

**Minutes of the October 4, 2017 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, Tom Ellis, Sarah King, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, and Bill Wasilauski. Also present: Peter Benoit and Anne Paolano

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

The minutes of the September 6, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Wayne Richter, seconded by Aimee Rutledge.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the September 2017 Treasurer's Report. Deposits totaled \$2761.45 and withdrawals were \$16.83. Total assets are \$13520.17. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, seconded by Mo Coutant.

John gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. John spoke to Healthy Saratoga Magazine. Aimee is leaving; this will be her last meeting. Let John know if you know of someone for the position of Conservation Chair. Turner Bradford will be coming to the November meeting with his bio. The Holden room at the Crandall Library isn't available for the November meeting. Mo will check into a few places and get back to us. Wayne suggested that the location TBD be put in the newsletter with a comment to see the website.

Nominating Committee: Mo Coutant reported that the committee is all set.

Banff Film Festival: Mo Coutant reported that February 19, 2018 is the only date available. SUNY Adirondack auditorium is available as is their IT person. However, deadline for signing the contract has past. Mo will contact Banff to see if they will waive the late fee. We may need to contract for a projector. Wayne asked what the maximum financial risk would be. Mo replied that it depends on ticket sales and prices. John said that the estimated cost is \$5800.00. We should be able to break even. Steve motioned to sponsor Banff on 2/19/18 contingent on late fees. Tom seconded the motion. All approved. Mo will get back to us.

Annual Dinner: Anne Paolano reported that the cost for the speaker's room will be \$270.00 plus 2 dinners and gas. The chapter will also pay for Neal Woodworth's meal. Money is available for gift cards for volunteer recognition. Anne will look into purchasing hors d'oeuvres for no more than \$400.00. The program was reviewed. Corrections and suggestions were given.

Committee Reports:

Conservation: Aimee Rutledge reported that there is no news on the Boreas Ponds. The Constitutional Convention is coming up for a vote in November- ADK is opposed. ADK is in favor of the land bank proposition.

Outings: Wayne Richter reported that there is a full calendar of outings for November. December is a little thin.

Fire Tower Challenge: Jim Schneider reported that no work was completed on the book in September. He expressed his frustration with the lack of progress. **George Sammons** is working on an Excel Spreadsheet to display FTC finisher names on the website.

Board of Directors: Bill Wasilauski reported that the next project at HPIC is the food concession and restrooms. The front of the building will have a veranda and there will be construction of storm drainage for water to run off the parking lot. Construction will restart in April 2018. There are concerns about less revenue from parking due to fewer spaces. Revenue from membership is down. However, the number of members has actually increased, the difference is due to more family, multi year and senior memberships. Bill also reported that Catherine Forbes, development director has left. The club is currently interviewing to fill the position.

Hospitality: Gretchen Steen reported that the Victorian Stroll in Saratoga will be on November 30. We will be in the old post office.

Programs: Sarah King reported that she is looking for suggestions/contacts for programs in February and March.

Membership: Pat Desbiens reported that in August we had 10 new members, 6 rejoins for plus 1 for the month.

Workdays: Mo Coutant reported that workdays at headquarters will be from 9 to 2 on both 11/4 and 11/11.

John Caffry discussed the chapter's donation to the club, when do we want to give it. We will hold off on this for now. John will discuss the issues about getting the book published with Neal Woodworth.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Wayne Richter, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Noble, Secretary

Next meeting – November 1, 2017 7:00, at The Tavern on Aviation Road in Queensbury