

**Minutes of the June 1, 2016 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, Deb Donahue, Tom Ellis, Dan Kane, Steven Lashomb, Kathi Noble, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, Tammara Van Ryn, and Bill Wasiluski. Also present: Anne Paolano

Chapter Chair John Caffry opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Agenda items:

The minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Tom Ellis seconded by Dan Kane.

Mo Coutant gave treasurer's report in the absence of Steve Mackey. Deposits were made from dues and the fire tower challenge. Payment was made for the newsletter. Checking account balance is \$6348.61 and total assets are \$11946.64. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Pat Desbiens.

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

*The chapter received a thank you letter from Neil Andrew, Refugees to Camp. Our donation goes towards supplies. Also, a newsletter was received from the Friends of Poke-O-Moonshine.

*Catherine Forbes is looking for names of long time chapter volunteers, 20 plus years, for the Adirondac Magazine. John compiled a list, if you think of others email him.

2016 Nominations Committee: Chair, 2nd vice chair, secretary and treasure are all 1-year terms. All people currently holding those positions have agreed to continue. We are in need of a 1st vice chair. Mo Coutant will head the nominating committee.

Annual Dinner: Dinner choices had been previously agreed on. Cheesecake was chosen for dessert. The cost was rounded down to \$32.00 per person with a \$400.00 minimum at the bar. Reservations will go to Steve Mackey, save the date is in the current issue of the newsletter and the reservation form will be in the September issue. Cocktails are at 6 and dinner starts at 7.

FTC Stillwater: Jim Schneider has gotten all the information on Stillwater for the book. Jim made a motion to add Stillwater to the FTC. Tom Ellis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The grand opening will be held over the July 4th weekend pending DEC approval. **Stillwater will be closed during hunting season.** The number of towers needed for the challenge will stay at 23. The brochures will be updated soon.

Jim also discussed that the club isn't responding to the chapters request for **FTC merchandise**, Dan Kane will bring it up at the next directors meeting.

Committee Reports:

***Mo Coutant** reported that she has held several mini workdays at the headquarters. Most of the work is completed. There is some frustration over the gravel from the driveway being plowed

onto the lawn and the memorial garden. Mo spoke with Stephanie about the master schedule. George should meet with her to help make the process of entering information more efficient.

***Newsletter:** Deb Donahue will be doing bios on the members of the executive committee in upcoming issues.

***Young Members:** Steve Lashomb is coordinating with Skidmore College to help them to be more involved with ADK.

***Outings:** Wayne Richter reported that the schedule is shaping up for the summer and that he is recruiting new outings leaders.

*** Dan Kane** reported that the adhoc marketing committee is focusing on social media to connect more people to the ADK. He also said that National Trail Days are full and The Ausable River Association is placing Porta-johns at the Cascade Mountain Trailhead, Chapel Pond, the Giant Ridge Trail trailhead, and the Roaring Brook trailhead.

***Tammara Van Ryn** reported that the finance committee is stating that the club is more financially stable than in the past. This is mainly due to an increase in the revenues of the parking lot and camping reservations.

***Membership:** Pat Desbiens reported that there were 18 new, 18 rejoin members for April. That gives us plus 4 over the previous month. Raptorfest went well, although Sunday's turnout wasn't good. Queensbury High School held a wellness fair that she went to. There were a lot of great groups there but it was poorly attended.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Dan Kane, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Noble, Secretary

Next meeting – September 7, 2016, 7:00, at Crandall Library.