

**Minutes of the March 4, 2020 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., held at Glens Falls, New
York, in the Christine L McDonald Community Room of Crandall Public Library**

Present: Kim Brown, Pat Desbiens, Paul Dietershagen, Tom Ellis, Jen Ferriss, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Gretchen Steen, Bill Wasilauski, and Lori Williams. **Also present:** Maureen Coutant, Charlene Kane, Megan McLaughlin, Anne Paolano, and Dave Freeman.

Chapter Chair Kathi Noble opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. The Committee members introduced themselves to the guest.

The minutes of the February 5, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Steve Mackey, seconded by Pat Desbiens.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the February 2020 Treasurer's Report. One month's dues, a \$5 donation for the newsletter and \$75 in Fire Tower Challenge (FTC) patch fees were received. The remaining 4 of the 17 special donations (\$300) were paid, \$699.50 was paid for the newsletter mailing, \$129 was paid for our PO Box and stamps and \$24.30 was paid for postage for the FTC. Total assets are \$19,384.67, of which \$11,192 is in the Banff Mountain Film Festival (BMFF) account. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, seconded by Wayne Richter.

Kathi had nothing to share for the **Chapter Chair's Report**.

Kathi Noble would like to table the Nominating Committee report until after she talks to Brian Coville, last year's chair of the committee.

Conservation co-chair Paul Dietershagen presented the Skidmore Student Recreation Survey and wanted to get feedback on how to share this with our membership. Discussion pursued about being cautious, relevant and not spamming members with standalone emails in order to maintain our email list after we established e-newsletters. The motion was made by Paul to put the link on the website and to send out with the March programming email. Seconded by Kim Brown and unanimously approved.

Here is the link. https://skidmore.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d9UBmCNdK3gPtKR

Education chair Kim Brown presented her experience on the Adirondack Park Environmental Lobby Day. Approximately 100 people attended from different organizations throughout the state, including the Adirondack Council, Protect the Adirondacks, Adirondack Wild and Frontier Town. Cathy Pedlar, the Director of Advocacy for ADK, offered a debriefing the day before and the day of. Teams of 10 were created and each group had a leader/expert to facilitate the conversation with the legislators. Everyone was expected to tell a personal story or about the talking points that they have passion for. Kim plans to attend next year and will share a ride with those who are interested.

Ad Hoc BMFF Committee Chair Mo Coutant thanked the committee and volunteers for their dedication and hard work. The raffles raised close to \$1355, which was donated to the ADK Summit Stewards Program. The event raised approximately \$5900 with \$1,100 going into a

Snowy Day fund, \$2000 to SUNY Adirondack, \$2500 to our Chapter, with about \$300 remaining to be added to the ADK Summit Steward Program once expenses are finalized. Many positive things happened during this year's events including better use of the space, door prizes, pre-show content on the screen, ADK publicity and staff appearances and grateful sponsors who want to contribute more in 2021. Some things that did not go so well – the waffle iron tripping the breaker and the screen on night one which only those behind the scenes noticed. Next year the event will be Monday April 15 and Tuesday April 16, 2021.

Annual Dinner Coordinator Anne Paolano reported on her work for the 2020 dinner. At this point, the Embassy Suites in Saratoga is holding the venue for us on October 23rd. J Robert Harris, author of *Way out there*, is available to be our keynote speaker. Anne will work with Mr. Harris to see if our budget works with his expectations.

Membership Chair Pat Desbiens reported that membership was up a net +1 for January. She also reported that 172 members have opted in for the **mailed version of the newsletter**. If we get up to 200 mailed copies, we will go back to bulk mailing. For now she has plenty of envelopes and it takes approximately 1 hour of her time to get them in the mail.

YMG volunteer and Club staffer **Megan McLaughlin** followed up on the **Club's branding program**. The Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2022 and is considering uniform patch size, shape and brand compliance colors.

Newsletter Chair Jennifer Ferriss reported that the next deadline for content is April 1, 2020. ADK brand compliance was used in the March newsletter.

Trails Chair Tom Ellis reported that the next Trail Day is April 25, 2020. The volunteer crew will work on the Tongue Mountain Range.

Treasurer Steve Mackey reported that the ADK will assist Warren County with the trail work associated with Swede Mountain Fire Tower located in the Town of Hague. The fire tower needs repairs and a bridge will also need to be built.

Education Chair Kim Brown reported that she will do a program at Schuylerville Elementary School and Glens Falls High School for Girls' Day.

On a motion by **Tom Ellis**, which was approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Ferriss, Newsletter Chair

Next meeting – April 1, 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga Springs, NY