

**Minutes of the January 6, 2016 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, *Laura Fiske*, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Tammara Van Ryn. Also present: Tim Noble, and Deb Donahue.

Chapter Chair John Caffry opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda items:

***The minutes** of the December 2, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Tamara Van Ryn, seconded Linda Ranado.

***Treasurer Steve Mackey** presented the December 2015 Treasurer's Report. \$75 was deposited from FTC checks; funds were paid out for the Victorian Stroll, Ragnar thankyou's, newsletter postage and printing. Total assets are \$9380.21. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Jim Schneider and seconded by Wayne Richter.

***Steve Mackey presented 2016 Budget.** He explained that the budget usually shows a deficit but then balances out at the end of the year. There was a discussion by Linda Ranado asking for \$175 more to sponsor three for the ADK Teen Trails Program. Steve Mackey made a motion to add this request in the budget, motion seconded by Linda Ranado. Members unanimously agreed, with John Caffry abstaining due to a conflict of interest. The budget was approved unanimously with a motion by Linda Ranado and seconded by Aimee Rutledge.

*** John Caffry presented 2016 Special Donations.** Jim Schneider suggested a grant system where friends of fire tower groups can apply for moneys, a committee would then decide on who gets the money. Jim is going to check into whether some of the fire tower groups are still active. John suggested tabling the 2016 special donations until further information is gathered.

***John discussed the appointment of alternate directors.** The club is entitled to 3 full directors, we currently have two. The by laws state that we can appoint 4 alternate directors, we currently have 2, Deb Donahue and Dan Kane. Members of the executive committee can be alternate directors. This item was tabled until John contacts the alternate directors to see if they would like to be a full director.

***Jim Schneider updated the group on the FTC decal** that is being pursued outside of the club. Jim did not hear back from Jake Wilde. Deb Donahue will contact him and invite him to a meeting.

Committee Reports:

*John reported for the **Young Members Group**: He said that Stephanie from the Club sent him an email that he will forward to the committee. John will invite Stephanie to a meeting to help get our group going.

***Board of Directors**: Bill sent an email and Tammara shared a survey from the Club for potential grant resources in our community. She also shared about a bike trip book written by Laure Ivitian, liability insurance has gone down due to low claims, and that the Club will no longer be participating in Ragnar Relays but will be involved in Peak to Brew. Tammara noted that the Club Board approved two projects to be funded from the Grow ADK Fund at its December meeting. The moneys in the fund come from undesignated bequests and projects approved by the board and must advance new opportunities for ADK. This year the fund will help pay for the young-member position and the development assistant. These are new positions added in 2015 that must be self-funded by 2017.

*Jim Schneider discussed **Views from on High**. There is no publish date and there is a concern that there will be a conflict with the new Northville Lake Placid Trail book.

***FTC**: Tim Noble reported that there were 87 FTC finishers in 2015 and 6 winter completers. Jim will talk to the Club about how well the FTC is doing and how it can be used to draw new membership.

***Conservation**: Aimee Rutledge shared an email from Neil Woodworth on the hearings for the Essex Chain. She will attend the hearing next week in Saratoga and will send a letter on behalf of our club. She also mentioned that there is an increase in the Environmental Projection Fund.

* **Website**: George Sammons reported that the ADK has a master calendar combining outings/events/meetings from all the clubs. There is a link to this on our website.

*Past Chair Laura Fiske discussed the **ADK survey** and the information about GFS Chapter. Members are satisfied with the chapter, but don't attend events or volunteer.

John will research alternate place to hold the meetings. Some suggestions were ADK Headquarters, Crandall Library or John's office.

On a motion by Jim Schneider, seconded by Wayne Ritcher, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Noble, Secretary

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