as guide to members of hikes, walks, and biking opportunities available from MBTA Commuter Rail, Subway and Metro stops. It is designed to highlight local, car-free, opportunities for outdoor recreational and natural activities. A partnership among the Chapter and the Club, "T to Trails" aims to provide both "low carbon" recreational activities, and car free activities for members without automobiles. The "T to Trails" information will be part of the Boston Chapter's newly redesigned website with links to the Club's website, MBTA schedules, the websites of "Friends of" groups and related activities to MBTA stops. The long-term goal is to link with Boston Chapter Activities Committees for local walks, hikes, etc., and well as generate broader use of public transportation for recreational activities.

In addition to "T to Trails," the Conservation Committee, in collaboration with the Club, is looking at ways to provide broader, solution based environmental awareness and educational opportunities. This includes building on the Club's AMC and Climate activities, to reach out to students, and the general public about environmental trends and

impacts, as well as cost-effective energy and related solutions. For interested Chapter members, this will begin with an "Environmental Film Series" to initiate discussions and ideas for community action and outreach.

Submitted by Steve Connors, Chair

FAMILY OUTINGS COMMITTEE

Again, overall I think we had a good year. Things seem to be a little better than last year but we did have issues with the hurricane interrupting our Nickerson trip and cancelling my hut trip. We also had another change in leadership of the committee, as Ken Anderson resigned his position. I became Chair and Morag Deans has become vice chair.

We have run most of the trips that we have in the past (winter trips to 4 different venues, camping trips to Campton campground, Boston Harbour Islands [2], Nickerson State Park, Osceola Vista). We have also had a couple of committee meetings that included an opportunity for a hike, and socializing.

I again think things continue to look up for the committee! We continue to gain co-leaders/leaders all though slowly. We have been having regular meetings (quarterly), and at our last meeting we decided we would try to run at least one outing a month.

Submitted by George Tibbo, Co-Chair

FORTYPLUS COMMITTEE

FortyPlus is a committee of the Boston Chapter of the AMC. Its activities are open to all who enjoy outdoor activities. Events are particularly aimed at active people over 40 who like to share events with people close to their own age. We stress safety and security

on all of our trips as well as attention to the comfort level of all participants. Activities include Hiking, Biking, Paddling, Skiing/Snowshoeing, and Meanderings (mid-week local walks).

In the past year, FortyPlus has sponsored over 75 activities including weekend biking, hiking and snowshoe/cross country ski weekends. Total participation in these activities was over 700 people. Two of the weekends were planned with the Southeast Chapter.

In addition to the above activities, we sponsor several special activities each year. Every other year we sponsor a Wilderness First Aid Training course in the Boston area. The course is targeted for leaders of activities where medical help may not be quickly available. The next course is to take place in the spring of 2012. Each fall we sponsor a getaway weekend at Squam Lake, NH with paddling, swimming, and hiking activities. Each winter we sponsor a weekend ski and snowshoe workshop.

FortyPlus publishes a quarterly electronic Newsletter listing our activities for the coming quarter and maintains a web-page of activities and photos (www.amcboston.org/forty). We also list our trips in AMC publications and on the AMC on-line trip listing system (<http://trips.outdoors.org>).

FortyPlus attempts to accommodate all levels of ability and maintain an atmosphere of fun. We offer a very active year-round schedule of activities, geared to a wide range of ability levels. Activities, for example, range from day trip beginner hikes or beginner skiing on relatively flat terrain to multi-day backpacking treks.

Requirements to participate: Interest in our activities and intent to join AMC if you plan long term participation.

Requirements to lead activities:

1. Participate satisfactorily in an AMC sponsored leadership training program.

2. Co-lead a minimum of 3 trips with FortyPlus in the activity the candidate wishes to lead.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in the activity the candidate wishes to lead.
4. AMC membership

In the spring of this year 11 members joined 5 Forty Plus leaders in a day long leader's training workshop.

We invite you to participate in FortyPlus activities that suit your needs and abilities. We hope you will consider taking a further role by leading FortyPlus activities. For further information, please contact the Chair listed in the FortyPlus Newsletter or send an email to: FortyPlus@amcboston.org.

