

**Minutes of the May 1, 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: Kim Brown, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Pat Desbiens, Paul Dietershagen, Tom Ellis, Jenn Ferris, Dan Kane, Sarah King, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, Tammara Van Ryn, Bill Wasilauski and Laurie Williams. Also present: Peter Benoit, Anne Paolano, Eric Woodruff.

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

The minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Tammara Van Ryn.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the April 2019 Treasurer's Report. Cash on hand is \$17,498, an increase of \$239. A month's dues were received. The biggest expense was the newsletter. The domain name and web hosting fees for the next two years were paid. Total Banff Film Festival ("BFF") profits on hand are \$8,942. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Tammara Van Ryn.

Kathi gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. The Club has sent a list of items that it would like chapters to fund. She will forward it to the Committee. She also discussed an upcoming Chapter Forum event to be held at Club Headquarters. Kathi then announced that she was appointing **Kim Brown** to be **Education Chair**. She also confirmed that there are no proposed by-laws amendments this year.

Jim Schneider presented the updated job description for the **Wilderness Committee**. It was approved unanimously on a motion by Wayne Richter, seconded by Pat Desbiens.

Mo Coutant, Chair of the **Banff Film Festival Special Committee**, led a discussion of whether or not to make this a standing committee. No action was taken. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Tammara, and seconded by Dan, to make the following payments from the net profits of the BFF:

- \$750 – ACC Theater Capital Fund
- \$750 – ACC Outings Club
- \$1,500 - ADK, to support additional field time for the professional trail crew
- \$500 – GF-S Chapter Outings Committee, to pay for training for outings leaders, as determined by the Outings Committee Chair
- Additional payments to be determined later.

The motion passed on a vote of 15-1.

Mo then recused herself and left the room. There was a discussion of the Special Committee's proposal to pay Mo a stipend or honorarium of \$500 for her work in organizing the BFF for its first two years. A motion was made and seconded that, instead of a stipend, the Chapter would

pay Mo \$250 per year for those two years to reimburse her unreimbursed expenses, and that in future years, she would be reimbursed for all of her itemized expenses, as an expense of the BFF, and not out of the proceeds. It was discussed and agreed that her past expenses for travel, hosting the BFF staff, and PR materials, easily exceeded that amount. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote. Mo then rejoined the meeting.

Annual Dinner Coordinator Anne Paolano said that the \$200 deposit had been paid to the Great Escape. She will coordinate the newsletter notices with Jenn Ferris.

Trails Committee Chair Tom Ellis reported that two of the Chapter's three trails had been done, and that the third would be done soon.

Newsletter Chair Jenn Ferris reported that the next deadline is June 1st.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter discussed problems coordinating the Chapter's calendar with the Club's. He will write a procedure for allocation of the \$500 for leader training that was just approved, and have the Ex. Comm. review it.

Membership Chair Pat Desbiens reported that membership was net +26 for March. She will have tables at Raptorfest in May and the Wilton Wildlife Festival in June. So far 46 out of 1,536 recipients [3%] have opted in for **mailed delivery of the newsletter** next year.

BFF Special Committee Chair Mo Coutant reported that next year the event can be moved to a Saturday and Sunday in February. She will look into this and discuss it with ACC.

Nominating Committee Chair Mo Coutant reported that she and Brian Coville are working on finding nominees.

Conservation Co-Chair Paul Dietershagen said that he will be going to the Club Conservation Committee meeting this month.

Program Chair Sarah King discussed the upcoming programs. There are no programs in June, July and August, as usual.

YMG Chair Brian Coville reported that there are YMG outings planned for the coming months.

Website Chair George Sammons reported on the simplified procedure for Ex. Comm. members to update their job procedures on the website, and said that all of the newsletters since 2012 are now in an archive.

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

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – June 5, 2019 at 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga.