OHA Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2026
Called to Order: 6:30 pm

Attendance:
Lawrence "Stroker" Rogovin, Josh Alper, Emma "EB" Carlson, Al Kamman, Heather Harland Wingate, Jared Liu, Anne-Laure "AL" Razat, Kimberly "Schroeder" Steward, Bethany "Benny" Taylor, Gerry Whiting; Bill Barrett; Dave Moskowitz; Richard Stetson; Doug Shaffer

Jared Liu on gavel

Secretary's Report: (Josh) *Action: November and April Minutes unanimously approved.*

Treasurer's Report: (AL) Real estate taxes and firewood paid.
Action: Treasurer's Report unanimously approved.

AMC 150th & Capital Campaign (EB and Jared): EB has done much work furthering a multiple day program (7/31 – 8/1) including a 7/31 dinner party at the Cabin (possibly with a ghost story theme); possible speakers' panel. Extended discussion of logistics and communications, with a recommendation for possible blanket email blasts (just shy of spam) in early July.

Cabin Report: Thirteen participants at spring work day: firewood moved/stacked; repairs undertaken; chimney clear; potluck lunch; good time had by all. Review of cabin insurance options.

Hut System: (Bethany) Opening Report; Gala a positive event; Huts open 6/4.

Resuscitator: Spring Tator published and well received; discussion of a possible preservation scanning of previous editions.

Committees: (Jared) Proposal to establish nominations committee for Steering Committee and Awards; recommendations to be made at September S.C. meeting. Discussion of potential acquisition of Gervais property, its use, and necessary fundraising; Chair to appoint a committee to shepherd acquisition process.

Membership Reinstatement: (Jared) Discussion of policy proposal.
Action: Policy unanimously approved, to be published.

Fallfest (Heather) discussion of possible speakers.

Trails (**Bill Barrett**) Both Halls Ledge and Hutmen's Trails reported to be in good passable condition; Halls Ledge requires refreshing of yellow blazes.

Next Steering Committee Meeting: 9/1, 6:30pm ET

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Adjourned: 8:10pm

Steering Committee Cabin Update 9/2026

- **Busy Summer at the Cabin with Projects**
    - Insurance Inspection 5/27: All good, except needed to install handrailing on the stairway to the 2nd Floor. Emily completed work 7/30
    - Fire Extinguishers inspected 7/16: may be looking into another company that is more local and used by the Town of Jackson for their extinguishers
    - Lighting upgrades finally completed 7/30: new lights in dining room, new kitchen light and 3 new emergency lights installed
    - Still be completed: repair of rotting railing on 2nd floor exterior walkway, and 4 screens need replacing

- **Current Status per visit 8/26/26:**
    - **Not good!** With help of another OH, went to cabin to investigate a reported broken window.
    - Also found ripped off screen on west-facing front center window, rotting end of railing on 2nd floor exterior walkway pulled apart, dining room chairs stuffed in back bunkroom, random "BFD" clothes, old sleeping bag and quilt left around the cabin, beer bottle caps popped off and left on top of and under/around the deck, as well as cigarette butts.
    - I decided I deserved the Petzl headlamp that was also left behind for my additional efforts this visit.
    - Also found empty beer box, Camelback bladder and socks in the parking area.
    - I removed the screen frame and installed a storm window over front center window. I also installed storm window over the broken window on the east facing side of cabin.
    - Email outreach was done to Huts Department and Cabin Committee to investigate the situation. All seemd to agree that it was a series of unfortunate events and the following next steps are being proposed:
        - Make sure AMC Huts Dept folks do a cabin walk-through following large events/bookings, or connect with the Cabin Caretaker if they are unable to do so.
        - Change cabin combo more frequently.
        - Hold off re-installing game camera.
        - 4. Reach out to Jackson Police as an FYI, given that the window was broken directly above latch.

- **Capitol Improvement Plan Progress**
    - Began work on Capitol Improvement Plan with Mike in April, reviewing invoices of past work
    - Need to focus more on this the month of September!

- **2026/2027 Calendar:**
    - **Fall Fest:** Saturday, November 7th
    - **Spring Reunion:** Saturday, May 15th?