

**Minutes of the September 3, 2014 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., held at Glens Falls, New
York, at Carl R's.**

Present: Maureen Coutant, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Laura Fiske, Linda Ranado, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen. Also present: Anne Paolano, Kathi Noble and Aimee Rutledge.

Chapter Chair Laura Fiske opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the June 2014 meeting were reviewed and no changes needed. They will be approved at the October meeting do to the lack of quorum.

Mo Coutant presented the July - August **Treasurer's Report**. There was a question regarding the prepaid postage expense. Maureen will confirm whether there is still a balance owed the chapter. The report will be approved at the October meeting do to the lack of quorum.

Anne Paolano discussed preparations for the **Annual Dinner**. She will send an email to the committee to ask if anyone wants to speak at the dinner or have table at the event. She will follow-up with Jacki Bave to see if she has the materials for making the name tags since this year the food option needs to be known to assist the servers. Laura Fiske will send an invitation to Neil Woodworth. Laura will also follow-up with Jonathan regarding the program document that was drafted last year. It is on the website, but is not in a file format that can be easily opened.

Laura Fiske asked committee members to review the job descriptions for their positions. Updates to the program committee are needed pending the vote on the by-laws at the annual meeting. Changes to the job descriptions only require approval by the executive committee. She asked that changes be submitted for approval by the end of 2014.

Laura Fiske reviewed an email she received regarding the disrepair of the trails and lack of markers at Hudson Pointe. The committee suggested she forward the email to the Queensbury recreation department to make them aware of the issues.

The committee engaged in a discussion regarding enhancing and modernizing the chapter website. Laura read a list of suggestions she received from Jonathan. George indicated some of these suggestions have already been implemented. At the October meeting George will provide the committee with a visual tour of the website and these enhancements. Additionally, the committee is asked to review other ADK chapter websites and like-minded organizations to see if there are features they like and should be considered for the chapter website. Many committee members felt our chapter's website is one of the best of the ADK chapters.

The committee discussed the firetower link issue. George and Jim provided some background information on the issue. Jim reported that he is planning to meet with Rick Conlee to discuss our concerns and how we can incorporate his information. Overall the committee agreed that the firetower section of the website should be enhanced. Jim also mentioned the revision of the firetower book is on-going, but progress is slow. He will also check with HQ about the

availability of the current version of the book. It is not listed on the ADK store. The committee also liked the idea of providing an option for firetower merchandise as long as the chapter is not involved in the transaction. More discussion of this topic will occur at the October meeting. Additionally, the committee agreed that links to non-profit organizations that the chapter supports are okay to have on the chapter website.

Committee members introduced themselves and provided some information about their committees for Aimee Rutledge.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Fiske for John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – October 1, 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga Springs.