

**Minutes of the September 2, 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: John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Pat Desbiens, Laura Fiske, Steve Mackey, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, and Gretchen Steen. Also present: Kathi Noble, Bill Wasiluski, and Tammara Van Ryn.

Chapter Chair Laura Fiske opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. She introduced Bill Wasiluski and Tammara Van Ryn, who have expressed interest in running for the two open Director positions.

The minutes of the June, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, which was seconded by Linda Ranado.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the July to August 2015 Treasurer's Report. Three months' dues payments have been received, together with \$273 for snowshoe rentals for 2014/2015. Two newsletters were paid for. Checks for the Annual Dinner have started to arrive. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, which was seconded by Linda Ranado.

Laura reported on the planning for the **Annual Dinner**, in the absence of Coordinator Anne Paolano. Pat Desbiens said that she would have 10 Membership volunteers to recognize, Linda Ranado said that she would have 3 Education volunteers to recognize, and Wayne Richter said that he would have about 10 Outings volunteers to recognize. He said that he usually gives \$30 EMS gift cards to the honorees. The other committees will do likewise this year. Mo Coutant volunteered to be in charge of name tags, and said that she has been revising the program. Other arrangements for the dinner were discussed, and Neil Woodworth will be invited.

[Aimee Rutledge arrived.]

Laura reported on the work of the **Nominating Committee**. Notice of Bill Wasiluski's nomination for the Board of Directors was published in the newsletter. Laura suggested that Tammara Van Ryn could be nominated by petition, which requires the signatures of 12 Chapter members and can be done until October 8th. John Caffry prepared a petition, which all present (except Tammara) signed. John will obtain a 12th signature before the next meeting. Laura said that there are still no candidates for the Chapter Chair and Vice-chair positions. John said that he would volunteer to run for Chapter Chair. He prepared a petition nominating himself, which all present (except John) signed. John will obtain a 12th signature before the next meeting. The two Vice-chair and the Secretary positions are now open.

Laura reported on the status of the **Chapter Basket** to be donated to the Club's fundraiser. Aimee Rutledge has obtained a few donations. Kathi Noble said that she will get a few more things to complete it. The maximum amount to be spent is \$150.00.

Laura reported that access to the **Spruce Mountain firetower** has been restored. John Caffry made a motion to reinstate it to the Firetower Challenge, which was seconded by Wayne Richter and approved unanimously. The brochures and website will be updated to include it.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter led a discussion of the lack of overnight outings in recent years. Some committee members felt that it was due to a lack of leaders interested in leading such trips, and others thought that it may be due to a lack of interest from members in going on such trips.

The Ex. Comm. members introduced themselves to **Bill and Tammara** and explained what their jobs are.

Membership Chair Pat Desbiens reported that membership was level for May to July and that there were five new affiliate members. She discussed the upcoming events at which she will be staffing tables.

Education Chair Linda Ranado reported that the Chapter sponsored 10 children for DEC camps and ADK Teen Trails this year.

Laura passed along news from Jim Schneider about the **Firetower Challenge**. There will be an official trail-opening ceremony for Spruce Mountain. The Hurricane Mountain tower is being repaired. The trail to the Stillwater Reservoir tower is being upgraded, and the tower can be added to the Challenge when that is done.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that there are two new leaders, but that the number of outings seems to be falling off. The boy whose interest in going on hikes led to the adoption of the policy on unaccompanied minors has been on a few hikes now and that is going well.

Firetower Challenge Correspondent Kathi Noble reported that there have been 21 completers since June. There are 944 members on a Facebook page that is on an independent firetower website.

Bill and Tammara introduced themselves, discussed their backgrounds, and their interest in joining the **Board of Directors**.

On a motion by Pat, seconded by Linda, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary

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