

Minutes of the March 4, 2015 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., held at Queensbury, New York, at Carl R's Restaurant

Present: Jacki Bave, John Caffry, Tom Ellis, Laura Fiske, Steve Mackey, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, and Heather Webb.

Chapter Chair Laura Fiske opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

After the correction of the spelling of Jen Shepherd's name, **the minutes** of the January 2015 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Wayne Richter.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the January & February **Treasurer's Report**. He said that the Club made the December dues payment. He renewed the chapter note investment with the Club for \$5,000. The note paid \$43.75 in interest in the prior 6 months. The special donations have all been paid. Total assets are \$8,258, which is down from \$9,417 at the start of the year. New Firetower Challenge ("FTC") patches will be ordered soon. This purchase was budgeted for. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Jacki Bave.

Laura presented the revised draft of the **policy on unaccompanied minors on outings**. The latest revisions were discussed. The policy was approved unanimously on a motion by Wayne Richter, seconded by Jacki Bave. The policy and release forms will be posted on the website. Copies are appended to these minutes.

Laura led a discussion of the **2015 Annual Dinner** in the absence of coordinator Anne Paolano. It was agreed that the preferred date would be October 16th, with October 23d as the second choice. Options for entertainment were discussed. The choice could affect the location of the dinner, which must be suitable for the presenter's needs. Accordingly, no decision was made as to whether to hold it in Glens Falls or Saratoga Springs.

Laura reported on a communication from the Club about **ADK trail projects**. It is publicizing trail work opportunities and would like the Chapter's assistance. She said that she has shared this information with the Trails Committee and that it will be posted on the Chapter's website.

Laura reported for the **Membership Committee**, in the absence of Chair Pat Desbiens. She said that there was no net change in membership in January. She also reported that there had been no volunteers yet for the **Newsletter Committee Chair** position. A discussion about possibly hiring a production person ensued, with no action being taken.

YMG Chair Heather Webb reported that she is working on making connections with the Skidmore College Outings Club and with the Chapter's outings leaders.

Conservation Chair Jacki Bave reported that she wrote a letter to the editor of the Post-Star about trail access in the Glens Falls watershed and is also trying to discuss this issue with the Town of Queensbury. She also reported that the surplus land, about 700 acres, at the former Mt. McGregor prison will be added to Moreau Lake State Park.

Trails Chair Tom Ellis reported that the annual paperwork for the adoption of the Tongue Mountain trail is complete. The work day will be the last Saturday in April.

Website Chair George Sammons reported that he has assessed the Chapter's laptop computer. It does work, but it is old (2003) and slow. He has cleaned it out and put the website tools on it, so that they will be available for others to use, if needed.

It was reported that the Club has discontinued the annual **Black Fly Affair** fundraiser so that it can focus on other fundraising efforts.

Secretary John Caffry distributed the mail from the P.O. box.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Wayne Richter, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary

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