Submitted by Lisa Bryant, Chair

HIKING/BACKPACKING COMMITTEE

The HB Committee had another successful year with new leaders, numerous trips, instructional programs, and social events. In May 2011 we began requiring current WFA status from all of our leaders (for the HB definition of current WFA status, please see our website). This has made our WFA courses very popular. We have not had any visible decrease in the number of trips since implementing that requirement as of this moment. However, we are continuing to monitor the leader's sentiment. The new rule is scheduled to be reevaluated in May 2012.

The committee sponsored the following events in the last twelve months:

- The Winter Hiking program in November/December 2010 graduated 150 participants.
- The February Leadership Appreciation and Awards dinner, attended by approx. 80 leaders and co-leaders (as compared to 32 last year), where 9 awards were given to deserving leaders.

- The Spring Leadership Training Program which graduated 25 new co-leaders.
- The Introduction to 3-Season Hiking program, which trained over 103 attendees in the basics of hiking in the North East (114 in 2010).
- Three Wilderness First Aid courses: June 2011 (26 participants), Nov 2011 (28 participants registered), and Dec 2011 (26 participants registered). The committee is still in touch with AMC risk director Aaron Gorban in regards to implementing a WFA refresher course for next year.
- 8 Harvard Cabin trips (same as last year)
- 7 Slide shows
- Continued to maintain the HB Gear Sale Google group which was launched in '09.
- Leadership Appreciation Social in Oct 2011, attended by approx. 20 leaders and co-leaders.

From September 2010 through October 1 2011, HB volunteers led 135 trips (that excludes the Spring Hiking Program trips).

Submitted by Silvia Dubinsky, Chair

INTRO COMMITTEE

The INTRO Committee provides members of the Boston Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club with opportunities to participate in a variety of outdoor activities that include hiking, bicycling, skiing, paddling, camping, environmental awareness, local walks, and conservation projects from the beginner (INTRO-ductory) level up to an intermediate level. The INTRO Committee does not offer activities that require advanced skills. We invite people of all abilities, colors, ethnic origin, or gender preference to join us in any of our outdoor activities. Our trips and events are run by trained volunteer leaders and include the following types of day and weekend activities:

- Beginner and intermediate biking
- Beginner and intermediate hiking
- Beginning and intermediate flat water canoeing and kayaking
- Beginner and intermediate skiing (both Nordic and downhill)
- Local walks
- Trips with a special twist, such as dog walks, cultural & historical walks, New York City cultural trip, day hike around the mansions at Newport, RI, bike rides to beach areas, writing workshops, and yoga with hiking.

Summary of INTRO sponsored trips from October 1, 2010 to October 1, 2011

Total Number of Trips: 45

Total Number of Participants: 603

There currently a total of 130 qualified individuals listed on the INTRO leader's list to either lead or co-lead our various types of trips.

Submitted by Ed McManmon, Chair

LOCAL WALKS AND HIKES COMMITTEE

The Local Walks/Hikes Committee sponsors day trips year-round, of varying length and difficulty, mostly in eastern Massachusetts, with some in central Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Many trips take place within minutes of Boston and most are no more than an hour away, utilizing a wide variety of locations in the Boston area, including urban parks, coastal beaches, conservation land, state forests and reservations, ponds and lakes, long distance trails, and city streets. A large number of trips are accessible by public transportation. Most activities are "show and go"; the decision to

participate can be a spur of the moment one. The Committee also sponsors noontime programs of general interest at Cabot Auditorium at Joy St.

In the past year, about 225 trips were led, with approximately 3000 total participants. We have about 70 active leaders, about 45 of whom led trips this past year. Activities included conditioning hikes, nature walks, snowshoeing and cross country skiing, "after work" city walks, and historical walks. There were also a wide variety of instructional trips; on plant and animal tracking and identification, birding, edible wild plants, geology, and natural history. The great frequency, variety, and popularity of our Local Walks and our wealth of knowledgeable leaders are what define our committee.

After a brief hiatus, we have resumed our series of noontime slide show and talk programs given at the Cabot Auditorium at Joy St. These cover topics such as history, geology, travel, and the natural world. We are now on track to schedule about a dozen such programs per year.

