

**Minutes of the January 2, 2019 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:** John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Jennifer Ferriss, Dan Kane, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Aimee Rutledge (by speakerphone), Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, Tammara Van Ryn, Bill Wasilauski and Laurie Williams. Also present: Peter Benoit and Anne Paolano.

**Chapter Chair Kathi Noble** opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**The minutes** of the December 5, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Tammara Van Ryn, seconded by Mo Coutant.

**Treasurer Steve Mackey** presented the December 2018 Treasurer's Report. The November dues were received. The balance is \$2,100 lower than it should be because some of the 2019 camperships have already been paid. Total assets at year-end were \$12,242. This is up \$2,547 from year-end 2017, mostly due to the net revenue from the 2018 Banff Film Festival ("BFF"). The \$2,917 miscellaneous expense is actually just an internal transfer from one account to another. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Pat Desbiens.

**Kathi Noble** gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. She said that she checked on the Ambrosia Diner as a possible alternate meeting site, but it requires a minimum of \$200 in food and beverage orders for use of the room, so that is not likely to work. She announced that she had appointed **Jennifer Ferris** to be Co-chair of the Conservation Committee.

**Steve Mackey** presented the **2019 budget**. Pat Desbiens has suggested an increase for the newsletter (+\$750) because postage rates will be going up – the changeover to opt-in mailing will not occur until January 2020, and the Chapter needs to buy MS Publisher for the next editor. She also requested an increase for membership (+\$1,000) because she will need to buy patches. All other items are status quo. There is a projected loss of \$4,860, but \$2,100 has already been paid in 2018 for the 2019 camperships. Most years' budgets project losses but the Chapter usually still comes out ahead at the end of the year. No allocation was made for the use of the proceeds of the BFF. This will be discussed in March, in consultation with the ACC outings club, once we know how much it is. The budget was approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Brian Coville.

At this point, Aimee Rutledge and Laurie Williams joined the meeting.

**Kathi Noble** passed around the list of proposed **2019 special donations**, which is the same as the 2018 list. After a brief discussion, the list was approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Mo Coutant. Steve Mackey said that he will pay them this month.

**Mo Coutant** updated the Committee on the **2019 Banff Film Festival**. She distributed an analysis of ticket sales to date. At least 521 of 740 tickets have been sold to date. West Mountain has donated lift tickets to use as door prizes, and Adirondack Extreme, Joy McCoola and the Sports Page have also donated prizes. There are no recent changes to the budget.

**John Caffry** discussed donations totaling \$223 that the Chapter recently received from First New York Federal Credit Union and some of its members. He spoke to Gloria Friello, who sent this to our P.O.

box, and confirmed that it was intended for the Chapter and not the Club. She said that it was given to the Chapter because they make a monthly donation like this to organizations in their service area, and Saratoga is in their service area. She also said that her uncle was Russell M.L. Carson, who was from Glens Falls, was one of the founders of ADK and the 46Rs, an ADK president, and wrote the book Peaks and People of the Adirondacks, which was published in 1927. It was agreed that the Chapter would use this money for a special project, to be determined. John will write a thank you letter.

**Membership Chair Pat Desbiens** said that membership was up a net 8 members in November. She will refer to the YMG the request by a group at Skidmore College for the Chapter to have a membership table at a film festival in March. Their request for a donation for a door prize will be referred to the Club. Pat also discussed the **newsletter opt-in process**. So far, after the first notice appeared in the newsletter, 13 people have opted in for a mailed copy. Others have confirmed their e-mail addresses.

**Younger Members Group (“YMG”) Chair Brian Coville** said that the YMG is planning hikes in January and February, and a social activity at the Common Roots brewery. The YMG is trying to do one of each in each month.

**Conservation Co-Chair Aimee Rutledge** reported on the Palmertown Range Working Group, which she expects to hold meetings in the coming months.

**Outings Chair Wayne Richter** reported that he has a good list of winter outings planned.

**Fire Tower Challenge (“FTC”) Chair Jim Schneider** handed out stacks of brochures so that they can be placed at tower trailheads. FTC Correspondent Kathi Noble handed out a report on the number of regular and winter completers from 2012 to 2018. The numbers are trending upwards.

**Jim Schneider** also reported on his work as **Wilderness Chair**. He is working with DEC and the Club’s Trails Committee on the details of adopting one or more trails in the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area. Once this is done, he may rework the official job description for the committee chair.

**Tammara Van Ryn** reported that the next Club **Board of Directors** meeting is in March. The interviews for the new E.D. will be done in January, and it is hoped to have the new person on board by March or April. Peter Benoit is on the interview committee, but Neil Woodworth is running the process.

**Mo Coutant** thanked the people who helped her edit the **newsletter**. The next deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mo Coutant** reported for the **Program Committee**, in the absence of Chair Sarah King. She said that the March program will be John Schneider on his trip to the Arctic.

**Kathi Noble** reported that all of the **camperships** have been filled and nobody was turned away.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Dan Kane, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

**Next meeting – February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga.**