

**Minutes of the June 5, 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:** Bill Bechtel, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Gretchen Steen, Laura Fiske, Jonathan Lane, Linda Ranado, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Wayne Richter. Also present: Alison Darbee and Kerri Healy.

**Chapter Chair Laura Fiske** opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. She introduced Wayne Richter, who she has appointed to be Outings Chair and Kerri Healy, who is interested in a position on the Ex. Comm.

**The minutes** of the May 1, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by John Schneider, seconded by Linda Ranado.

**Treasurer John Schneider** presented the May Treasurer's Report. The Club paid the March dues at the beginning of June. It is two months behind. The Chapter received \$130 from the NYS Solid Waste Association for leading a hike at its annual meeting at the Sagamore. The second \$100 installment was paid to Bob Aspholm for the painting that the Chapter donated to the auction at the Black Fly Affair. Total assets are \$6,337, down \$20 for the month. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Mo Coutant, seconded by Tom Ellis.

**Mo Coutant** reported on the plans for the **Annual Dinner**. Upon her recommendation, the Ex.Comm. agreed to have photographer Gerry Lemmo show his new program on the Adirondacks as the entertainment. His fee will be \$100. Options for the venue were discussed, and the Hiland in Queensbury was chosen. October 25<sup>th</sup> was chosen as the preferred date.

**Laura Fiske** gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. The Club's Black Fly Affair fundraiser was discussed. Attendees said that it was too noisy on the boat to hear the live auction and the food was not very good. The sale price of the Chapter's donated painting was not known. The Club met its fundraising goal. Laura reported on the status of the **2014 Nominations**: two Vice Chairs, one Director, and a Treasurer are needed, as John Schneider is retiring from that position. She will publicize the openings in the newsletter. She also **discussed amending the by-laws** to eliminate the **Annual Dinner Committee** as a separate committee and merge it back into the Programs Committee. John Caffry said that it was too late to do it this year. Laura said that the position has been vacant for 2 or 3 years. It was discussed how the work could be shared, as has been done in recent years; that Mo Coutant should write up a list and timetable for what is required to be done each year; and that eliminating this position would help with quorum problems at Ex. Comm. meetings. Laura will work on the amendment for 2014.

**Website Chair George Sammons** recommended updating the bios on the website. Alison Darbee will remind outings leaders to do this.

It was announced that **YMG Chair Jonathan Lane** recently got married.

**Pat Desbiens, Membership Chair**, reported that membership was +4 in April. In May, 9 new members were recruited at EMS Club Days.

**Kerri Healy** introduced herself as a 20-year Club member who wants to get involved, and discussed her interests.

**Linda Ranado, Education Chair**, said that there will be a total of 8 camperships this year. She did a program for third graders on Leave No Trace principles at the Moreau Lake State Park Conservation Day.

**Tom Ellis, Trails Chair**, reported that the trailwork is done for the year, and that he will go back and check on it once or twice.

**Wayne Richter, Outings Chair**, introduced himself as a 20+ year Club member, and discussed his interests.

**John Caffry** reported for the **Conservation Committee** on the ADK Action Alert for the APA's classification of the Essex Chain Lakes. ADK favors a mostly Wilderness classification, with floatplanes being prohibited.

All of the Ex. Comm. members introduced themselves to Kerri and Wayne and described what they do.

**Mo Coutant** reported for the **Programs Committee** that Sarah King plans to schedule the Glens Falls programs for the third Wednesday of the month and the Saratoga programs for the third Thursday. The programs are all planned through November, and Sarah may do another joint program with Southern Adirondack Audubon next year.

At 8:15 the Ex. Comm. went into **Executive Session** without Alison and Kerri. Laura suggested appointing Kerri to be Vice Chair to fill the vacancy for 2013 and nominating her to run for a full term for 2014. On a motion by John Schneider, seconded by Gretchen Steen, and unanimously approved, **Kerri Healy was appointed Vice Chair to fill a vacancy** for the remainder of 2013.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Linda Ranado, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary

**Next meeting – September 4, 7:00, at Carl R's in Queensbury.**