

**Minutes of the June 6, 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, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Dan Kane, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Linda Ranado, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Warren Schultz, Gretchen Steen, Tammara Van Ryn, and Bill Wasiluski. Also present: Tim Noble, Anne Paolano.

**Chapter Chair Kathi Noble** opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

**The minutes** of the May 2, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Pat Desbiens. A correction was made regarding the discussion of the Fall Outing.

**Steve Mackey** presented the **Treasurer's Report**. The April dues payment was received; cash on hand is \$14,411.74; the balance is up \$780 since the beginning of the year. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Pat, seconded by Dan.

Kathi gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. The Club has requested donations for its silent auction. The donation of tickets to the Banff Film Festival was discussed, but tabled until September.

Kathi discussed the idea of changing the **newsletter** to e-delivery, and requiring members to opt in if they want to receive the paper version. She spoke to the Chair of the Genesee Valley Chapter, which has 1,200 members. It converted to opt-in, which took a couple of years. Many notices were sent out during the transition. Only about 70 newsletters per issue are mailed now. He did not think that this affected membership, but had no basis for saying that. John Caffry suggested looking at the GV Chapter membership statistics, to see if there had been any effect. Steve Mackey questioned what the Chapter would do with the money that was saved. It was agreed that the attendees at the annual dinner would be polled to see what they think. There was also a discussion of cutting the outings from the newsletter, as they are hard to keep current anyway. Wayne Richter said that he will discuss this with the leaders. No action was taken.

**Annual Dinner Coordinator Anne Paolano** reported that the arrangements are all set for now. Reservations will be sent to Steve.

**Dan Kane** discussed the upcoming Club **Board of Directors** meeting and the latest projects at JBL and Heart Lake.

**YMG Chair Brian Coville** reported that some YMG outings are planned for the summer and that he and another YMG member will soon be certified outings leaders.

**Newsletter Chair Warren Schultz** reported that he has plenty of content for the next issue and that space will be a problem. He will finish compiling it in the next week.

**Director Tammara Van Ryn** reported that the Club's 2017 audit was completed. The Club came out ahead by about \$150,000 for the year. A \$400,000 line of credit was taken out to cover expenses for the HPIC project, which is way over budget.

**Nominating Committee Chair Peter Benoit** reported that all nominations are set.

**Fire Tower Challenge Committee Chair Jim Schneider** updated the Committee on the fire tower event that the Club is promoting at the museum in Blue Mountain Lake, which will celebrate the centennial of the towers and promote the FTC. The Club will be looking for volunteers. **FTC Correspondent Kathi Noble** said that the Stillwater tower group is looking for volunteer summit stewards for the summer. She also reported that there have been 43 completers so far this year, including 10 winter completers and 2 children. This is on track with prior years.

**Outings Chair Wayne Richter** reported that the schedule is pretty good for the next couple of months. There are some new leaders, including some younger ones.

**Vice Chair Mo Coutant** reported that the **2019 Banff Film Festival** will be on a Monday and a Tuesday, not Sunday/Monday as previously reported. She is checking with ACC to see if this is okay.

**Membership Chair Pat Desbiens** reported that the number was up by 7 in April. She tabled at the Raptorfest event and got three new memberships. She thanked Kathi and Tim Noble for helping there.

**Education Chair Linda Ranado** announced that this would be her last meeting, as she is resigning after 12 years as chair. She has compiled information and procedures for her successor. Kathi thanked her for her service.

**Trails Committee Chair Tom Ellis** reported that the Chapter's annual trail work was done in April.

**John Caffry** reported that the County will have to do a hydrological study of the marl fen in the **Big Cedar Swamp** before its application process for the airport runway extension can go forward.

On a motion by Tom Ellis the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

**Next meeting – September 5, 7:00, at Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls.**

## **Report on E-mail Vote in July 2018**

In early July, FTC Committee Chair Jim Schneider requested that the Chapter donate \$250 to the Club's fire tower event that was to be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at the museum in Blue Mountain Lake. This event had been discussed at the June Ex. Comm. meeting.

Because this item was not in the approved 2018 budget, and the next scheduled Ex. Comm. meeting was not until September, Chapter Chair Kathi Noble submitted the request to an e-mail vote of the Ex. Comm. members. Under the by-laws, the affirmative votes of 2/3 of all of the members are required for a resolution voted on by e-mail vote to pass. This would have required 13 affirmative votes ( $2/3 \times 19 = 12.7 \sim 13$ ).

By the close of voting on July 6<sup>th</sup>, there had been 12 yes votes, 2 no votes, and 4 not voting. Two yes votes were submitted too late to be counted. The resolution failed.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary