

GLENS FALLS-SARATOGA CHAPTER ADK

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 6, 2013**  
**Carl R's Restaurant, Queensbury, New York**

X	Coutant, Maureen	X	Schneider, John
X	Darbee, Alison		
X	Desbiens, Pat		
X	Ellis, Tom		
X	Fiske, Laura		
X	Gruben, Jill		
X	Lane, Jonathan		
X	Ranado, Linda		
X	Schneider, Jim		

Meeting convened by Laura Fiske, Chair at 7:00 p.m.

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Discussion / Analysis</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
<b>Minutes of Prior Meeting</b>	Review of February 6, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes So moved: John Schneider Second: Maureen Coutant	Approved.
<b>Approval of Treasurer Report – John Schneider</b>	Income: Dues: \$1641.95; Fire Tower \$6.00; Total Income (February) \$1647.95; Expenses: Membership = 104.65; Newsletter = \$1421.05; P.O. Box Rental = \$64.00; Fire Tower Challenge = \$9.00 Total Expenses = \$1,598.70. A \$3,000 check was sent to Headquarters for a 6 mos. Chapter note. Total Assets = \$6,908.25 (Checking = \$6,398.50; Savings = \$509.75)	So moved: Maureen Coutant Second: Jill Gruben Approved
<b>New Business</b>		
Annual Dinner Brain-Storming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Location</b> – Glens Falls or Lake George</li> <li>➤ <b>Entertainment</b> – Slide show vs. Music</li> </ul>	Maureen Coutant volunteered to coordinate the event with assistance from committee members who helped last year. Maureen will send a spreadsheet with details from past dinners to all Executive Committee members for review. Suggestion was made to contact Willie Janeway, Director of the Adirondack Council to present a program at the dinner. John Schneider will consult with John Caffry regarding any conflicts of interest pertaining to Mr. Janeway doing a presentation for a chapter of the ADK and will contact Mr. Janeway if no issues are identified.
March Board of Directors Meeting		Date: March 23, 2013. Jonathan Lane, Linda Ranado and Bill Bechtel are able to attend.
Black Fly Affair		Scheduled for May 18, 2013 aboard the Lac du Saint Sacrement. Jonathan Lane will contact Headquarters regarding further details and any requests from individual Chapters.
<b>Old Business</b>		

Executive Committee Vacancies		Vacancies still exist for the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair; Annual Dinner Chair and Outings Committee Chair.
<b>Committee Reports</b>		
	<p>Wilderness – Jim Schneider</p> <p>Trails – Tom Ellis</p> <p>Conservation – Laura Fiske for Jacki Bave</p> <p>Education – Linda Ranado</p> <p>Young Members Group – Jonathan Lane</p> <p>Membership – Pat Desbiens</p>	<p>Materials have been sent to Matt Dunn in relation to the coordination of the Adopt-A- Wilderness program.</p> <p>Paperwork has been submitted to Herb Coles for enrollment to perform trail work.</p> <p>“Adopt-A-Natural- Resource Agreements” update – following meetings between DEC, ADK and other groups, DEC was convinced to continue coverage for protections/insurance for volunteers on trails, lean-tos, etc. If a chapter is presently enrolled in an adopt-a-natural-resource agreement, it will automatically be renewed into a new “stewardship program”. Any work the Chapter does should be done under these agreements and this should be clarified with the requesting ranger before a project is undertaken.</p> <p>We currently have 4 children to sponsor at the DEC camps. No registrations have been submitted since DEC is still in the process of making on-line registration process changes. There is still money in the budget to sponsor 2 more children – consideration will be given to sponsoring 2 children from a running list maintained by DEC of children seeking organization sponsorships.</p> <p>Linda was contacted by the Environmental Science Program at Union College seeking internships within the Chapter. This request will be forwarded to ADK Headquarters for a response.</p> <p>Sports &amp; Fitness Show, Saratoga – Jonathan will be assisting Headquarters at this show the weekend of March 9 – 10.</p> <p>Facebook: Chapter has 112 “likes”; YMG has 87; a few area businesses are also “liking” the Chapter.</p> <p>Next Newsletter request: Re-run ad for a digital artist.</p> <p>January 2013 – 5 new members; 10 rejoined members. A +7 for the month.</p> <p>Raptorfest – March 23 &amp; 24 – a semi-staffed table will be set up with oversight provided by Maureen Coutant and Gretchen Steen and Pat Desbiens.</p> <p>EMS Club Days – scheduled for May 3 &amp; 4. Pat will be away – will try to get a group of volunteers to participate.</p>

<p>Winter Weekend – John Schneider</p>	<p>Scheduled for weekend of March 16 &amp; 17. All available slots were filled. It is anticipated that Chapter member, Matt Karkoski will finish his Winter 46 on this weekend. This will be John's last year as coordinator of the weekend – Steven Mackey will take over.</p>
<p>Newsletter – Jill Gruben</p>	<p>April 1<sup>st</sup> is the next deadline for the May – July issue of the Chepontuc.</p>
<p>Programs – Laura Fiske for Sarah King</p>	<p>Sarah was contacted by Headquarters regarding organizing a presentation on local hikes at the Sports &amp; Fitness Expo in Saratoga. Steve Mackey agreed to do a program; however, the title will be "How to Prepare for Your Hike". Steve is seeking someone to assist him with the presentation – Jonathan Lane agreed to provide support. The presentation will be on Sunday, 3/3 from 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.</p>
<p>Outings – Alison Darbee</p>	<p>An e-mail has been sent to Outings leaders regarding the resignation of Alison and Madeline as Outings Co-Chairs. Replacements are being sought.</p>
<p>Website – George Sammons</p>	<p>All information in the Newsletter is now also available on the website.</p> <p>Some links to firetower sites are broken. Those links have been replaced with the firetower name, without the link. George is working to correct the situation – let him know if any problems are encountered. Also, let him know if there is a website for a firetower that should be added as a link.</p>
<p>Chapter Member Information – John Schneider</p>	<p>John noted that Chapter member and former Chapter Chair, Todd Earl, was in a serious accident recently and is currently recovering at home. Maureen Coutant will send Mr. Earl a get-well card from the Chapter.</p>

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Jonathan Lane: Meeting Adjourned @ 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by : Pat Desbiens, Membership Chair, Acting Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: April 3, 2013, 7:00 p.m.; at the Wesley**