

American Hiking Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 8, 1982

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Pritchard at 12:15 p.m. The following board members were present:

- .Paul C. Pritchard, President
- .Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Vice President
- .Charles Williamson, Secretary-Treasurer
- .The Honorable Beverly Byron
- .Kay Beebe
- .Susan Henley
- .William Kemsley

Others in attendance:

- .Robert Karotko, AHS Advisory Board
- .Gomer Pyle, AHS member
- .Steve Rice, Appalachian Mountain Club
- .Laura B. MacKenzie, AHS executive director

Finance Report: C. Williamson stated the attached six-month financial statement was in order. He had personally reviewed and checked the figures and reconciled the bank statements. He pointed out that AHS is moving in accordance with the bare bones budget set up at the last board meeting.

The board voted to accept the minutes of the October board meeting and to have C. Williamson become Secretary-Treasurer.

L. MacKenzie gave the executive director's report. Discussion came up on specific issues as follows:

Membership:

B. Kemsley pointed out that renewals are coming in strongly since statistics were figured on first renewal letter only. A membership drive will be organized in March. B. Kemsley suggested the executive director speak to R. Lukei, AHS Finance Committee member and CPA to insure the money contribute to AHS to pay for the drive is handled within IRS regulations. The book BACKWOODS ETHICS will be offered as a premium to new members and current members for two-year renewal. An article on the book will be published in the AHS newsletter.

AMC:

Steve Rice represented Tom Deans of the Appalachian Mountain Club. He explained the \$623,000 Mellon grant AMC received to establish a national volunteer program. They will focus on major national targets. AMC is in the very beginning stages of setting up the program. AMC feels that supportin AHS as a national office is important. They could not say what immediate financial support they could give. S. Rice said that hopefully within six- to ten weeks AMC could give AHS an answer regarding the AHS proposals to AMC. .../

Wilderness  
Bookstore

The bank accounts in Maine are closed. A book sale is planned for January 30. L. MacKenzie reported there are bills outstanding of approximately \$500. Accounts will be settled after the sale.

AHS Affiliated  
clubs & chapters

L. MacKenzie reported that there is only one official AHS chapter: the Northern California chapter headed up by Mike McReynolds. The board agreed another appeal should be made to invite clubs to affiliate. B. Kemsley stated that other AHS chapters should be encouraged to be formed.

AHS Volunteer  
Vacations  
Program

K. Beebe reported that there are 15 places to go to this year. They will be listed in the next newsletter (see attached). She had to turn down four places because she could not handle them. The New York Times wrote another article on the program which was published January 3. Fifty requests came in already that week. AHS office sent out 250 replies the past week that had accumulated since last year's publicity. Discussion arose about displaying an AHS Volunteer Vacations Program brochure in the Forest Services areas and the Park Service areas as well. L. MacKenzie said she would follow up on both. B. Karotko took samples of the AHS brochure with him. He said he would look into it for AHS as well.

Hike-In  
1982

Susan Henley was elected to be chairperson of the Hike-In committee. L. MacKenzie suggested having a party in February or March to invite past committee members and new interested volunteers to organize a committee.

Volkspport  
Walks

Gomer Pyle reported on the organization of these walks. B. Byron suggested one be done in her area. There is a 10-mile stretch called the Goodloe Byron Trail. The date was selected: May 22, with Sunday May 23 as a rain date. L. MacKenzie said that Donald Dayton, a local volunteer, had been on a volkspport march in New Mexico and volunteered to work on the committee. A fee will be charged, local business people will be asked to help support it. AHS will make up a package on how to organize such an event and make it available to other clubs: in the country.

Trails Study  
Report (HCRS)

B. Karotko said the Trails Study Report that AHS helped to work on is ready to be published. He had talked to L. MacKenzie about AHS working out a publishing agreement of some sort. The board agreed the book could be a valuable item to sell. B. Karotko and L. MacKenzie will work on it.

HikaNation  
Film

L. MacKenzie reported that John Olmsted wants to come to Washington, D.C. to show the film to a couple of groups. He would like AHS to pay for the airfare and split the intake from the groups with him. L. MacKenzie said AHS has no funds to fly him here although it is a good idea. P. Pritchard said to tell him that he can have all money taken in, AHS just wants the publicity. He offered the NPCA library as a place for a showing. S. Henley said she could arrange for another showing. L. MacKenzie emphasized that no matter where and how many showings there were, AHS should get the publicity and the credits for sponsoring HikaNation. She and S. Henley will be in touch with John Olmsted.

Trails Bill

The bill needs a lot of push to get it through now. L. MacKenzie reported that she has a volunteer with lobbying experience who will help with the efforts.

Nominating  
Committee

The board elected Eric Seaborg to be chair and C. Williamson and G. Pyle to be committee people.

HikaNation  
Reunion

Jim Kern asked that the board be informed of the reunion to be held May 29-30 in Arkansas. L. MacKenzie said details would be printed in the newsletter.

Corporate Support

J. Kern and P. Pritchard gave a proposal to Dunspaugh-Dalton Foundation. To date they had not heard in the Foundation will give any support. L. MacKenzie said she is sending in another proposal to REI for direct support to the AHS Volunteer Vacations Program.

Next Meeting

The next AHS board of directors meeting will be held in Prince Williams Park at the Hike-In on October 10 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

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