

**Minutes of the February 6, 2013 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the  
Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., held at Saratoga  
Springs, New York, in the Civalier Conference Room of the Wesley Health Center**

**Present:** Jacki Bave, John Caffry, Alison Darbee, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Laura Fiske, Madeline Patterson, Linda Ranado, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, John Schneider, and Gretchen Steen.

**First Vice-Chair Laura Fiske** opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

**The minutes** of the January 2, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Jacki Bave, seconded by Linda Ranado.

**Treasurer John Schneider** presented the January Treasurer's Report. The Club paid the Chapter's dues share up to date in December, but is now behind again. Three new pairs of loppers were purchased for the Trails Committee, at a total cost of \$100.83. A pair was passed around the table for inspection. The \$1,200 in annual chapter memberships and donations has been paid. The asset balance is down \$1,461, to \$6,859. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, seconded by Jacki Bave.

**Laura Fiske and Pat Desbiens** discussed the Chapter's participation in the upcoming **Raptorfest** in the **Washington County Grasslands Important Bird Area**. It was agreed that the Chapter will participate, with the level of participation to be determined, depending on the number of volunteers that can be recruited to staff a table.

Laura gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. She said that the Club is looking for volunteers to help it at the annual Adirondack Sports and Fitness Expo.

**John Caffry** made a motion to appoint **Laura Fiske to fill the vacancy in the Chapter Chair** position for the remainder of 2013. He said that under the by-laws, this would not count towards term limits. Laura agreed to accept the appointment. The motion was seconded by John Schneider, and unanimously approved. This leaves vacancies in both vice-chair positions, as well as the Annual Dinner Chair. Laura will continue to look for volunteers.

**Membership Chair Pat Desbiens** reported that membership was a net + 6 for December.

**John Schneider** reported that there were still four vacancies for the **Winter Camp** outing at the Trails Cabin at Heart Lake in March.

**Trails Chair Tom Ellis** reported that he has re-signed for the Tongue Mountain trail, and that the work day there will be in April.

**Wilderness Chair Jim Schneider** reported that he has submitted his annual report to the Club. He and Jack Freeman will do a presentation on **firetowers** to the North Hudson – Schroon Lake Historical Society in April.

**Alison Darbee and Maddy Patterson, Outings Co-chairs**, announced that they are resigning because they no longer have time to do the job, and they have not been leading hikes themselves lately. They will stay on until a new chair is found. They will poll the current outings leaders and see if any of them are interested in the position.

**Conservation Chair Jacki Bave** reported that the Club Conservation Committee meeting is coming up. The proposed Remsen to Lake Placid rail trail will be discussed. She will report back to the Chapter on this.

**Education Chair Linda Ranado** reported that she has filled 3 spots for 2013 camperships, and may have more filled soon.

**Website Chair George Sammons** reported that the website has been updated with the latest outings. He also said that Glens Falls and Queensbury are discussing opening recreational trails in the **City's watershed**.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Linda Ranado, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary

**Next meeting – March 6, 7:00, at Carl R's in Queensbury.**