

**Minutes of the May 6, 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, Maureen Coutant, Tom Ellis, Laura Fiske, Sarah King, Steve Mackey, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, and Heather Webb. Also present: Kathi Noble, Tim Noble, Anne Paolano, and Aimee Rutledge.

**Chapter Chair Laura Fiske** opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**The minutes** of the April 1, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Jacki Bave, seconded by Linda Ranado.

**Treasurer Steve Mackey** presented the April Treasurer's Report. The February dues payment has been received from the Club. The Friends of the Vanderwhacker Mt. Firetower returned the Chapter's \$100 donation because they don't need it. Newsletter costs were \$1,400. He has ordered 2,000 Firetower Challenge ("FTC") patches for \$1,300. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Linda Ranado, seconded by Jacki Bave.

**Annual Dinner Coordinator Anne Paolano** recommended the Great Escape Lodge for this year's dinner because it has a very large screen, which the filmmakers need for this year's program. The Ex. Comm. discussed menu choices. Anne will meet with the Lodge staff to discuss this further and the choices and prices will be finalized at the June meeting. [Wayne Richter arrived at the meeting.]

Laura said that there was nothing to report on **Nominations**.

Laura gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. The 46ers would like the Chapter to be present at its Grace Peak Celebration in June and to have a table to promote the FTC - she is looking for volunteers. The Club is creating a Recreation Working Group to help chapters plan outings and the like and is looking for volunteers. The Club is also looking for people with connections to foundations to help it obtain grants. A Skidmore student looking for an internship contacted her - she will forward this information to the Club. The Club's Fall Outing will be hosted by the Mid-Hudson Chapter. She is still talking to a potential Newsletter Chair - if she accepts the position, Mo Coutant and George Sammons will continue to assist with production.

**YMG Chair Heather Webb** reported that she is co-leading an outing this weekend and that 14 people are signed up.

**Trails Chair Tom Ellis** reported that the Tongue Mt. trail work is all done. He had two new volunteers and a group of Burmese refugees (who came with former Chapter Chair Neal Andrews) among the crew this year.

**Mo Coutant** reported that several Ex. Comm. members helped out at the Club HQ workday. The Club is looking into adding solar panels and other energy efficiency measures at HQ.

**Program Chair Sarah King** reported that the May and September programs will be joint programs with Southern Adirondack Audubon, and that both will be about animals. All programs through November have been scheduled. She has been doing some publicity in area newspapers. [Anne Paolano left the meeting.]

**FTC Co-Coordinator Kathi Noble** reported that they receive letters from several completers each month. She requested that outings leaders talk up the FTC when they lead hikes to towers. Jim Schneider said that there is now a FTC Facebook page.

**Wilderness Chair Jim Schneider** reported that the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area was remarkably clean when he visited it recently.

**Outings Chair Wayne Richter** reported that he has a full line-up of outings for the next two months and that George has helped to streamline the process for adding outings listings to the newsletter.

**Conservation Chair Jacki Bave** reported that the Club Conservation Committee will meet this weekend - the only scheduled action item is the use of the Jameson Fund to support the filing of a friend of the court brief by ADK in the public right of navigation case.

**Education Chair Linda Ranado** reported that she will be involved in the Moreau Lake State Park conservation event next week. She has filled all spots for 2015 camperships and was able to get the Albany Chapter to sponsor the one child that she did not have funding for.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Mo Coutant, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary

**Next meeting – June 3, 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga.**