All Local Walks/Hikes activities are posted to the AMC On Line Trip Listing (OLTL) system. In addition, general information including late news, weather cancellations, and a rolling list of upcoming activities for the next several weeks is maintained on the Committee web site at <http://amcboston.org/walks>.

Submitted by Robert Winters, Chair

MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

[Report to be forthcoming]

Nathan Karol, Membership Chair

MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

Overview:

The Mountaineering Committee (MC) continued to promote climbing and protect access to climbing areas in and around the Boston area. The MC offered its annual ice climbing instructional program in the winter and the beginners' rock climbing program in the spring. These classes were organized and operated by volunteers from the MC. Additionally, avalanche and rescue courses were organized by the MC and taught by certified guides. This year we coordinated an "Adopt-a-Crag" event at Quincy Quarries co-sponsored by the MC, REI, the Access Fund, and DCR. The MC has continued to publish *The Crux*, its climbers' newsletter, and to operate a successful website. Monthly social events were hosted by volunteers. During 2011 the MC chair position was retained by Simon Kozin.

Instructional programs:

The MC taught beginning ice and snow climbing this year, as it has for many decades. Approximately 20 experienced ice climbers volunteered their time to act as co-leaders and assistants to teach 24 students. The Harvard Cabin in Jackson, NH was utilized as a base of operations for the two upcountry weekends. The Ice Program was coordinated by dedicated volunteers Dave Yee, Mare Weiss, Joe Solomon, Otto Weiss, and Simon Kozin who have been running this program for the last several years.

The spring rock climbing program, a fixture of the MC for many decades, involves 5 weekends of instruction. Approximately 40 experienced climbers volunteered their time to teach 72 new climbers. This year the maximum enrollment was slightly reduced to increase the student/instructor ratio and reduce the impact on Quincy Quarries. Fifty

five students successfully graduated. Many of the graduates attended the New Seconds weekend at the "Gunks". The Rock Program was organized by Chuck Reed, Tom Bielicki, Lilly Vollman, and Ron Birk. Weekend leaders graciously volunteered to coordinate details of each specific weekend and ensure appropriate gear is on hand and organized. Rusty Reitingner has been the trusty gear coordinator for both the Ice and Rock Programs for several years, not an easy job.

Two other training programs were offered to enhance the skills of local climbers. The MC organizes a rescue class, which was offered in both the spring and fall. In the winter the MC offered avalanche training. Both of these courses are taught by certified climbing guides. Nancy Savickas organized these courses again, as she has for many years.

The Crux newsletter, web site, and Adopt-a-Crag:

The MC published 3 issues of our newsletter entitled, *The Crux*, that is sent to approximately 700 people. Many thanks are owed to Al Stebbins and Nancy Zizza for organizing, printing, and mailing *The Crux*. The MC operates a web site, www.amcbostonclimbers.org. Both *The Crux* and Web Site contain news of interest to the Boston climbing community. In recent years Ron Birk has taken ownership of the website and greatly increased its functionality and the wealth of information available. Currently, registration for all MC organized programs is handled electronically through our web site. Payment is collected via PayPal greatly simplifying the work of our trusty treasurer, Eric Engberg. The Quincy Quarries Adopt-a-Crag event was attended by forty people. The work crew completed trail work, shrub removal and trimming, clean up, and tree removal.

Weekend Trips:

Several weekend trips were sponsored throughout the year. Over one hundred climbing leaders, new seconds, and assistants participated in New Seconds weekend held in May at the Shawangunks in NY. A summer gathering was held in Campton, NH. Thankfully the weather for our fall gathering, Fall Frolic, was favorable. The event was attended by 62 people who enjoyed the beautiful fall weekend. This event is regularly held at the Mohonk Preserve, aka The Gunks, NY.

Monthly social events and annual holiday party:

The MC sponsored monthly get-togethers called Climbers' Nights on the first Thursday of each month (except during the summer). In addition, the MC will hold a Holiday Party in December. Approximately 130 climbers, friends, and family are expected to attend. New volunteers, Sarah Welch and Cindy Maher, are heading up the organization of the annual December Holiday Party.

Submitted by Simon Kozin, Chair

MOUNTAINS AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Mountains and Music activities bring together people who share a love of classical music and the outdoors.

