**Narragansett Chapter Board Meeting**

August 12, 2014, Tuesday, 6:00pm

155 South Main St. Providence, RI

**Call to Order – 6:03**

**Attendance:** Debbie Mitchell, Chris Shafer, Tom Eagan, Bob Tessitore, Mike Krabach, Dav Cranmer

**Business Meeting**

**Review and Approval of July 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes, Approved by Tom, second by Dav, all in favor**

**Treasurer’s Report** – Tom gave treasurer’s report. Ed voted to approved, Dave second, all voted on and approved.

**Chapter Chair Report**

Debbie brought up that Joy St asked us for any executive updates, Debbie brought up correspondence from members, correspondence from Kevin on the new login with member center effective August 18th. Reminded about Fall gathering Oct 17-19.

**Chapter Vice-Chair**

Bob reported on Fall Festival, may need a few dollars funding from Chapter, number of rooms should have been full lodge, they only have 30 beds

**Old Business**

**Annual Meeting Speaker Project** – Discussed speaker project, Chuck Horbert is available to give presentation on his paddle across the State. There was discussion on whether he has ever done presentations. Chris will speak to Chuck..

**Financial Reserves** – At prior meeting Tom brought up the fact that the Chapter that has some reserves, and is looking for ideas on how to spend.

Chris brought up incentives for serving on board, Mike brought up subsidizing events. Tom spoke about leader recognition. Also discussed were training and capital items. Ed brought up training for membership for example advanced leadership and leave no trace. Mike brought up Wilderness First Aid. Chris suggested new leader incentives, and committee chair incentive. Free membership to executive board, Ed recommended a higher level of award such as free nights at outdoor facility. Tom suggested putting a cap, and then pool money. Ed also suggested website, also 2020 initiative. Ed suggested a chapter retreat talking about some issues involving strategic planning. Tom mentioned social events. Mike suggested new member events. Tom mentioned $2,000 for ongoing events, maybe $5,000 for capital. Tom will summarized and draft document. Ed mentioned an intern on interviewing long term members or leaders and putting on website.

**New Business**

**SPF funds**- Debbie read communication from Joy St. about extended deadline to Aug 20th for SPF funds.

Annual awards- Debbie mentioned to be thinking about for next month..

**Committee Reports**

**Activities –** No items

**Communications-** Mike talked about mobile version. Gazette and calendar are still double input. Make sure activities are put on website before meet up.

**Paddling-** Linda talked about black tie paddle, fast paddlers cancelled, had diverse family new member activity.

**Conservation** –None

**Leadership** – Ed, mountain leadership school –Deb Huntington attended- did exceptionally well

**Membership** – None

**Skiing** - None

**Trails –** Dav reported that meeting held in July. Martha is on urban trails committee, looking for AMC to help with Rocky Point trails. He will get more info after September 12th. August 16th is Vin Gormley bridge work. Wood River Bridge- still looking at who is building bridge, trying to reduce cost of bridge. Looking at October or November project. Worked on Walkabout trail in August. Mike asked for more write ups of trail projects.

**Young Members**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:32**

**Next Meeting is September 9, 2014**