

**Minutes of the June 5, 2019 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: Kim Brown, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Pat Desbiens, Paul Dietershagen, Tom Ellis, Jenn Ferris, Dan Kane, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, Tammara Van Ryn and Bill Wasilauski. Also present: Anne Paolano and Megan McLaughlin.

Chapter Chair Kathi Noble opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. She introduced guest Megan McLaughlin, the Membership Services Manager at ADK HQ. She is also an outings leader.

The minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Dan Kane, seconded by Pat Desbiens.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the May Treasurer's Report. The Club made a dues payment. Steve has paid out the special donations from the Banff Mountain Film Festival (BMFF) proceeds, in the amount of \$3,500. Total assets are \$15,712. A request was made that Steve show the BMFF income and distributions separately from the regular chapter funds. It was also discussed that, per a prior resolution, the BMFF funds are to be kept in a separate bank account. Mo Coutant will work with Steve on setting up the revised reporting format. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Dan, seconded by Brian Coville.

Kathi gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. She discussed and passed around various letters that had been received.

Mo Coutant reported for the **Nominating Committee** that Tammara Van Ryn agreed to run for second vice-chair, Laurie will run for first vice-chair, and Brian Coville will run for the director vacancy created by Tammara's change. Tammara intends to run for director again in two years when Bill Wasilauski and Dan Kane will be term-limited off the Board. The other officers will run for reelection. Mo distributed a spreadsheet listing all Executive Committee members since 2009. She said that the notice of the annual meeting and the election will be in the summer newsletter.

John Caffry reported that the Federal Aviation Administration has killed Warren County's proposal to extend the runway at the Warren County Airport into the **Big Cedar Swamp**. The FAA determined that there was no need for the extension after all and withdrew its commitment to fund the project.

Annual Dinner Coordinator Anne Paolano discussed the planned PR for the dinner in the newsletter. She is still working on the menu and will update the Ex Comm over the summer, and then she will make a decision. Carl Heilman's speaker's fee will be \$500, discounted from his usual \$750 because of his relationship with the Club.

Membership Chair Pat Desbiens reported that membership was up a net +7 for April. She signed up two new memberships at Raptorfest, but no new ones at the Wilton Wildlife Festival. Regarding the newsletter, she reported that the opt-ins for mailed paper copies are now over 50.

Trails Chair Tom Ellis reported that the spring trail work, including removing two blown down trees, was finished in early May.

Wilderness Chair Jim Schneider reported that the Chapter's trails and lean-tos in the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area are in good shape.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that the August and September outings schedule is thin, but July is good.

Director Dan Kane reported that the next Board meeting is in July. The E.D. search has been reopened, with a new job description. **Director Tammara Van Ryn** reported that Neil Woodworth will retire at the end of the year.

BMFF Chair Mo Coutant reported that the 2020 festival will be in the theater at ACC on February 14 and 15, a Friday and a Saturday. She is working on details with the tech staff.

Conservation Chair Paul Dietershagen reported on the discussions from the recent Club Conservation Committee meeting which he attended.

Newsletter Chair Jenn Ferris reported that she is working on the next newsletter and that she has enough content to fill it.

Website Chair George Sammons discussed the technical end of the print edition newsletter opt-in process. He reported that out of 1,636 memberships in the Chapter, only 1,336 have e-mail addresses on file. There was also a discussion about how to handle affiliate members.

YMG Chair Brian Coville reported that the sunset hikes are going well and that a social event was held last month.

Education Chair Kim Brown reported that she has reached out to the contact people for the campership programs so that she can put notices in the fall newsletters.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Steve Mackey, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – September 4, 2019, 7:00, at Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls.