

OHA Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2025

Called to Order: 6:36pm with EB on the gavel

Attendance:

Steering Committee Present: Emma "EB" Brandt, Jesse Carlson, Jared Liu, Bill Oliver, Anne-Laure "AL" Razat, Lawrence "Stroker" Rogovin, Doug Shaffer, Kimberly "Schroeder" Steward, Bethany "Benny" Taylor

Steering Committee Absent: Carter Bascom, Al Kamman, Deirdre Vander Schaff, Gerry Whiting

Guests: Josh Alper, Bill Barrett (phone), Emily Benson, Ethan Daly, Brian Post

Quorum established

Secretary's Report (Jared)

Minutes. Emailed edits to the 11/19/24 minutes were highlighted for members.

Action: Bill Oliver made a motion to accept the minutes from the 11/19/24 meeting, Stroker seconded, unanimously approved.

The 2025 membership appeal will be going out soon. Brian and Jared are working on edits and aligning the website form, mostly around the opt-in process for contact information on the online directory.

Treasurer's Report (AL & Doug)

Investments. Doug and Stroker have been talking about investing our treasury. AL's work prevents her from being part of this conversation, but she can execute the decision of the OHA. Currently, we have about \$26,000 earning 3.5% in CDs and \$100K in a checking accounting earning nothing. Vanguard offers an FDIC insured, high-yield Money Market account that earns 4%, allows us to write checks on, charges a 0.01% fee, and keeps our funds liquid so that we can easily change our investment options in the future if needed. The OHA annual budget hovers around \$20-25K.

Action: EB made a motion to authorize AL to open a Vanguard account and move \$120K into a Money Market account there. Seconded by Josh. AL abstained, all other members voted affirmatively.

Stroker and Doug invited anyone who wants to be part of the investments conversation going forward to reach out.

Cabin Report (Emily)

The group that was in the cabin during New Year's accidentally broke a window. They alerted us to this and offered to pay for the repair. Everything is still protected while the repair is happening thanks to the storm windows.

Caretaker. Emily wrote a job description and Mike will make edits. A caretaker has not been identified yet, and Emily willing to stay on until then.

It was suggested that the cabin reservation confirmation underscore that individuals not to attempt to drive up the road.

Becky Fullerton took the deeds and easements to archive at the AMC. Nothing else will be going to her.

Bill Oliver expects to have a response about the road from Gervais by the end of January.

2025 Openings/2026 Officers (Stroker)

- Open Committee Assignments:
 - Cabin Caretaker: see above
 - Hut Photo Project: David Burnham, a professional photographer and son of a former AMC President, is interested.
 - Fallfest Planner: see below
 - Trails Coordinator: see below
 - Ambassador Program Coordinator: see below
 - Investment Committee: AL, Doug Shaffer, Alex Ziko
 - Nominating Committee: looking to formalize this and have the committee start earlier in the year
- Open Committee Seats
 - Miranda Fisher interested in being a member at large in 2026
 - New Chair: Jared willing to take this on starting in Nov. 2025 with support from the super team currently leading the OHA. We will need a new Secretary, though. Jared will write up the job description that can be posted publicly.

Fallfest (Stroker)

Phoebe will not be coordinating this year, but will pass on a planning guide to whomever volunteers.

Action: EB made a motion that Miles Howard be the featured presenter for the 2025 Annual Meeting, Bethany seconded. Unanimously approved.

It was suggested that Fallfest be changed to Nov. 8 so that it does not conflict with Halloween. We'll check if Pinkham can accommodate and get out the word ASAP if so. The backup date is Nov. 1.

OH Ambassador Program (Benny)

We have not yet found someone who can guide this in the way it needs to be done... mid-week, in June, doesn't exclude Fall croos, builds on what has been most successful. Stroker and EB will talk about this offline before the April Tator is published, but we'll likely skip 2025 and reboot in 2026.

Joe Dodge Award Nominations (Benny & Stroker)

There were 18 nominations, mostly staff. Bethany underscored what a feel-good process it is getting to celebrate the great work being done by staff, volunteers, and OH. Ultimately, Georgia Murray was nominated by the Research Department and won. She'll receive an individual plaque and be added to the communal one at Pinkham. Bethany and Tom Seidel will deliver the presentation.

Merch (Brian)

Aprons are selling well.

Website (Schroeder, Brian)

Will add Georgia to the Joe Dodge Award page.

Hut System (Benny & EB)

3 huts are open for the winter. If you know someone who wants to spend every other week at Lonesome this winter, let Bethany and EB know ASAP.

5 out of 6 caretakers are ready to go for the Spring season.

Applications are now being reviewed for summer huts, including 20-minute conversations with all returners.

The huts department did not get funding for second Assistant Huts Manager.

Trails (Bill Barrett)

Nothing new since the last meeting. Bill noted that he may not be able to attend the Spring Reunion, but volunteered Jesse to lead the trail work then, which Jesse graciously accepted.

Resuscitator (Ethan)

Planning for the spring issue has not begun yet, but we're early. The deadline for submissions is March 1. Ethan would like to transition the layout process back to InDesign, which is what Beth Weick and Bethany used years ago. The cost for an annual license is \$270, although there may be a nonprofit discount.

Action: Jared made a motion that Ethan can spend \$270 to purchase an annual subscription for InDesign unless he's able to find it cheaper. Josh seconded. Unanimously approved.

The Mt. Washington Valley Vibe has republished Ethan's article from the Resuscitator. He's now a paid writer!

New & Other Bidness (Stroker)

2025 Calendar: 6/10, 9/9, 11/18

Spring Reunion 5/17, Fallfest 11/1

Next Steering Committee Meeting:

4/8/25, 6:30pm ET

URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3105879688?pwd=bW1NQXNNUZPaURCdi9EdXBtM3hkQT09>

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

Adjourned: 7:44pm