

**Minutes of the March 13, 2018 Meeting of the Executive Committee
of the Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club,
Inc., held in Queensbury, New York, at The Tavern, Aviation Road**

Present: John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Sarah King, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Bill Wasiluski. Also present: Anne Paolano and Warren Schultz.

Secretary's Note: the February meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. The March meeting was postponed for the same reason.

Chapter Chair Kathi Noble opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. She introduced Warren Schultz, who is interested in some of the open committee chair positions.

The minutes of the January 3, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Wayne Richter, seconded by Sarah King.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the January and February Treasurer's Reports. They include the transfer of the \$750 in Alan Clark memorial donations for the Firetower Challenge from the Club to the Chapter to help pay for the new FTC brochures. They also show some, but not all, of the income and expenses for the Banff Film Festival, which was held in February. The reports were approved unanimously on a motion by Wayne Richter, seconded by Mo Coutant.

Kathi gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. The Chapter has been invited to have a table at the Wilton Wildlife Preserve's festival in June. She will change the April meeting to the 11th, due to conflicts with the officers' vacation schedules. She will confirm a location for that date and advise the Committee. She has received an e-mail from a woman who wants to organize hikes for cancer survivors and is looking for help with that; she will follow up and see if it is something that the Chapter might do.

Mo Coutant, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Banff Film Festival ("BFF"), modestly reported that the event went "pretty well". All of the comments were positive, the Chapter made money, everything went smoothly, and it sold out with minimal advertising. She suggested going to two nights next year. The alternative of finding a larger venue was also discussed. The ACC auditorium holds 400 people, 371 tickets were sold and the rest went to sponsors, etc. By comparison, when Skidmore hosted the event the venue only seated 250. The BFF rep thought it went well. Due to construction at the venue, the Ad Hoc Committee decided to rent port-a-potties; Mo opined that this was "the best decision we made". Mo handed out an updated financial statement (attached), but it is not yet final. Preliminarily, the event netted \$3,577, because many of the expense items were donated. Mo recommended setting these funds aside as a reserve to cover any possible losses next year. There was a round of applause. John Caffry moved that the Chapter should sponsor this event again next year. The motion was seconded by Wayne Richter and approved unanimously.

Chapter Chair Kathi Noble reported on the **committee chair vacancies**. She has appointed Brian Coville as YMG Chair. Warren Schultz is interested in Publicity or Newsletter. He will

assist Mo and George with the next edition of the newsletter and decide whether or not he wants the position.

A discussion of the **newsletter production process** ensued. It was agreed that due to his key role in this process, the Chapter will pay for George Sammons to acquire the most recent version of Microsoft Publisher, due to complications that occur because he has an older version.

Jim Schneider and John Caffry presented the proposed job description for the committee chair of the **Firetower Challenge Committee**, which was approved as a standing committee at the Annual Meeting. On a motion by John, seconded by Mo Coutant, the job description was unanimously approved. John said that this does not require approval by the members. He will add it to the Constitution and By-laws document and send it to George to add to the website.

John Caffry presented a list of proposed amendments to the By-laws regarding the terms of officers, the number of alternate directors, and the Nominating Committee. On a motion by Wayne Richter, seconded by Mo Coutant, the proposed amendments were unanimously approved. These will require approval by the members at the Annual Meeting. Notice will have to be given in the September edition of the newsletter.

Kathi led a discussion of the **Chapter Handbook**. John Caffry explained that the document was created before there was a Chapter website; hard copies used to be mailed to all new members. Wayne Richter discussed that he had discovered last year that a lot of the information regarding outings was out of date. It was agreed that a separate handbook document is not needed because most of the information is already on the website. Wayne will work on updating the outings information on the website. John will see what else needs to be updated and transferred to other pages of the website. Warren Schultz offered to help with this. Once these things are done, the Handbook will be removed from the website.

Kathi discussed the **Nominating Committee** for the 2018 election. All of the officer positions are up for re-election, but none of the current officers are prevented by term limits from running again. She will ask Peter Benoit if he will chair the committee. Brian Coville offered to be on the committee.

Anne Paolano discussed planning for the **2018 Annual Dinner**. Last year's dinner was in the Glens Falls area, so she recommended returning to the Embassy Suites in Saratoga, which worked out well in 2016. It was agreed that the last weekend in October at this location would be suitable. Anne is looking for ideas for the program.

Bill Wasiluski reported that the next Club **Board of Directors** meeting will be held in April.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that Mo Coutant had hosted a dinner for outings leaders, and that about 16 people attended, including 2 possible new leaders.

Treasurer Steve Mackey proposed closing the savings account, because not much money is kept in it. He accepted John Caffry's suggestion that the money in this account be moved to the

checking account, and that the BFF money could be kept in this account (see discussion of BFF above).

Mo Coutant reported that the next **newsletter** deadline is April 1st.

Programs Chair reported that this month's program will be Steve Englehart of AARCH and that the schedule is set through May. She is looking for programs for the fall.

Young Member Chair Brian Coville said that he is starting to coordinate with Jules Greiner at ADK Headquarters.

Fire Tower Challenge Chair Jim Schneider said that he wants feedback on the Club's idea of doing a fire tower expo in conjunction with the centennial of the towers next year. Jim also discussed the need for the Chapter to be involved with Saratoga PLAN on the Palmertown Range Plan. John Caffry said that Conservation Committee co-chairs Amy Rutledge and Turner Bradford were planning to do this.

Kathi reported for the **Membership Committee**, in the absence of Chair Pat Desbiens. She said that membership was up 15 for December and down 6 for January. She had a table at the BFF, but did not sell any memberships. She will do the Raptorfest in May.

In the absence of Tom Ellis, on a motion by Wayne Richter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – April 11, 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga.