

**Minutes of the June 18, 2014 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, Maureen Coutant, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Laura Fiske, Kerri Healy, Sarah King, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen. Also present: Anne Paolano.

Chapter Chair Laura Fiske opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

The minutes of the May 2014 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Wayne Richter, seconded by Kerri Healy, after a correction was made regarding the timing of the ADK HQ work day.

Mo Coutant presented the April/May **Treasurer's Report**. The Club is current on dues payments to the Chapter. The balance is \$10,178. In May the Chapter donated \$200 to the Club's Black Fly Affair fundraiser. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, seconded by Linda Ranado.

Laura Fiske presented the proposed **by-laws amendments** regarding for Ex. Comm. meetings, including a clarification of the quorum requirement, electronic voting, and holding meetings by conference call. John Caffry gave some background on the amendments. On a motion by Kerri Healy, seconded by Mo Coutant, and unanimously approved, the Ex. Comm. recommended adoption of the amendments by the members at the Annual Meeting. A copy of the amendments is attached to these minutes. Notice will be published in the newsletter.

John Caffry presented the written version of the revised **policy for taking dogs on outings** that had been approved at the May meeting. After some clarifications were made, the revised policy was approved on a motion by Outings Chair Wayne Richter, seconded by Jacki Bave, on a vote of 12-1, with John voting no. Laura stated that she would work with George Sammons to post all known Chapter policies on the website.

Anne Paolano discussed preparations for the **Annual Dinner**. She has paid the deposit to the Wishing Well. Jim Bruchac will do the program, for a fee of \$350. His father did the program about 10 years ago. Anne will finalize which of his program options he will present, which will be along the lines of Native American legends and other storytelling. Copies of the menu were distributed and the choices were discussed. Three choices were agreed upon and Anne will ask them to add an official vegetarian option as well. (Secretary's note: after the meeting Anne reported that the restaurant had agreed to do so.) The cost will be \$30 per person, and after some discussion, it was agreed that the Chapter will subsidize \$2 per person, which is built into the budget, so that the net price will be \$28 per person. It was agreed it will be decided in the fall whether or not the Chapter will purchase hors d'oeuvres. Anne will work with Jill Gruben on an announcement for the newsletter.

Vice-Chair Kerri Healy discussed the status of the **Nominating Committee**, which consists of her and Bill Bechtel. There was a discussion of potential nominees, and of how to recruit people. The slate must be ready by July 25th in order to get it into the newsletter in time.

Conservation Chair Jacki Bave reported on a meeting that she attended regarding the proposed Saratoga Greenbelt Trail. She said that the City is looking for funding and wants letters of support to submit with grant applications. She offered to submit a letter on behalf of the Chapter. The action was approved unanimously on a motion by John, seconded by Mo. Jacki also reported that the Club has issued an action alert on ATV issues.

Programs Chair Sarah King discussed some program ideas that Southern Adirondack Audubon had given her and said that John Schneider will do a program later in the year.

Jim Schneider reported that he and two others recently cleared the trail on **Tongue Mt.** that he has adopted.

Mo Coutant reported on an upcoming second **ADK HQ** work day for the year. She also said that the heating system had broken down and is being replaced at a cost of about \$60,000, using contingency funds from the Club's budget.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that he is still looking for outings for August, as the list is a bit small for some reason. Laura and Kerri said that the use of Meetup.org for outings has been postponed for logistical reasons.

Education Chair Linda Ranado reported that she and 2 volunteers presented at the Moreau Lake State Park Conservation Day in May.

Trails Chair Tom Ellis reported that he and 3 other people completed the trail work on the Chapter's adopted trail on Tongue Mt.

Membership Chair Pat Desbiens reported that the Chapter was a net – 4 members for April. The Chapter currently has 1,352 households (2d in the Club) and 2,256 total members (1st in the Club). This entitles the Chapter to three Directors on the Board.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Wayne Richter, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – September 3, 7:00, at Carl R's in Queensbury.