

**Minutes of the October 7, 2015 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: John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Laura Fiske, Steve Mackey, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen. Also present: Anne Paolano.

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

The minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Maureen Coutant, seconded by Wayne Richter.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the September Treasurer's Report. Annual Dinner payments have been received from over 100 people so far. The July dues payment has been received from the Club. Total assets are up \$3,726, for a balance of \$15,761, but about \$2,500 of that is payments for the Annual Dinner. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Maureen Coutant.

The **Annual Dinner** was discussed. Laura said that the Club's Executive Director, Neil Woodworth, and the new Development Director, Catherine Forbes, will be attending. Mo Coutant circulated the draft of the program, which was proofread and completed, and the design was approved. Laura said that volunteer recruiting forms will be placed on the tables. The timing of the program was discussed, to ensure that everything will fit in and the evening won't go too long. The spending of \$200-\$300 for appetizers was approved. Reminders will be sent out to Chapter members by e-mail.

The slate of nominees for the **chapter election** was discussed. John Caffry reported that the necessary 12th signatures had been obtained for the nominating petitions for himself for Chapter Chair and Tammara Van Ryn as a Director. He also said that Kathi Noble had agreed to be nominated for Secretary. John prepared a petition to nominate her, which was passed around, and received 13 signatures. John, Tammara, and Kathi will be added to the slate to be voted upon at the annual meeting.

Laura provided an update on the **Club Board of Directors**. The Club will now require or at least expect all Directors to make a donation each year because foundations expect to see this when grant applications are submitted. The new younger member outreach person has begun work. The new Development Director has a 3-year plan and a development assistant will be hired. John Caffry asked whether the Chapter should make its usual budgeted donations to the Club at this time. Laura suggested that this wait until November.

Wilderness Chair Jim Schneider reported that there was heavy use of the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area at Labor Day, trees have been cut this past summer, and a lot of trash was dumped. He hauled a lot of it out himself. He is going to urge DEC to build the additional 5 campsites that are authorized by the UMP, to help reduce impacts on the existing sites.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that outings are going well.

Mo Coutant announced that the **ADK Headquarters Work Day** will be held on the 17th. Breakfast and lunch will be served, and a hike will follow. She also reported that she and George Sammons are working on the next edition of the **newsletter**.

Conservation Chair Aimee Rutledge reported that she had attended the ceremony for the reopening of the trail to the Spruce Mountain firetower. The trail has been relocated and the tower has also been rehabilitated. The trail will be closed for hunting season soon (because it crosses private land). The Firetower Challenge website will be updated to inform people of this closure and that this tower will not count for the Challenge while the trail is closed.

Education Chair Linda Ranado announced that she is now looking for applicants for the 2016 camperships.

Membership Chair Pat Desbiens reported that membership was up a net + 4 for August. The EMS Club Days event will be held this month and she will staff a table there.

Laura thanked Kathi Noble for coordinating the basket that the Chapter donated to the Club's fundraiser. She said that the Long Island Chapter had done a member survey and asked whether the chapter should do one. It was discussed that one had been done before, but not recently. No action was taken.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Pat Desbiens, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – November 4, 2015, 7:00, at Carl R's in Queensbury.