

**Minutes of the April 11, 2018 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: Peter Benoit, Turner Bradford, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Dan Kane, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, and Bill Wasiluski. Also present: Anne Paolano, Laurie Williams, Maria Trabka, Warren Schultz, and new/potential members Jim and Alex.

Chapter Chair Kathi Noble opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and introduced the guests.

Maria Trabka, the Executive Director of **Saratoga PLAN**, gave a presentation on PLAN's **Palmertown Range Plan**. PLAN hopes to connect the city of Saratoga Springs with Moreau Lake State Park and the Hudson River with trails and preserved lands. The planning area covers 63 square miles. The Open Space Institute has identified this area as part of an important link for wildlife to migrate between the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks. They expect the draft plan to be out by this summer. The local towns have been receptive.

The minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Peter Benoit, seconded by Brian Coville.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the March Treasurer's Report. It shows two months' dues receipts from the Club. He discussed the receipts and expenses from the Banff Film Festival. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Tom Ellis.

Kathi gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. She said that she and Jim Schneider will represent the Chapter at the Wilton Wildlife Preserve event in June. She appointed Warren Shultz as the **Newsletter Committee Chair** and then said that the only remaining vacancy is the Publicity Chair. Regarding the Nominating Committee, she reported that Peter Benoit had agreed to chair it, and that Mo Coutant and Brian Coville had agreed to be on it, so she appointed them right then and there.

Annual Dinner Coordinator Anne Paolano reported that she has put a hold on the Embassy Suites in Saratoga for October 26th. For the program, she has been talking to Jamie Savage, a professor at SUNY ESF-Wanakena. It was agreed that she should pursue this with him. Kathi asked her to get more information so that it can be voted on next month. Anne said that the quoted price for the dinner is \$36 per person. After some discussion, there were no significant objections to this.

Newsletter Chair Warren Schultz reported that the current issue is all laid out and ready to go to the printer. The next deadline is June 1st.

Website Chair George Sammons said that he and Mo assisted Warren with the newsletter. He will be renewing the domain name for the website.

YMG Chair Brian Coville reported that he is planning a trivia night for the YMG in the summer, and some YMG hikes. He is looking into the YMG Facebook page.

Trails Chair Tom Ellis reported that he needs volunteers for the Tongue Mountain trail work this month.

Membership Chair Pat Desbiens reported that membership was +7 for February. She will do the Raptorfest at the Washington County Fairgrounds in May.

Education Chair Linda Ranado reported that she has 9 kids signed up for 2018 camperships. She is planning to do some events at Moreau Lake State Park and elsewhere this year.

Vice-Chair Mo Coutant reported for Program Chair Sarah King on the upcoming April program; the HQ workday will be in May; the entire Club Audit Committee is made up of GF-S Chapter members.

Mo then reported on the **Banff Outdoor Film Festival**, which the Chapter sponsored in February. She will publish a post-event report in the next newsletter, she has thanked all of the sponsors, and she also placed an ad in the Chronicle thanking them. She also donated \$100 to the SUNY Adirondack outdoors club that co-sponsored the event. She passed out an updated financial report which showed a final profit of \$3,248. Steve Mackey will deposit that in the savings account, as discussed at the last meeting. Mo said that the Chapter may be able to do this for two nights next year.

Fire Tower Challenge Chair Jim Schneider reported that the second edition of the book will be reprinted soon. ADK has been having problems getting its book sold on Amazon. Jim also reported for the **Wilderness Committee**, that he had skied in to Pharaoh Lake recently and the area looked clean.

Bill Wasiluski reported on the recent **Club Board of Directors** meeting. The audit was clean and the Club's finances are sound. Former GF-S Chapter Chair Laura Fiske is now the Club Treasurer. Younger members in the Club are up 46%.

Conservation Co-Chair Turner Bradford said that he had recently participated in the Club Conservation Committee meeting and would circulate his notes on that.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that he has some new

leaders, including Brian Coville and some other younger people.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Dan Kane, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – May 2d, at 7:00, at Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls.