

**Minutes of the October 3, 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: John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Wayne Richter, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, Tammara Van Ryn, and Bill Wasiluski. Participating by phone: Aimee Rutledge. Also present: Richard Walter.

Chapter Chair Kathi Noble opened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Mo Coutant. **Secretary John Caffry** reported on the e-mail vote that was taken in July on a proposal by Jim Schneider to donate money to the Club's fire tower event in Blue Mountain Lake. The proposal failed on a vote of 12-3 because it did not receive the necessary approval of a 2/3 supermajority of all of the members of the Executive Committee. The minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting were taken by Bill Wasiluski in the absence of the Secretary. They were approved unanimously on a motion by Tammara Van Ryn, seconded by Steve Mackey.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the June to September Treasurer's Report. The August dues payment has been received from the Club. The biggest expenses were Fire Tower Challenge expenses and the newsletter. Total assets are in excess of \$17,000. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Bill, seconded by Tom.

Kathi gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. She reported that Turner Bradford had resigned as Co-Chair of the Conservation Committee. She is looking for a replacement and also for Education and Publicity chairs. She said that the change to opt-in for mailed copies of the newsletter will be announced at the Annual Dinner.

In the absence of **Annual Dinner** Coordinator Anne Paolano, Kathi reported that all of the arrangements were set. There was a discussion of the process for voting on the slate of officers. The program will be revised to list the alternate directors as positions to be voted on, to conform to the by-laws. Mo Coutant suggested inviting Jack & Tillie Freeman to be the Chapter's guests at the dinner because the Club is not sending anyone due to a schedule conflict with a Club event, and this was agreed to. On a motion by John, seconded by Steve, it was agreed that the Chapter will spend \$375 from the Annual Dinner budget on appetizers.

The **annual donations to the Club** were discussed, including the responses to the Chapter's requests to the program staff for specific funding proposals. It was agreed that the donations would be allocated to the Education program for two canoes, and other equipment, in the amount of \$1,100; the Summit Stewards for miscellaneous equipment, in the amount of \$695; and to the Trails program towards the cost of a new grip hoist and accessories, in the amount of \$3,405; for a total of \$5,200. This was approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, seconded by Gretchen Steen. A request from the Saratoga Springs Public Library children's department for a donation to purchase a backpack and related equipment for its Lets Go Hiking program, in the amount of \$245.87, was approved unanimously on a motion by Tammara, seconded by Mo. This will be paid out of the Education budget, as one of the camperships was not used and the money was returned.

Conservation Chair Aimee Rutledge reported that she has been monitoring issues of interest to the Chapter and will attend the upcoming Club Conservation Committee meeting.

Steve Mackey reported that the nature trail and parking lot at Potash Mountain in the **Alice Harris Nature Preserve** in Lake Luzerne have been built, but more trail work is needed. [The Chapter has previously donated to this group.]

Director Tammara Van Ryn reported that the Club is ahead of budget for this year, and the HPIC construction project is supposed to be completed by the end of the year. There was a discussion of the cost overruns and mismanagement of the project.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that the new Younger Members outings leaders have been active.

Fire Tower Challenge Chair Jim Schneider reported that the brochure has been reprinted. Next year the graphics will be changed to match the Club's new graphics.

Vice Chair Mo Coutant reported that she is planning the **HQ workday** for later this month. She also reported that the **Banff Film Festival** has now been approved for two nights, February 18-19, 2019 by both the Film Festival and ACC; last year's sponsors are on board again; she ran the budget and anticipates making a profit again; she would like to offer a lower-priced student ticket this time to try to attract more ACC students. Tammara made a motion, seconded by Pat, to authorize Mo to sign the contract for two nights. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director Bill Wasiluski discussed the Club's recruitment efforts and said that the Club will be seeking chapter input on the upcoming revision to the by-laws. He also said that Neil Woodworth is retiring and that the Club will be looking for his successor. There was a discussion of the highly unusual nature of the planned transition process.

Young Members Group Chair Brian Coville reported that there will be a YMG dinner at his house next week and that there is interest from outside of the regular group. The summer outings went well and more are planned.

Membership Chair Pat Desbiens reported that in August there were 5 new members and a net +14 members

Kathi reported for the **Education Committee**, which she is handling until a new chair is found. She said that campership applications are due by December, but none have been received yet.

Director Bill Wasiluski reported that the Cold River Chapter is still looking for help co-sponsoring the 2019 Fall Outing, which will probably be held at Roaring Brook Ranch in Lake George. Kathi said that she has now been told this may not occur until 2022. No action taken.

On a motion by Tom Ellis and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – November 7, 7:00, at Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls.