

Minutes of the December 6, 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, Turner Bradford, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Dan Kane, Sarah King, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, Tammara Van Ryn, and Bill Wasilauski. Also present: Peter Benoit, Tim Noble, and Brian Coville

Chapter Chair John Caffry opened the meeting at 7:26p.m.

The minutes of the November 1st, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Tammara Van Ryn.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the November 2017 Treasurer's Report. Steve reported that total income was \$1996.40; expenses were \$686.67 making the total balance for the checking account at \$8523.22. Total assets are currently \$14,223.36. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, seconded by Tammara Van Ryn.

John Caffry gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. John introduced Brain Coville and reintroduced Turner Bradford. John reported that the roster on the website has been updated by George. He asked that all committee members check the roster on the website for accuracy and let George know of any needed corrections. John reported that the club had Dan Kane's term on the Board of Directors as being over. Dan was appointed in January 2017 so he is all set. John reported that Saratoga Plan is applying for a grant and that he sent a letter supporting them.

Agenda Items:

- * **Appointment of Alternate Directors:** John stated that we are allowed 6 non-voting alternate directors that attend board meetings in place of an acting director. Peter Benoit will continue as an alternate director. Laurie Williams is interested. Committee members were asked to submit names of people who may be interested in the position.
- * **2018 Meeting Locations:** The January 2018 meeting is set for Crandall Library. Kathi will book the Wesley and look into alternate locations for the Glen Falls area meeting.
- * **2017 Annual Donations to the Club:** After some discussion it was decided to split the \$5200 annual donation to the club evenly among Conservation, Trails, Education and The Summit Stewart Program. The annual donation to the club was approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Steve Mackey.
- * **Updates to Job Descriptions:** This item was tabled until next meeting. John and Jim are working on the FTC Committee description.

John brought up that the chapter handbook has inconsistencies as to what is written and how things are actually done. We need to consider what is the purpose of the handbook and does it provide information that isn't on the website? George will check on how often it is looked at.

* **Banff Film Festival: Peter Benoit** reported for the committee. He reviewed e-mails on tickets, stating that 300 were originally ordered but that amount was increased to 400. Tickets will be in by the end of the week. Tickets will be given to businesses to sell. Mo will track these sales. Information on the festival will be in the newsletter and George will email chapter members. Dan suggested that we continue to get sponsors even though they won't be listed on the ticket. Peter shared the poster and a ticket.

Committee Reports:

* **Board of Directors: Dan Kane** reported that the board passed a resolution to take money from the Grow ADK fund to be used for the HPIC project cost increases and for the concession stand and bathrooms. Dan also reported that it hasn't been determined if the closure of the parking lots for Cascade and Porter on Columbus Day will continue.

Tammara Van Ryn reported that the new ADK brochure is about working for and protecting the wilderness. She also reported that there are 2-3 vacancies on the audit committee, membership and development are looking for some help in writing grants, and the board is looking for a chapter to sponsor the fall outing. A 4 million dollar budget was passed.

* **Website: George Sammons** reported that he has added links to DEC, BANFF information and ticket purchasing as well as information on purchasing the new edition of Views From On High on the website. He also reported that Mo is working on the newsletter for this month. George asked if it was okay to destroy an old computer that he has that belongs to the chapter. The motion to allow George to destroy an old computer was made by Tammara and seconded by Dan.

* **Outings: Wayne Richter** shared his annual outings report for 2017.

* **Wilderness: Jim Schneider** reported that Tongue Mt. looks good.

* **Fire Tower Challenge: Jim Schneider** reported that the suggestions for the FTC brochure will be submitted to the publisher. He will look into using the money donated by the Clark family to help offset the cost of the new brochure. Jim is very pleased with the look of the new book. He has offered to autograph copies for anyone.

* **Programs: Sarah King** reported that programs are all set for the coming months.

* **Treasure: Steve Mackey** reported that he will be working on the 2018 budget. He will check back with everyone in a couple of months to see if more stationary and envelopes need to be ordered.

* **Hospitality: Gretchen Steen** reported that the Victorian Stroll went well.

* **Conservation: Turner Bradford** reported that the Conservation Committee met on November 4. Information from that meeting included that an update on The Boreas Pond is waiting on the governor, North Country Scenic Trail will cross the Tracy Ridge trail- ADK is opposed to this, there is a proposed 1 1/2 mile access road to the Raquette Boreal Primitive Area- ADK is opposed to this due to concerns about ATV access, Leave No Trace education is being provided to the Peekamoose Blue Hole swimming area and DEC is redirecting people to other areas, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid is being fought with beetles and flies that are not native, but noninvasive, ranger staffing continues to be a problem with the numbers of rescues increasing and the need to educate hikers, update on the climate changes- working on forming a discussion group and update was given on the railroad cars stored in the ADK.

Turner also reported that Saratoga Plan is holding a public meeting next week on the future of the Southern Palmertown region.

* **Membership: Pat Desbiens** reported that there were 19 new members and 11 rejoined for October which puts us up 13 from September.

* **Education: John Caffry reported in the absence of Linda Ranado** that we currently have 3 applications for summer camps.

* **Peter Benoit** mentioned that the River Keepers took 3000 samples of water from May to October along the Hudson from Newcomb down to Schuylerville and found no contaminates.

John thanked everybody for his or her hard work. It made being chapter chair these past two years very easy.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Dan Kane, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Noble, Secretary

Next meeting – January 3, 2018, 7:00, at Crandall Library, Glens Falls.