

**Minutes of the November 2, 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, Deb Donahue, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Tammara Van Ryn, and Bill Wasiluski. Also present: Anne Paolano

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

The minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, seconded by Linda Ranado.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the October Treasurer's Report. Total expenses for the month were \$10,583.37. Total income was \$4,315.60 with total assets being \$9,304.10 for the month. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, seconded by Linda Ranado.

Annual Dinner: Anne Paolano reported that everyone enjoyed his or her meals, the program received positive feedback and the venue was liked. Ann feels that we would return to this venue. She will check out the Queensbury Hotel for next year. It is under new ownership.

Discussion of New York Constitutional Convention: Tammara Van Ryn explained the process for a Constitutional Convention to take place. At the December 1st Board of Directors meeting the Adirondack Mountain Club will take a position for or against a convention taking place. After a discussion, the executive committee sees no benefit to having a convention. Tammara will share our thoughts with the board.

Committee Reports:

John reported for the **Conservation Committee**, in the absence of Aimee Rutledge. He said that there would be a series of hearings on the classification of the Boreas Pond area.

Outings: Wayne Richter passed out the Annual Outings Report for 2016. He is concerned that the number of outings has dropped and that there are fewer leaders.

Education: Linda Ranado reported that she has received one application for summer camp.

Membership: Pat Desbiens reported that in September there were 23 new members, 14 rejoins, however 30 people haven't renewed their memberships.

Newsletter: Deb Donahue asked that all material for the newsletter be submitted by 12/1/16.

Board of Directors: Tammara Van Ryn reported that the finance committee would provide us with the club's budget. The budget is strong. The club is looking into membership renewal on month-to-month bases with a credit card. Grow ADK is asking for 3 yurts to be put up at the LOJ. Bill Wasiluski reported that the survey discussed at last month's meeting will be sent in.

Vice Chair Mo Coutant suggested that our chapter's donation for 2017, go to the club to be put towards replacing the sign at the headquarters in Lake George.

Programs: Mo, in the absence of Sarah King, reminded everyone of upcoming program.

Website: George Sammons will put something on the website about it taking 4-6 weeks to receive FTC patches once people have mailed in their information.

Fire Tower Challenge: Kathi Noble reported that the challenge is going strong with 87 finishers so far this year plus 6 winters and 1 child.

Steve Mackey suggested that maybe the club should put money/time into making some of the “trail less” paths into regular trails.

The next meeting will be our annual Pot Luck dinner. George will send out a Google sign up. It is BYOB.

On a motion by Steve Mackey seconded by Wayne Richter, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Noble, Secretary

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