

**Minutes of the October 1, 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: Bill Bechtel, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Pat Desbiens, Laura Fiske, Jill Gruben, Sarah King, Jonathan Lane, Steve Mackey, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen. Also present: Adam Rubinstein, Anne Paolano, Aimee Rutledge, and Rick Conlee.

Chapter Chair Laura Fiske opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. She introduced Aimee Rutledge as a Chapter member who may be interested in joining the Executive Committee.

The minutes of the June and September, 2014 meetings were approved unanimously on two motions made by Pat Desbiens and seconded by Linda Ranado.

Mo Coutant presented the June to August and September **Treasurer's Reports** because the Treasurer was away during that period. For June to August the Club paid the Chapter's dues share for all three months and \$26.00 was received for the Firetower Challenge. In September \$3,205 was paid for printing 3 newsletters and one month's dues was received from the Club, along with \$127.00 for the Firetower Challenge and deposits for the Annual Dinner. Assets are \$13,987, which is up over \$5,000 for the year. The reports were approved unanimously on a motion by Jim Schneider, seconded by John Caffry.

Jim Schneider introduced Rick Conlee, who created and maintains an unaffiliated **Firetower Challenge website:** <http://bootscape.com/tag/fire-tower-challenge/>. The topic of discussion was whether or not the Chapter should link his site to the Chapter's or integrate it into the site. His site has a great deal of information that is not available on the Chapter's site, and a link to the Chapter's site. He could easily create a GPS app for it. The pros and cons of connecting, and the details of potentially doing so, were discussed. Jim will discuss this with the Club. No action was taken.

Website Chair George Sammons demonstrated the newest features on the website. He said that the most frequently accessed pages are the home page, newsletter and calendar. Mo Coutant said that the Club thinks that the Chapter's website is one of the best among all the chapters. Jonathan Lane discussed various ideas to improve it. Laura suggested that he come up with a list of his suggestions.

Annual Dinner Coordinator Anne Paolano reported that the restaurant is all set for this year's dinner. The printed program is being prepared. Executive Director Neil Woodworth is coming and will speak. It was agreed that the Chapter will pay for hors d'oeuvres, up to \$200.00.

Newsletter Chair Jill Gruben requested that any items for the next newsletter be submitted as soon as possible. [She and her son Adam Rubinstein then departed the meeting.]

Laura gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. She said that two people have now asked about **Firetower Challenge t-shirts**. She discussed the idea of selling them and other firetower

merchandise. Jonathan discussed how this could be done through Café Press, with multiple types of items. The design could be the same as the current patch. He will research this and it will be discussed again in December.

Laura introduced the **revised job descriptions** for the chairs (3), Secretary, and Website Committee Chair. Laura, John and George, respectively, described the changes. Upon a motion by Mo, seconded by Steve Mackey, they were unanimously approved. Copies are attached to these minutes.

Membership Chair Pat Desbiens reported that membership was +3 for August, and was stable compared to last August. She said that EMS has agreed to allow organizations to have tables in the stores on Club Days again, and that she will be doing so the coming weekend.

Education Chair Linda Ranado said that she is now looking for children for camperships for 2015.

Maureen Coutant reported that volunteers were needed for the Club HQ workday on the 18th.

Program Chair Sarah King reported that Steve Mackey will present the October program, and will be speaking on his end-to-end hike on the Pacific Crest Trail.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that he is researching the policy on unaccompanied minors going on Chapter outings and will report on this next month.

YMG Chair and Director Jonathan Lane announced that he has moved out of the Chapter's area and will be resigning. Someone will also be needed to take over the Chapter's two Facebook pages, which have about 250 people on them. Laura recommended that he shut down the project management tool that he had set up for the Chapter. He gave the Chapter's laptop computer to Laura, who will hold onto it for the time being.

Due to the absence of Tom Ellis, Gretchen Steen made a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – November 5, 7:00, at Carl R's in Queensbury