

OHA Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2026
Called to Order: 6:33pm

Attendance:

Steering Committee Present: Emma “EB” Carlson, Ethan Daly, Al Kamman, Jared Liu, Bill Oliver, Anne-Laure “AL” Razat, Henry “Hank” Ritter, Kimberly “Schroeder” Steward, Bethany “Benny” Taylor, Gerry Whiting, Heather Harland Wingate

Steering Committee Absent: Josh Alper, Doug Shaffer

Guests: Bill Barrett (phone), Emily Benson, Lawrence “Stroker” Rogovin, Richard Stetson, Ray Welch, Cooper Young

Quorum established

Public Comment

Cooper Young introduced himself. He is the new huts Assistant Manager. The role has gotten even bigger, and now he and EB are splitting the responsibilities, with Cooper focused on much of the staffing. Cooper has worked in all of the huts across 2.5 years other than Lakes and Madison. Welcome!

Previous Minutes

- January 29, 2026 Programs & Outreach Committee
- February 3, 2026 Cabin Committee
- February 5, 2026 Finance Committee
- March 4, 2026 Membership & Development Committee

Action: Gerry made a motion to accept the four previous minutes with one edit, Al seconded, unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report (AL)

Membership dues continue to come in, and we have 1 new lifetime member!

We paid Sally Baldwin for the artwork purchased in the fall.

Because the amount of business we do online through Stripe is so small, due to an accounting law change, we no longer have to file taxes for that.

We received almost \$2400 in the past year from a matching donations program at Microsoft, and will look for ways to let other OH know about this way to direct donations!

Programs & Outreach Committee (Heather)

a. Spring Reunion: 5/16

This will be a potluck with light chores. Notice went out with the Tator today.

b. AMC 150th: 7/31-8/1

Friday will be the banner relay to the Obs and music and huts ghost stories at the cabin. Saturday will be day hikes, cabin tours, and an evening program highlighting the huts of the present and future. Our hope is that OHA members will make a weekend of it. Come for the events, stay for dinner, and stay overnight at Joe Dodge Lodge. The AMC has offered good rates for meals and lodging. Saturday night’s dessert is Funfetti cake.

c. YOH Hike: 8/29

TBD. Trying to think more about how to engage YOH.

d. Fallfest Firewood Challenge & Annual Meeting: 11/7

Emily will lead the firewood moving challenge the morning ahead of the Annual Meeting, and Heather has planning underway for the meeting, which she and Jared will connect on.

More generally, the Programs and Outreach Committee did a lot of work to think through the purpose of these events and how they support our mission.

Cabin Committee (Emily)

Richard acknowledged that Emily and a core group of folks are doing a great job maintaining the cabin and closing at the end of the season.

Emily and Mike Waddell are working on a capital projects plan so that we can best prepare for cabin work and expenses.

We asked Bethany and EB to think about how to make current croo feel welcome using the cabin, as having that connection is critical to them staying engaged as OH.

Land to the north. Bill didn't have much contact during the winter. At this point, he'll encourage Gervais to connect directly with contractors to have his portion of the road and bridge repaired. Only Bill is talking with Gervais at this point, but anyone who communicates with Gervais is asked to copy Jared.

Finance Committee (Jared)

We have the good fortune to have some investment professionals among the OH ranks who have recommended that we invest the funds we're not relying on this year for operating needs into low fee index funds with 60% in equity and 40% in bonds. The SC will think about this more.

Membership & Development Committee (Stroker)

Development relies upon knowing what we would do with the money. The SC is open to picking up this work, and we'll look to loop in the following individuals to the conversation: Stroker, Bill Oliver, Mike Waddell. Anyone else wanting to be part of the conversation should reach out to Jared.

Hut System (Benny)

Thrilled to have Cooper on board!

Fully hired for spring and summer with caretakers, croo, and fill-in in place.

Some upcoming projects: windows at Galehead, septic at Zealand, fallout protection at Madison, hot water heater and wall work at Greenleaf.

Otherwise, they're obeying all labor laws, have a unified menu, and will be processing credit cards via Starlink.

New & Other Bidness

a. Resuscitator (Ethan)

The spring issue is out, and is contending for the biggest issue. They made the switch to Adobe, which has made things much easier. The core team includes Maya and Larz. Folks submit ideas all the time, and more are welcome!

Thank you to the Tator editors for the nice writeups about those we've recently lost, including Scott and Zoe. Betsy Kent passed away just after the issue was finalized, and we'll get her into the next issue.