

OHA Annual Meeting
Meeting Minutes, November 1, 2025
Called to Order: 7:13pm

Introductions (Stroker Rogovin)

There were 50 OH in attendance and a quorum was established. From a roll call across the decades, the 1960s and 1970s had strong representation, but the most raucous turnout was from the 2020s! Also in the audience tonight was Tom Martin (Lakes 1959) and Willy from Texas (coming from the farthest), 4 Huts Managers: Ken Olson, James Wrigley, Chris Thayer, and Bethany Taylor, as well as EB Carlson, Amanda Fisher Katz Keohane, Jess Wilson, and Becky Fullerton from the AMC.

Honorary Awards (Bethany Taylor and EB Carlson)

Honorary OH membership was bestowed upon the following individuals for their service to the AMC. Donations have been made in their honor to the organization noted.

- Lt. Jim Kneeland- NH Fish and Game, SAR Team Leader. Donation to Slim Baker Foundation. Jim also paid back a debt owed from a 1996 incident with Reese's Peanut Butter Cups at Lonesome Lake.
- James Wrigley- Huts Manager who reframed the experience for guests. Donation to North Conway Day Care.

Huts Update (Bethany, EB, and Parker)

There was a big group of first-years last year, many of whom returned and grew their roles this year. Some notable things included: missing a bunch of pillows at the beginning of the season, closing the ridge during 124 MPH gusts, finding that the Madison pump only went down 10 feet and went dry with the lack of rain this summer, a new menu being rolled out, 16K people being on the receiving end of presentations at the huts (up from 15K last year), and working with the most dedicated staff every day.

AMC 150th (Bethany)

Next year, the AMC turns 150 years old. The huts have been part of the AMC for 138 years and the OHA for 83 years. To celebrate, there will be a relay from Virginia to Maine from March to October 2026. Anyone who wants to participate should get a group together and join the fun! The banner will come through the huts 7/20-8/5, with an OHA event at Pinkham 8/1/26. More to come, but we're looking for volunteers to help shape our engagement with these celebrations. There is also a narrative history project where you can share your stories.

Current Croo Huts Update (Patrick Mulready)

This season was the first time since before COVID that hut lodging crested 40K bed nights! On the other side of things, there were 10 hut traverses from 15:51 to 30 hours, and everyone who started one finished. Jeff Colt still holds the record for hut croo just around 10 hours.

It was a season of:

- Bushwacks
 - Flea: Watcher, Lincoln Slide, Big Bickford, Lincoln's Throat
 - Galehead: Hawthorne Falls, Red Rock Pond, Southwest Twin
 - Madison: Jefferson Ravine
- Bears including a recurrence around Liberty Springs.
- Raids including 3 yard sales for which one involved 3 huts in one night.

Secretary Report (Jared Liu)

Action: dispensed with reading the 2024 minutes, unanimously approved

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Dues paying membership is strong, through the combination of regular and lifetime members. The current 3-year rolling average number of members is 446, with about 15% of those being Lifetime members. If there is an area to focus on, it is the members who pay in one year and then forget for 2-3 years. If all of those members remembered to pay annually, dues paying members could increase by 100%. More to come on that.

Treasurer Report (AL Razat)

We have experienced a 5-year 153% growth in assets, up \$63,775 to \$161,586. This is due to a combination of increased income from Lifetime memberships, additional giving, prudent spending, and smart investing. Our funds are well invested and earning a 4.41% return.

The profit and loss numbers for 2024:

Income: \$23,734

Expenses \$11,392

Net Income: \$12,341

Total Assets: \$161,586

Cabin Update (Heather Harland Wingate)

We previously split the costs of a short-term repair to Washburn Way following storm flooding in Dec. 2023, and continue to negotiate with our neighbor for a more permanent fix. Otherwise, the cabin is in good shape, with recent repairs to a living room window, new kitchen light, and all fire extinguishers being recharged.

Current use for the year is 303 nights as we head into the winter season. For 2025, we'll likely be on par with 2024 usage, with this year and last year being well below 2022 and 2023 usage.

Presentation of the following Steering Committee Officers and Members-at-large for 2025 (Jared)

Action: Unanimously approved the following slate of steering committee and officer nominations:

President: Jared Liu

Treasurer: Anne-Laure "AL" Razat

Secretary: Josh Alper

Resuscitator Editor: Ethan Daly

Webmaster: Kim "Schroeder" Steward

AMC Representative: Bethany "Benny" Taylor

Members-at-large:

Emma "EB" Carlson

Al Kamman

Bill Oliver

Henry "Hank" Ritter

Doug Shaffer

Gerry Whiting

Heather Harland Wingate

Featured Speaker (Miles Howard)

Miles is a writer covering the outdoors and access to the outdoors, and gave a talk about The Urban Trail with a few examples:

- The Emerald Necklace in Boston connects diverse neighborhoods
- Worcester has their East-West Trail and cost them almost nothing to stitch together
- Crosstown Trails in San Francisco
- Seattle Olmstead 120 Trails
- Denver Orbital Trail
- Walk Around Philadelphia

For as much as we love the huts and parks experiences, there are barriers to this including: need a car to get there, expensive gear, lodging and parking permits, and other natural hazards.

While recreating croo nights with his former Madison croo in Montreal, Miles had the idea to create the Boston Walking City Trail, a 27-mile contiguous trail that goes through 30 urban green spaces. Public transportation is nearby so you can step-off anytime, find an empanada, quench your thirst, or something else. They have installed 120+ weatherproof signs, been featured in national publications, and co-hosted over 50 walks with city councilors. As this projects evolves, they're building in a way for residents to submit new trails to join the Trail. They may also emulate the UK's Slow Ways project, curated walking paths through every city the country!

The trails can be mapped with an iPhone app and then posted to All Trails.

Other Bidness

There was a request to reconsider the Hi-C for the Annual Meeting, and Jared offered that we could survey the membership about that.

Chair's Comments

Cabin Season Pass for \$100, Family Pass for \$150.

Dues and donations pay the bills, and Life membership is a great deal! Every little bit helps us. Thank you.

We continue to watch the land to the north to come on the market. Thanks to Bill Oliver for staying on top of this.

2026 Events: 5/23 Spring Reunion, 7/31-8/1 OHA engagement on AMC 150th events at Mt. Washington-Pinkham, Steering Committee meetings via Zoom quarterly

Thanks to Heather Harland Wingate for planning the Annual Meeting and to Gerry Whiting for the toast.

Next Steering Committee Meetings will be on:

Nov. 18, 2025, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3105879688?pwd=bW1NQXNNUZPaURCd9EdXBtM3hkQT09>

Or Phone: 929-205-6099, Meeting Number: 3105879688#, Passcode: 780291#

Adjourned: 8:52pm