

**Minutes of the May 4, 2016 Meeting of the Executive Committee
Of the Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club,
Inc., held at Glens Falls, NY at Crandall Library**

Present: John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Laura Fiske, Dan Kane, Sarah King, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, Tammara Van Ryn, and Bill Wasiluski. Also present: Anne Paolano

Chapter Chair John Caffry opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda items:

The minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Steve Mackey, seconded by Tammara Ryn.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the **April 2016** Treasurer's Report. Postage for the newsletter was paid, the bill for printing will be coming. A deposit of \$500 was made for the annual dinner. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Maureen Coutant.

John Caffry gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**.

- Thank you letters for donations were shared from Friends of Hurricane and Friends of Moreau Lake. Also, newsletters from LGLC and AARCH were passed around.
- Alternate directors are Deb Donahue and Mo Coutant. John Caffry was approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Wayne Richter to be a 3rd alternate director.
- Executive Committee roster was passed around for corrections. Anne Paolano will be added.
- September and November's meeting will be held at Crandall Library. Mo Coutant will book.

Anne Paolano discussed the **Annual Dinner**. It will be held at the Embassy Suites in Saratoga on 10/14 a deposit of \$500 has been made. Steve will work out payment 2 weeks before with either a club or bank check. Menus will include house salad, choice of 3 entrees plus a vegetarian option. Cost will be \$32.55, which will be rounded up or down. The committee decided that we would pay Jocelyn "Patches" Songers \$500 to cover travel expenses and her time. There is money available for nametags and other misc. items. Anne was also wondering whom to invite. The chair sends a personal letter to Neal Woodworth. It was also suggested that maybe we invite someone from Saratoga Plan and the mayor of Saratoga.

Bill Wasiluski reviewed the survey from the **Chapter Support Survey**. The group gave input on the different questions. Bill will compile and send out for review and further comments.

Committee Reports:

***Mo** reported that the workday at headquarters has been postponed. A new date is TBA.

***Mo** reported that **Deb Donahue** would like all **newsletter** items to be submitted on the first of February, April, June, August, October and December.

***Tom Ellis, Trails**, reported that all the **trail work** on Tongue Mt was completed.

***Pat Desbiens, Membership**, reported that there were 11 new **memberships** for February with 7 rejoins and 41 new and 10 rejoins in March for a total of 1397 households. She also reported that we had 5 new members sign up at the EMS Club Days. A table will be set up at the Friends of IBA Raptor fest.

***Aimee Rutledge, Conservation**, reported that the Boreas Tract purchase and classification would be discussed on Saturday, May 7th. She also reported that she hopes to attend a Saratoga Plan strategic planning meeting to help guide them. Aimee asked for input on anything we thought we would want them to work on. The group suggested Spruce Mt., connecting the Mount McGregor land to downtown Saratoga, improving communication so we can be more involved and letting them know we are available to lend support.

* **Dan Kane, Board of Directors**, reported that there is a plan in the works to put an **iron ranger** at the trailhead of Cascade to help with summit stewardships and trail work. He also reported that the Trails Committee met on April 30th and it was reported that there has been great response to all of the volunteer trail work dates and almost all of them are full.

***George Sammons, Website Coordinator**, asked about the headquarters calendar. He is wondering how it is going and who is updating it and what is the process? Mo will email Laurie to find out.

***Tammara Van Ryn, Board of Directors**, reported that a small focus group of people who donate more than \$200 will meet on June 15th. The purpose of the meeting is to find out why people donate more, what programs are they interested in and how can we get other members to give more. Tammara will also be on the finance committee.

***Kathi Noble, Fire Tower Correspondent**, mentioned that Chrissy Maybee posted a thank you on Facebook for awarding her mother a patch posthumously. Kathi has been in touch with Catherine Forbes about sharing fire tower information to help increase membership.

***Wayne Richter, Outings**, reported that the updating of the calendar is going well.

***Jim Schneider, Wilderness**, reported that the Grizzle Ocean lean-to in the Pharaoh Lake wilderness area was a mess; he was able to get it cleaned up. While there he met a ranger who is frustrated with the situation. Jim suggested that volunteers be trained to help control people who abuse the area. Jim also mentioned a letter from a woman who expressed displeasure with our club, Jim responded to her concerns.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Jim Schneider and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Noble, Secretary

Next meeting – June 1, 2016, 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga.