

**Minutes of the May 2, 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, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Pat Desbiens, Dan Kane, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Warren Schultz, Tammara Van Ryn, and Bill Wasiluski. Also present: ADK staffers Jules Greiner and Lynn Shanks, and Anne Paolano.

Chapter Chair Kathi Noble opened the meeting at 6:59 p.m., and introduced the guests.

Jules Greiner [Membership Director] **and Lynn Shanks** [Director of Development] discussed the Club's plans for providing assistance and support to the chapters, and the Committee gave them ideas for increasing membership and improving communications between the Club and the chapters.

The minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Steve Mackey, seconded by Pat Desbiens.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the April Treasurer's Report. Total assets are \$12,032. The net proceeds of the Banff Film Festival have been placed in a separate savings account. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Peter Benoit.

Kathi gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. She announced that Linda Ranado will be resigning as **Education Chair** and she is looking for a replacement. Kathi will cover the Moreau Lake State Park event for Linda. The Cold River Chapter is looking for two other chapters to help host the **2019 ADK Fall Outing**, which may be headquartered in Lake George; usually 200 to 300 people attend this event. Dan Kane made a motion, seconded by John Caffry, that the Chapter would offer to help, especially by providing outings leaders, but that the Chapter does not have the capacity to take the lead and run this event as a co-sponsor. The motion passed on a vote of 12-1.

Peter Benoit reported for the **Nominating Committee**. The current Chair, First Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will run for reelection. The Second Vice-Chair (Peter), will not, but he will continue to serve as an Alternate Director. Laurie Williams has agreed to run for Second Vice-Chair.

Anne Paolano reported on plans for the **2018 Annual Dinner**. The program will be presented by Jaime Savage and will focus on the Cranberry Lake 50 trail. She offered to cover his mileage and the meals and a hotel room for him and a guest. The hotel needs a \$250 non-refundable deposit to reserve the location for the event on October 26th. The dinners will be plated, not buffet-style, and the charge will be \$34.80 a head. Anne suggested that the Chapter should charge \$34 and pay the difference. On a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Dan Kane, and unanimously approved, the foregoing plans were approved.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that a new outings schedule would be coming out soon.

Newsletter Chair Warren Shultz reported that the newsletter is done; the next deadline is June 1st.

Mo Coutant announced that the upcoming Saturday was the ADK HQ workday. Mo also reported for the **Programs Committee**, in the absence of Chair Sarah King. She said that the May program will be former Chapter Chair John Schneider, talking about his recent trip to India and Bhutan. The fall programs are lining up well. She also reported for the **Trails Committee**, in the absence of Chair Tom Ellis, that the annual trail work on Tongue Mountain had been completed. About 8 people came out, including 3 new people. There was not a lot of blowdown.

Mo discussed plans for the **2019 Banff Film Festival**. Banff has again offered the Chapter Presidents' Day, for 2019 and 2020, and the day before would be available too. She is checking with ACC about that.

Website Chair George Sammons discussed the idea of changing the print newsletter to opt-in from opt-out. Pat Desbiens was in favor; John Caffry was opposed. Jules Greiner said that the Genesee Valley Chapter recently went to opt-in. No action was taken.

YMG Chair Brian Coville reported that he has met with an YMG outings leader and is working on planning some new outings.

Membership Chair Pat Desbiens reported that membership was a net +1 for March. She will be tabling at the Raptorfest this month. She needs new volunteers for the newsletter labeling group because 2 of the volunteers have recently resigned.

Director Dan Kane discussed the situation at the HPIC and the Loj Road.

FTC Chair Jim Schneider discussed the new trail on Overlook Mountain in the Catskills - he will update the FTC website info. He is doing programs in various random places to promote the new book, the FTC, and ADK membership. On July 14th there will be a big fire tower event at the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake. Kathi Noble (wearing her FTC Correspondent hat) reported that the number of winter completers of the FTC seems to be increasing. George Sammons reported that the list of completers is now on the website.

On a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Wayne Richter, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – June 6, 2018, 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga.