

**Minutes of the September 6, 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, Deb Donahue, Tom Ellis, Dan Kane, Steven Lashomb, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, and Bill Wasilauski. Also present: Peter Benoit, Anne Paolano and Turner Bradford.

**Chapter Chair John Caffry** opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**The minutes** of the June 7, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane and seconded Jim Schneider.

**Treasurer Steve Mackey** presented the June, July and August Treasurer's Report. He stated that there is \$4,697.11 in the checking account and total assets are \$10,775.97. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Mo Coutant and seconded by Linda Ranado.

John gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. He stated that the Conservation and Publicity Chair positions on the executive committee are vacant. John will discuss ways to solicit volunteers at the programs with Sarah. John made a suggestion to amend the by-laws to include the Fire Tower Challenge Committee as a standing committee. Amy Rutledge made a motion to do so, Dan Kane seconded the motion and all approved. Once the amendment is approved by the chapter members a job description will need to be written. Wayne Richter would also like to revise the outings procedure that is described in the handbook. John suggested that this be done at the same time as the Fire Tower Challenge is added.

**Nominating Committee: Mo Coutant** reviewed the slate of officers. Kathi Noble- Chapter Chair, John Caffry- Secretary, Mo Coutant- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, Peter Benoit- 2nd Vice-Chair, William Wasilauski and Tammara Van Ryn- Directors and Laurie Williams- Alternate Director- this position is appointed by the Executive Committee, and is not voted on by members. Mo said that she does not want to be inline to be Chapter Chair.

**Annual Dinner: Anne Paolano** reported that the presenter will stay at the Great Escape Lodge. The chapter will pay for his gas expenses and lodging. It was agreed that he may bring a guest. Nametags will be need to be written up and the agenda for the program needs to be set. If anyone on the committee wants to speak or have a display let Mo know at the October meeting. The program will be sent around through email for review and approval by committee members. There was a discussion of whom to invite. It was decided that John would invite Neal Woodworth and Wes Lampman.

**Update on Fire Tower Challenge Book: Jim Schneider** reported that the tentative date for the release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Views From on High is October 15. Ads are in the current editions of the Adirondack Explorer and the Adirondac. Jim isn't sure why the ads are out already. New brochures should come out at the same time that the book is released. George Sammons requested that the brochure be in PDF so it can be easily put on the website. Kathi Noble suggested putting FTC finishers names on the website. George will look into how to best do this.

**Banff Film Festival:** John has the 15-page contract; committee members should let him know if they would like to read it. Mo, Dan, Jim and John have all looked at it. Mo reported that Rocksport and Fountain Square Outfitters have agreed to be sponsors. They have each committed to giving \$500 plus give a ways. Main costs are to Banff, the venue and ticketing. Additional costs are technical fees for running the projector and food. The date given by Banff is February 4, 2018, which also happens to be Super Bowl Sunday. All agreed that we should not do it on that date. Mo will look into other dates. We will vote by email on the alternate date.

**Committee and Director Reports:**

**\*Outings: Wayne Richter** reported that he will be attending the Albany Chapter's leader information training. He also stated that the outings schedule is good for the fall.

**\*Conservation: Aimee Rutledge** reported that she will be resigning as the Conservation chair due to her moving to Vermont. She plans on coming to the October meeting and will help with the transition. Someone will need to take over posting on the chapter's Facebook page. She also stated the deliberations will be starting in October as to the classification of the Boreas Ponds. ADK and DEC are supporting the freshwater bill and the Right to Clean Air and Water bill. ADK is opposing the ATV bill.

**\*Board of Directors: Bill Wasilauski** reported that the next meeting is on September 16<sup>th</sup>. At the June meeting concerns about lost revenue during the HPIC renovations was brought up.

**\*Wilderness: Jim Schneider** reported that the parking lot in the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness area has been completed. There was no backcountry steward this summer. Jim was in there recently and said that things look good, cleaner than in the past.

**\*Education: Linda Ranado** reported that she will be attending the Nature Fest at Moreau State Park on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Newsletter: Deb Donahue** reminded everyone to have his or her newsletter article in by October 1.

**\*Workdays: Mo** stated that there are two club workdays at headquarters: November 4 and 11<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Membership: John Caffry** reported in the absence of **Pat Desbiens** that we have 47 new members for May, June and July and 29 rejoins. There was an increase of 15 over the 3months.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Dan Kane, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Noble, Secretary

**Next meeting –October 4th, 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga.**