

**Minutes of the March 2, 2016 Meeting of the Executive Committee
Of the Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club,
Inc., held at Glens Falls, New York, at Crandall Library**

Present: John Caffry, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Sarah King, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Linda Ranado, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, Steven Lashomb, Maureen Coutant, Deb Donahue and Bill Wasiluski. Also present: Dan Kane and Anne Paolano.

Chapter Chair John Caffry opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Discussion of the Annual Dinner was added to the agenda.

Agenda items:

The minutes of the February 3, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, seconded by Tom Ellis.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the January and February Treasurer's Report. The chapter note of \$5000.00 has matured and has been renewed. The renewal process is now done through email. Total assets for the club are currently \$8156.66. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Mo Coutant, seconded by Linda Ranado.

John gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. Several vacancies on the executive committee have been filled. John has appointed Steve Lashomb as Young Members Chair and Deb Donohue as Newsletter Editor. Deb can continue as an alternate director. John proposed that Mo be voted in as the 2nd Vice Chair. Mo has agreed with the understanding that she is not planning on becoming the Chapter Chair. On a motion by Gretchen and seconded by Sarah, Mo Coutant was unanimously voted to a 1 year term as 2nd Vice Chair.

John presented the **Special Donations** list. Pat suggested the Friends of IBA be removed because we pay a fee of \$100 for the table at the Raptor fest. Steve discussed a new nonprofit group that is creating a trail up the back of Potash Mt. as a possible group to donate to in the future. It was agreed that we would eliminate Friends of IBA making each donation on the list \$80. On a motion by Tom and seconded by Steve, The Special Donations list for 2016 was unanimously approved.

The **Annual Dinner** was discussed. Possible dates are October 14, 21, or 28th. The dinner will be held in the Saratoga area. Anne will look into places. Some suggestions were the MacGregor Links, The Hilton and the Racino. Anne is thinking that the price will be about \$32 to \$33. Possible program ideas were discussed. Mo received an email about an AARCH program, which was about the history of architecture beyond the Great Camps. Jim went to the program, he thought it was good, but the presenter tried to cover too much. He didn't think it was a good fit for the annual dinner. Anne will check to see if Carl Heinemann has anything new. Other suggestions were music and programs presented by members about their travels.

Committee Reports:

Jim Schneider reported that the publishing committee from the ADK would be meeting on Friday, March 25 at 9 am. They will be discussing the budget and publishing dates for Views from On High and club merchandise. Jim also mentioned that we need to have conversations about how to diversify the club. Global Foundries and a refugee population in Albany are places to reach out to. Dan Kane added that he is on an adhoc marketing committee for the club and that they are looking how to get more people involved.

Tom Ellis reported that the **Trails Committee** would be working on Tongue Mt on April 30. There shouldn't be much work to do.

Linda Ranado reported for the **Education Committee** that the camperships are set.

Dan Kane reported that he had some further conversations with one of the Skidmore students about the trail project at Saratoga Independent School. Looks like the focus will be on creating the curriculum and that the actual trail building will be handed off to the school.

Sarah King, Program Chair is looking for ideas for next year. Ruben Lunstrom from Sweden Outdoor Life contacted her. The Genesee Valley Chapter had a presentation by them and it was well received. The group agreed to have Sarah look into this as long as it is kept as noncommercial. Sarah will look into The AARCH program if it isn't used at the annual dinner.

Pat Desbiens reported for the **Membership Committee** that we have 14 new members and 8 rejoins in January.

Deb Donohue asked that newsletter articles be sent in by April 1st.

Steve Lashomb, the new Young Members Chair reported that there was a gear give away at Saratoga Library and that he has joined the Young Professional Group through Saratoga Chamber of Commerce. He is looking to building a relationship with students at Skidmore.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Pat Desbiens, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Noble, Secretary

Next meeting – April 6, 2016 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga.