

OHA Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2025
Called to Order: 6:32pm

Attendance:

Steering Committee Present: Al Kamman, Jared Liu, Bill Oliver (phone), Anne-Laure “AL” Razat, Lawrence “Stroker” Rogovin, Doug Shaffer, Kimberly “Schroeder” Steward, Bethany “Benny” Taylor, Gerry Whiting
Steering Committee Absent: Carter Bascom, Ethan Daly, Deirdre Vander Schaff
Guests: Josh Alper, Bill Barrett (phone), Emily Benson, David Burnham, Richard Stetson, Ray Welch, Heather Wingate, David Burnham
Quorum established
Al Kamman on the gavel

Secretary’s Report (Jared)

Edits: Remove Deirdre’s name from Fallfest planning, and corrected spelling for Jim Kneeland.
Action: Al made a motion to accept the minutes from the 6/10/25 meeting with edits, Stroker seconded, unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report (AL)

Vanguard is now fully funded that is automatically invested in a sweep Money Market that currently averages 4.58%. Checks not available through this account yet, but AL is working that through their customer service.

TD Bank Balance, as of Sept. 9, 2025 6pm
Checking - \$14,098.17
Business 9 month CD - 3.59% - exp. April 7, 2026 - \$16,461.21
Business 12 month CD - 3.54% - exp. Nov. 1 2025 - \$6,173.67
Business 12 month CD - 3.54% - exp. Dec 20. 2025 - \$4,470.54

The next CD expires 11/1/25. AL will check back with the Steering Committee at the next meeting to discuss whether to put into another CD or roll into the Money Market.

Fallfest (Heather)

Sent group reservation number to Tator and the website. Benny will ping the Pinkham staff.
Hike: Heather will put out on Facebook asking if anyone wants to lead a hike.
Acoustic jam around 4:30pm
Presentations: Stroker will emcee, Benny will introduce James Wrigley, EB will introduce Jim Kneeland, James Wrigley will introduce Miles Howard, featured speaker.
Special Member: James and Jim will only need a meal since they live locally. Benny and EB will confirm where our nominees would like their \$100 donation directed.

AMC 150th (Stroker, Benny, Jared)

We have sketched out 3 aspects so far: 1. OHA will carry the banner on a roundtrip journey from PNVC to the Obs on Friday, July 31, 2026, 2. planned activities at PNVC on Saturday, and 3. Shuttles to the Cabin where OH will be to receive AMC and other visitors. There is a lot of space in between for activities, and we are pulling together a group of OH to plan this. We have reserved 20 bunks at PNVC for Saturday night.
The AMC will be collecting stories as part of the celebration.

2025 Openings/2026 Officers (Stroker and Jared)

Open Committee Assignments:

- Trails Coordinator: Bill will keep holding until someone else steps forward.
- Ambassador Program Coordinator: Amanda Henck Schmidt and Bill Barrett, and Jenn Granducci may be, too, in addition to some current croo and YOH Jared has been in touch with.
- Nominating Committee Chair

Action: AL made a motion to nominate Henry "Hank" Ritter for a 3-year term on the Steering Committee starting in November, Jared second, unanimously approved.

Action: Jared made a motion to nominate Josh Alper to be Secretary starting in November, Doug seconded, unanimously approved.

Full Slate

Officers:

Jared Liu- President

Josh Alper- Secretary

Anne-Laure "AL" Razat- Treasurer

Kim "Schroeder" Steward- Website/Social Media

Ethan Daly- Resuscitator Editor

Bethany "Benny" Taylor- AMC Representative

Members at Large:

Emma "EB" Carlson

Al Kamman

Bill Oliver

Henry "Hank" Ritter

Doug Shaffer

Gerry Whiting

Heather Harland Wingate

Hut Croo Photo Project (David Burnham)

David will connect with Brian about how to store the photos on Google Drive.

Also working on an OH Cookbook. Will look into an on-demand book that sources material from OH.

David will also be exploring options for providing physical photo albums for the Cabin.

Cabin Report (Emily, Bill Oliver)

More croo used the cabin this summer than last year, and we got some nice notes from them.

Wrapping up emergency lighting project and broken window project.

Trying BioKleen in the outhouse to reduce odor and flies.

There will be a mid-October work weekend.

Gervais is no longer interested in giving the OHA a right of first refusal. He also wants to decouple road repairs from the easement agreement. Em will talk to Jay and get an estimate for repairs and give that to Gervais.

Oktoberfest (Emily, Richard)

October 11. This won't be posted on Facebook, but email Richard if you want to attend!

Merch (Brian via Schroeder)

I don't have anything major to report. I can continue to support the merch situation from a technical/website perspective, but I'd like someone else to take this over. Jared will talk to Brian to talk through a plan.

Website & Social Media (Brian and Schroeder)

The website is running fine. No issues to report.

We pushed a message to OH about the LinkedIn page, and our membership there is now expanding!

We're trying this first as our online directory before thinking about a more expensive option. Thanks to Spencer Taylor, Zoe Davidson, and Brian for joining us in this work!

Hut System (EB)

There are still 8 huts. Lakes is shutting down soon. There are more returning qualified caretakers than we have space for, which is a great mark for the huts.

EB and Jesse got married!

Chris Thayer organized a meeting of all current living Huts Managers.

Trails (Bill Barrett)

Bill will try to organize some work on Hall's Ledge Trail for Oktoberfest.

Bill will put a comprehensive trails report into the fall Resuscitator.

Emily suggested that trails be the Nov. 1 daytime activity.

Resuscitator

No update.

New & Other Bidness (Stroker)

No update.

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

11/18/25, 6:30pm ET

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

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

But Fallfest before then on 11/1!

Adjourned: 8:37pm