

**Minutes of the November 6, 2109 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, Jenn Ferris, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Aimee Rutledge (by phone), George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Jen Shepherd and Gretchen Steen. Also present: Meghan McLaughlin and Anne Paolano.

**Chapter Chair Kathi Noble** opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. She introduced **Jen Shepherd** to the Committee, and the members introduced themselves. Kathi then appointed Jen as **Publicity Committee Chair**. Jen had previously served in this position.

**The minutes** of the October 2, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Maureen Coutant, seconded by Pat Desbiens.

**Treasurer Steve Mackey** presented the October Treasurer's Report. The monthly dues were received. The report shows receipts for the annual dinner. \$390 was spent for volunteer recognition gifts for the dinner. \$154 was received from the raffle at the annual dinner of a print donated by Jack and Tillie Freeman. \$150 of the proceeds was donated to the Hadley Mountain Fire Tower Committee. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Brian Coville.

**Anne Paolano** reported on the **Annual Dinner**. The Chapter subsidized the meals for 80 cents each by rounding down the ticket prices. The committee members agreed that the event went well. Anne said that some attendees asked about paying for tickets online. Mo Coutant said that she has looked into this for the Banff Mountain Film Festival ("BMFF"), but there are fees involved. Options were discussed, but no action was taken.

**Kathi Noble** discussed the **Chapter snowshoe rentals**. She has discussed this with the Club, but they did not come up with any good options to the current arrangement, which is not working well. She will keep working on this. She will also look into donating them to the HPIC and changing the pricing.

The discussion of the Chapter's **annual donations to the Club** was tabled until December on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Brian Coville. A report on this subject from Tammara Van Ryn is anticipated.

**Mo Coutant** reported on the plans for the **2020 BMFF**. Some sponsorship checks have been received. Last year's sponsors are continuing, and there are 3 new ones: Hudson Headwaters Health Network, Jason Campopiano of Local Motion Physical Therapy, and Albany Running Exchange Event Production (AREEP). The ticket price will still be \$15, and \$10 for ACC students. They will go on sale next week. The BMFF Committee is discussing possibly doing a pre-event on Saturday. She also discussed the status of the technical arrangements. Mo also discussed the possibility of auctioning off more of the prints that the Freemans have donated to the Chapter.

**Education Chair Kim Brown** reported that she has been receiving campership applications.

**Hospitality Chair Gretchen Steen** reported that she will be doing the Saratoga Springs Victorian Stroll event again to promote the Chapter. She will be located at the old post office again.

**Membership Chair Pat Desbiens** reported that membership was down a net of 13 in September.

Pat reported on the **newsletter opt-in process**. John Caffry said that the \$225 bill for the renewal of the bulk mailing permit had been received. Pat recommended not renewing it because there is a minimum number of 200 pieces to use it, and so far only 96 people have opted-in for mail delivery of the newsletter next year. She will budget the newsletter for 125 mailed copies. There was a discussion of various options for mailing these copies. Each option will cost about \$800. Pat will look into this further.

**YMG Chair Brian Coville** reported that a game night will be held soon and that the social event at Artisanal Brew Works went well. However, Artisanal has not yet sent the promised donation to the Club.

**Newsletter Chair Jenn Ferris** reported that the next deadline is before Thanksgiving.

**Website Chair George Sammons** reported that he has added an Adirondac Loj weather widget to the website. He will add a signup page for the potluck dinner at the next Ex. Comm. meeting.

**Wilderness Chair Jim Schneider** reported that the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area looked good during his last inspection in October, but that was before the recent storm, so there may be a lot of blowdown now. Regarding the **Fire Tower Challenge Committee**, he is working on an updated version of the book.

**Conservation Co-Chair Paul Dietershagen** reported on two recent meetings that he attended. **Saratoga PLAN** is looking for volunteers to work with it and DEC to help plan trails in the Lincoln Mtn State Forest, in the **Palmertown Range** area. Aimee has volunteered to help with GPS and trail scouting. Steve and Jim also volunteered. Paul will meet with Saratoga PLAN again. He also attended the **Club Conservation Committee** meeting, and reported on the discussions about ATV issues, the state budget and Article XIV issues.

**Aimee Rutledge** suggested updating the volunteer request form and then putting it on the website. Kathi and Pat will work on this.

On a motion by Gretchen Steen (in the absence of Tom Ellis), and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

**Next meeting – December 4, 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga, w/potluck dinner.**