

**Minutes of the December 5, 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, Sarah King, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, Tammara Van Ryn, and Bill Wasilowski. Also present: Licia Mackey, Irene Sammons, Jennifer Ferris.

The traditional annual potluck dinner was enjoyed by the Committee. **Chapter Chair Kathi Noble** opened the meeting at 7:34 p.m. She introduced Jen Ferris, a Chapter member who is considering joining the Committee. All present introduced themselves to Jen. Aimee Rutledge participated in the meeting by speakerphone.

**The minutes** of the November 2018 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Brian Coville.

**Treasurer Steve Mackey** presented the November 2018 Treasurer's Report. The October dues payment was received from the Club, and the first Banff Film Festival ticket payments have come in. Total assets are \$13,593. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, seconded by Sarah King.

Kathi stated that the **2019 Executive Committee meeting locations** will be the same as in 2018.

**Mo Coutant** reported on the planning for the **2019 Banff Film Festival (BFF)**. She is already selling tickets through word of mouth and the website – over 100 have been sold so far; posters have been put up around Glens Falls; many people are buying tickets for both nights; she is confident that Monday night will sell out and hopes that Tuesday will also do so; Aimee Rutledge has put it on the Facebook page; George Sammons will do an e-mail blast.

Steve Myhrberg of Nemer Motors, which is a BFF sponsor, has contacted her. He leads a group called Cycling Without Age, and would like to contribute gifts or door prizes to promote this group. Mo will look into this further.

Mo has updated the budget. She is contracting for a bigger screen (12' x 21') and bigger and brighter projection equipment. Projected profits are between \$2,000 to \$4,000 (if it sells out). If that much money is raised, the Chapter can start to look at funding special projects with the profits.

**Director Bill Wasilowski** reported on the recent **Club Board of Directors** meeting. There was another unexpected expense for the HPIC project - \$39,000 for the water treatment system. The total cost is now \$930,000. The project is not done yet, there is \$213,000 unpaid, but there is no money in the 2019 budget for these. The Club will pull \$124,000 from a reserve fund so that it can continue to pay Neil Woodworth for a year, even after hiring his replacement.

**Director Tammara Van Ryn** reported on the same meeting, where it was discussed that although there are 17,000 member households, only 3,000 pay more than the basic dues. This is a lower percentage than comparable groups. Dues are only a small percentage of total ADK revenues. There will be no trail crew contract with the State this year, so there will only be two

trail crews instead of four. The non-member parking fee at Heart Lake will be increased from \$10 to \$12, but the member fee will not change.

**Program Chair Sarah King** reported that Steve Mackey will give the January program, there will be no program in February due to the BFF, and the spring programs are all set.

**Steve Mackey** discussed the Winter Camp (Heart Lake) trip planned for February and said that he will prepare the proposed 2019 budget for the January meeting.

**Membership Chair Pat Desbiens** reported that membership was net – 3 for October. The next newsletter will include the first notice to members of the change to opt-in for paper copies of the newsletter.

**Hospitality Chair Gretchen Steen** reported that the Chapter table at the Victorian Stroll in Saratoga Springs went well, thanks to the volunteers.

**Trails Chair Tom Ellis** reported that the Gooley Club has removed its buildings from the Essex Chain Lakes but that the Polaris Club did not do so for its location near there.

**Website Chair George Sammons** suggested that the Chapter should purchase a large computer monitor for use by the next website chair for laying out the newsletter, and possibly also pay for Microsoft Publisher for the chair, as it has done for him.

**Wilderness Chair Jim Schneider** reported that he is looking into adopting a trail in the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area – the main trail from the Brant Lake area is available.

**YMG Chair Brian Coville** reported that there will be a YMG game night next week. Attendance at these events is usually about 10 people.

**Kathi Noble** reported for the **Education Committee**, due to the lack of a committee chair. She said that there are two campership applicants so far, and four more are needed. She also reported that there have been about 40 to 50 **FTC completers** in the last couple of months.

**Conservation Chair Aimee Rutledge** reported on the recent Club Conservation Committee meeting. She is continuing to work on the South Palmertown area plan with other groups.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Pat Desbiens, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

**Next meeting – January 2, 2019, 7:00, at Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls.**