In 2010, our committee ran three weekend events: two at Pinkham Notch in Oct. 2010 and Feb. 2011 (with option of staying either 2 or 3 nights), and in April 2011 at Nature's Classroom at Sargent Center. Each weekend attracted between 75 and 100 participants, musicians and listeners.

Musical activities included choral singing, informal chamber music, and a Saturday evening informal performance with chorus and orchestra. Hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country ski trips and nature walks of

various lengths and levels were led by AMC trained leaders.

In March 2011, we again co-sponsored a daylong chamber music event at All-Newton Music School with ACMP (Amateur Chamber Music Players). There were 90 participants. The chamber music playing was followed by an orchestral reading and a delicious pot-luck dinner.

Our committee has 17 members and met 5 times to plan weekends. We have gone "green" and use Constant Contact, the service that allows us to keep in touch with our members and send our event notifications and registrations to them via email.

Our participant mailing list contains about 750 people. Our Friends of the Committee is comprised of participants who are interested in helping with website improvement, storage of music stands, recruiting and transporting of kettle drums, etc. without technically being on the Committee.

Our website, www.amcboston.org/music contains information about our activities and a downloadable version of the flyer for the next weekend event.

Submitted by Naomi Krasner, Chair

PADDLERS COMMITTEE

The Paddlers Committee includes three activity programs: flatwater, whitewater, and sea kayaking. In 2011, the Paddlers Committee offered a successful program of recreational trips, instruction, river conservation and stewardship, and social activities.

The Flatwater program offered only two trips – one on the Ipswich River and a fall foliage

paddle on Tully Lake. We will work to grow this program in 2012.

The Whitewater program, with over 500 members (including 120 leaders and coleaders) on its roster, was successful in increasing trip offerings and participation in 2011.

Thirty recreational trips were offered. Pond socials were held weekly from May through September.

The beginner and intermediate kayak instruction programs and pond and river rolling workshops continued to be popular. Pool rolling sessions (recreational and instruction) were held during the winter. Leadership training was given to new leaders and coleaders during the winter.

Members participated in the Assabet River Cleanup for the 16th consecutive year and organized a cleanup at White Pond in Concord. Kayakers volunteered to help Team River Runners (a VA program) take veterans of varying levels of disability down Fife Brook (Deerfield River). Our kayak instructors held a class for the Tufts Outings Club and hope to do the same for other local college outing clubs in the future.

The Sea Kayak program ran recreational trips that included beginner to advanced levels of paddling almost every weekend from June through September. Four kayak technique and rescue clinics held at Cochituate State Park filled up, and a navigation course (on shore "lecture" followed by on water navigation exercises) was well attended. Highlights included Tuesday paddles in Boston Harbor and a seal watching paddle and BBQ at Salisbury State Park.

The new Paddlers Committee website went live at the beginning of the year

(www.AMCbostonpaddlers.org.) We have been using "Paddler Leaders" and "Kayak Instructors" Yahoo groups to facilitate getting important information out to our leaders and instructors. The whitewater paddlers also started a new online message board.

The Paddlers Committee maintains a boathouse with 28 rental boats (flat water and whitewater) and equipment for use on our recreational trips and instructional programs. Our boats and accompanying safety gear are updated on a regular basis in an effort to keep current.

Our members continued to be actively involved with American Whitewater, F.L.O.W., and the AMC Interchapter Paddlers Committee on pond/lake and river access issues and dam releases. We maintain a web page with release schedules and current dam release information - a resource for all New England paddlers.

The Paddlers Committee, working with the Interchapter Paddlers Committee, continued to be represented on the Outdoor Leadership Development Committee (OLDC) and on the Conservation Programs Committee.

Submitted by Julia Khorana and Jeff Pacuska, Co-Chairs

SKIING COMMITTEE

The 2011 ski season was another successful one for the Boston Chapter Ski Committee. The committee sponsored 41 individual ski trips in addition to our usual array of workshops.

The workshops consisted of the Novice/Intermediate Telemark Clinic, the Novice Cross-Country Workshop, an "instruction optional" tele-clinic at Ragged Mountain, and the Cardigan Lodge Ski

Weekend.

Harvard Cabin trips continued to be popular, with two weekends shared with the Mountaineering Committee and one on our own.

In addition to all of the ski trips, the committee held a few social events of note. We co-sponsored the Fall Trip Planning Meeting in October, and held our Annual Open House at Joy Street in December.

We enlisted three new leaders/co-leaders in the past year, and we continue to recruit new contributors to the ski committee through our Yahoo groups, the web site, other AMC events and publications, and word-of-mouth. We have begun a more concerted effort to use social media (most notably, FaceBook) to reach out to a younger base.

The 2011 Ski Committee leadership recognition dinner was held at Jeff Barrell's house in Newton. It provided us with an opportunity to recognize the significant contributions made by all of our leaders and committee members, a sentiment worth repeating here.

Submitted by Peter Lindholm

TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Boston Chapter Trails Committee organized and led four trail work projects in the Boston area this year. They were:

- May 7 Spy Pond
- May 22 Bay Circuit Trail
 The Trustees of
 Reservations
 Shattuck Reservation
- October 8 Bay Circuit Trail

The Trustees of
Reservations
Shattuck Reservation

October 29 Mary P.C. Cummings Estate

The total volunteer hours for the four trail projects were over 125 person-hours with 26 total participants. The number of volunteer hours only includes work at the project site and does not include time spent on planning and organizing the activity.

The Committee is also involved in trail skills training workshops and project planning assistance.

The Committee meets twice a year with the February meeting focused on planning trail projects for the year and the November meeting reviewing the year's activities.

Submitted by Malcolm Crawford

WINDSURFING COMMITTEE

2011 Activities:

- April 23– Spring Potluck, hosted by Jan Soma and Bruce Eisenhut
- May 20-26– Spring weekend trip to Pt. Judith, RI, Friday evening through Sunday. We stay at Camp Fuller, a YMCA camp, and sail at Ninigret Pond. Led by John Ho.
- July 9– Beginners' clinic at Lake Quanipowitt in Wakefield, MA. Members of the group bring their equipment for the beginners to use for a day of instruction and sailing. At the end of the day, we all head to a nearby restaurant for dinner. Led by Steve Sevcik, Medfield, Mass.

- July 30– Beginners' clinic at Lake Quanicowitt in Wakefield, MA. Members of the group bring their equipment for the beginners to use for a day of instruction and sailing. At the end of the day, we all head to a nearby restaurant for dinner. Led by Sue McGreevey.
- August 6– Day Trip to Fogland Point State Park, Tiverton, RI. Sailing at a popular, protected windsurfing beach. Led by Ginna Day.
- August 27– Day Trip to Fogland Point State Park, Tiverton, RI. Sailing at a popular, protected windsurfing beach. Led by Ginna Day. Was canceled due to low wind.
- Sep. 9-11– Fall weekend trip to West Dennis Beach (MA), Friday evening through Sunday. We stay at the Lighthouse Inn, right next to the beach. Led by Betsy Landon.
- Nov. 5 – Fall Potluck, hosted by Ginna Day.

Submitted by Steve Sevcik, Chair

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE

The Young Members (YM) Committee continues to be an active component of the Boston AMC community. The Steering Committee has been in place for a year with Jamie Villanueva, David Daiell, and Brian Lawrence as Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. Andrew Shearer continues to serve as the webmaster.

Trip leadership is provided by about twenty active leaders, with many more who contribute a few trips each year. YM has

successfully recruited many new co-leaders through the chapter leadership programs and has been successful in converting several of them to leader status in the past year. This year YM offered about at least 50 trips in a wide array of activities. YM activities included hikes, camping trips, bike rides, local walks, cross-country ski trips, and social outings. Notably, several trips in all seasons were multi-sport trips such as summer camping trips that included hikes and bike rides. In addition, many YM leaders also lead trips with other committees (e.g., H/B, Ski, Bike) and YM leaders continue their involvement as instructors in the Spring and Winter Hiking Programs and the Spring and Fall Leadership Training Programs.

In addition, our past social coordinator, Maura Hume, planned several YM social events which provided a good opportunity for new members to find out more about the AMC, YM, and the trip sign-up process. YM plans to continue offering social events, local walks, and area outings as a means to attract new participants and the YM leadership anticipates another great year ahead.

