

**Minutes of the January 4, 2017 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, Tom Ellis, Dan Kane, Kathi Noble, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, Gretchen Steen, Tammara Van Ryn, and Bill Wasiluski. Also present: Peter Benoit

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

The minutes of the November and December 2016 meetings were approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Deb Donahue.

In the absence of Steve Mackey, John Caffry gave the Treasurer Report for December 2016. The chapter is ahead of the budget by \$555.00 for income and \$3,651.28 for expenses. Making us about \$4,000.00 better than the budget. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Tammara Van Ryn.

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

*2017 meeting dates are set for The Wesley. They requested a proof of insurance that John will get from the club. March's meeting is set for Crandall Library.

*When John receives volunteer request forms he emails the information to the appropriate committee chair.

*Sarah and John met with the new president of The Southern Adirondack Audubon Society. They discussed what we can do jointly and how we can work together.

Agenda items:

*John mentioned the passing of former chair Neal Andrews. There was a write up in the Times Union. The committee decided to table what to do in his memory until more information can be gathered. It was suggested that there be an article in the newsletter about him and that we make a donation to the club in his name.

*John stated that the new edition of "Views from on High" is making progress and that it is now a priority. Tammara suggested that we honor Jack Freeman at May's program, which is a presentation on the history of New York State fire towers.

*John shared the list of Special Donations for 2017. The list was approved with a motion by Gretchen Steen and seconded by Dan Kane with the exception of the donation to Refugees to Camp which will be kept on hold until we have more information on the future of the program.

Committee and Director Reports:

***Newsletter:** Deb Donahue mentioned that the next articles/information is due February 1st.

***Programs:** Mo Coutant reported for Sarah King that there would be a change for the January. The change is noted on the website.

***Conservation:** Aimee Rutledge mentioned that Moreau State Park is constructing year round cabins and that ice fishing is allowed on Lake Bonita. She also explained that she didn't send a

letter to the APA from the chapter on the Boreas Ponds classification because there wasn't a consensus among the group.

***Website:** George Sammons updated the new information on the January program on the website and on the online newsletter. He will also send out an email to the chapter's members about the program change. George asked if the committee could have access to post on the chapter's face book page. Aimee will look into it, but for now you can send Aimee any information that you want posted.

***Education:** Linda Ranado reported that she spoke to the Wilton Rotary Club about the ADK. She also reported that there are 9 candidates for camps: 8 for DEC, 1 of which will be free and 1 for ADK teen trails.

***Membership:** Pat Desbiens reported that in October 2016 there was 4 new members with 8 rejoin which had us down 19. For November 2016 there were 12 new members 9 rejoins which puts us at plus 2 members.

***FTC:** Kathi Noble mentioned that some FTC finishers have shared their blogs. She suggested that we put a link to the blogs on the website. It was also brought up that maybe people could submit their finisher journals and information on line. Kathi will look into this further with George and Jim.

***Dan Kane** asked about receiving the newsletter electronically. Deb will put information in the next newsletter about how to opt out of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Dan Kane, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Noble, Secretary

Next meeting – February 1, 2017 at 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga.