

**Minutes of the January 3, 2018 Meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club,
Inc., held in Glens Falls, New York, at Crandall Public Library**

Present: Peter Benoit, Turner Bradford, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Tom Ellis, Dan Kane, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen. Also present: Brian Colville, Laurie Williams.

Chapter Chair Kathi Noble opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the December 6, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by John Caffry.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the December 2017 **Treasurer's Report**. Total 2017 income was \$25,010 (\$1,260 better than budget) and total expenses were \$25,983 (\$2,642 better than budget). The net for the year was - \$973 (\$3,902 better than budget). Year-end assets were \$9,595. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Peter Benoit.

Vice Chair Mo Coutant reported on the planning for the **Banff Film Festival**. Sponsors include Fountain Square Outfitters and Rocksport. The Queensbury Hotel donated a room for the Banff staff person. Of the 370 tickets available to sell, 300 have been sold so far. Mo distributed a revised budget, with an estimated profit of \$2,330. It was agreed that the Committee will decide what to do with any profit after the event – whether to donate it, or save it to support next year's event, if necessary. The Chapter will have a membership table in the lobby.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the **2018 budget**. After some discussion, three changes were agreed to. The revised budget projects a loss of \$2,950, without including any potential revenue from the film festival. The revised budget was approved unanimously on a motion by Wayne Richter, seconded by Linda Ranado. Steve will revise the budget and distribute it.

John Caffry presented the list of proposed **special donations** for 2018. The list is unchanged from last year. After a discussion of several items, the list was approved unanimously on a motion by Peter Benoit, seconded by Mo Coutant. Steve will pay them in February after additional dues money is received from the Club.

Kathi discussed **committee chair vacancies**. She will follow up with Steve Lashomb to see if he still wants to be Young Members Chair. Deb Donahue has resigned as Newsletter Chair because she no longer had the time to do it. Kathi thanked Mo for editing the last edition. Mo will cover the position, with George Sammons' help, until a replacement can be found. George will post the vacancy on the website. There is a possible candidate for Publicity Chair.

Kathi led a discussion of the **Chapter Handbook**, which is out of date. Much of the text dates back to the 1990s. It is no longer being printed and mailed to new members, but it is on the website. It gets about 12 hits a month and about twice that in the summer. The committee members were asked to review it before the next meeting to see if they think it is still needed. If so, it will need to be updated.

Peter Benoit, Laurie Williams and Mo Coutant offered to serve as **Alternate Directors**. On a motion by Gretchen Steen, seconded by Steve Mackey, they were unanimously appointed. Laura Fiske is no longer available because she is now the Club Treasurer. John Caffry pointed out that there are still 3 vacant positions, as the Chapter is entitled to appoint 2 for each director.

Conservation Co-Chair Turner Bradford reported that he will be going to a meeting with Saratoga PLAN regarding proposed trail projects.

Education Chair Linda Ranado reported that she has 6 applicants so far for camperships for the DEC camps, but none for the ADK Teen Trails crew. She is looking for more applicants for both programs.

Wilderness Chair Jim Schneider reported that he visited the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area last week.

Fire Tower Challenge Chair Jim Schneider reported that the new FTC brochure is out and handed out copies. 4,000 were printed. He thinks that is about a 2-3 year supply. There was a discussion of various ways to distribute them. The brochure will also be posted on the website, in a downloadable format. The memorial donations in honor of Alan Clark in the amount of \$750 are still being held by the Club. The funds will be applied to the cost of designing and printing the brochure, and the Club will send his widow a letter to tell her this. The new book is selling well. **Fire Tower Correspondent Kathi Noble** reported that in 2017 there were 97 regular completers, 13 winter completers and 3 kids. In 2012 the numbers were 40, 1 and 4.

John Caffry asked whether the Committee was still interested in amending the by-laws to extend the term limits for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions from 2 one-year terms to 3. Mo had proposed this in 2017, and it had been tabled for discussion in 2018. It was agreed that John would work on proposed language, as well as an update to the Nominating Committee procedures, and see if other changes may be needed as well.

Kathi reported for the **Membership Committee**, in the absence of Chair Pat Desbiens. She said that membership was up a net of 11 members in December.

Kathi presented John with a card signed by all of the committee members and a gift card, in appreciation of his work as Chapter Chair for the last two years. She also reported that upcoming meetings will be held at the Wesley and at Crandall Library in alternating months, as they have been in the recent past.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Jim Schneider, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

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