YM has piqued the interest of local area colleges who may not have their own outing clubs or may want to partner with AMC YM Boston. The committee looks forward to developing relationships with these and other local colleges to increase membership and the number of trips offered through YM.

More information about YM can be found on our website at:

<http://www.amcboston.org/youngmembers/>

Submitted by Jamie Villanueva, Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR 2010
(January 1 through October 31)

BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR 2011 YTD
(January 1 through October 31)

AGENDA FOR THE 35TH ANNUAL MEETING

The 2011 Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13, at Sandy Burr Country Club, Wayland, MA.

Agenda

- Welcome: Chapter Chair, Paul Dale
- Approve minutes of the 34rd Annual Meeting
- Election of 2011-12 Chapter Officers

Chair.....Paul Dale (3rd term)
Vice ChairJeff Carlson (1st term)
Secretary John Geiss (4th term)
Treasurer Steve Dennen (4th term)
Member-at-Large Brenda Conaway (2nd term)
Member-at-Large Elizabeth Armstrong (1st term)
Member-at-Large(open position)

All terms are single years. Chair, Vice Chair, and Members at Large are limited to 3 terms; and Secretary and Treasurer to 4 terms.

Paul Dale joined the AMC when he moved to Boston in 1973. He is a life member, and is completing his second year as Boston Chapter Chair. He has been active with the Mountaineering Committee for decades, directed the snow and ice climbing program in the past and was Chairman for six years. Outside of the Northeast, he has climbed in Wyoming, the Cascades, the High Sierras, British Columbia and Alberta, Alaska, the French, Swiss and Italian Alps, and Nepal. The soul of outdoor activities are the friendships they foster. He plans to sustain and build the outdoor community in the Boston area.

Jeff Carlson is an active member of the Hiking/Backpacking Committee for which he leads trips, oversees Wilderness First Aid courses and volunteers with the Spring and Winter Hiking Programs. Additionally, he assists with the chapter Membership

Committee. Jeff currently serves as an At-Large Member of the Executive Committee.

John Geiss has been a Chapter member for the past nine years, and has been active with HB and 40-Plus trips, as well as Paddlers Committee Whitewater Canoe instruction in 2003. Though he now lives in Randolph, his interest in the outdoors became more pronounced during the years he lived in California, with many excursions into the Sierra Nevada in and around the Yosemite and Eastern Sierra areas. More recently, he has spent time on the Superior Hiking Trail on Minnesota's North Shore. He likes fall foliage. He can also take good notes. John has been an attorney for over thirty years, and is presently employed in the field of civil rights.

Steven Dennen has been a member of AMC since the eighties and has participated in H/B, biking and Forty Plus activities. While his children were growing up, the family participated in a number of AMC family weekends, hut to hut hiking, and spent many weekends camping at AMC's former Moose Camp Grounds. Steve is pursuing climbing the 48 four thousand footer with his dog. He is the tax partner at Kenney, Dennen, Lague P.C., a CPA firm with office in MA and NH. With his children now in college and grad school, he is getting more involved with the AMC.

Brenda Conaway has been active in the Ski Committee for many years, serving as Ski Chair and an active committee member, trip leader, and ski workshop coordinator. Most recently she led the team that created the Boston Chapter's new web site.

Elizabeth Armstrong joined the New York/North Jersey chapter of the AMC in 1984, relocating to Boston in 2005 and is nominated to serve as an At-Large Member of the Executive Committee.

MINUTES OF THE 34TH (2010) ANNUAL MEETING

The 2010 annual meeting was held on Sunday, November 7 at Sandy Burr Country Club, 103 Cochituate Road, Wayland, MA. The Chapter Chair, Paul Dale, opened the meeting. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were approved as printed in the 2010 annual report.

Old Business

None presented.

New Business

The Nominating Committee presented the nominees for the 2010-2011 Chapter officers. The following slate of officers was elected by the membership:

Chair..... Paul Dale
Vice-Chair.....
Secretary John Geiss
Treasurer Steve Dennen
Member-at-Large Jeff Carlson
Member-at-Large Gary Schwartz
Member-at-Large Brenda Conaway