

**Minutes of the September 2, 2020 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., held via ZOOM**

Present: Kim Brown, John Caffry, Brian Coville, Pat Desbiens, Paul Dietershagen, Tom Ellis, Jen Ferriss, Emily Kane, Steve Mackey, Megan McLaughlin, Kathi Noble, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Jen Shepherd, Gretchen Steen, and Bill Wasilauski. **Also present:** Maureen Coutant, Charlene Kane, Anne Paolano, and guests from the main club: Michael Barrett, Virginia Etu, and Laura Fiske.

Chapter Chair Kathi Noble opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Kathi turned over the meeting to **new Club Executive Director Michael Barrett** to discuss the new **Club by-laws** proposal. In response to questions, Barrett was defensive, his answers were overall false and misleading, and he evaded giving direct answers to most questions. After a lengthy discussion, he and the other main club guests left the meeting. There was then a lengthy discussion among the Executive Committee members. John Caffry made a motion that the Chapter should recommend to its members that they vote against this proposal because of flaws in the voting process and in the proposal itself, and that the Club should go back and fix the proposal. The motion was seconded by Wayne Richter. On a roll call vote, the motion failed on a vote of 7 in favor, 8 opposed, and 1 abstaining.

Secretary John Caffry reported that the minutes of the August 2020 meeting were not available because he could not find his notes in time to do them sufficiently in advance of the meeting. He has now found them and will provide the minutes next month.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the August Treasurer's Report. The only transaction was payment for new FTC pamphlets. The checking account balance is \$3,146, the chapter note owed by the Club is \$5,602, and the Banff account is \$6,664, for a total of \$15,412. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Brian Coville. Megan McLaughlin reported that the Club will start paying chapter dues shares again in September, but that she does not think that the prior unpaid months will be repaid.

Kathi gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. **Sarah King** has resigned as **Programs Chair**, but the programs are set through January. Some will be virtual and some may be live – but may be canceled. She will help with the transition. Kathi thanked Sarah for her years of service. **Jim Schneider** has resigned as **FTC Chair and Wilderness Chair**, but will stay on as a member of the FTC Committee. He is talking to a potential successor for FTC Chair and Kathi will look for a successor for Wilderness Chair.

Kathi led a discussion of the **Annual Meeting**. She said that she liked John Caffry's proposal for a ZOOM meeting on November 4th, with absentee ballots [see August 5th minutes and e-mail from John to the Committee dated August 31 (to be attached to minutes)]. Notice of the meeting and the absentee ballot will be sent to the Chapter members in the newsletter. George Sammons has set up an e-mail address for people who want to participate in the ZOOM meeting to RSVP to. John made a motion to hold the election by this process, which was seconded by Gretchen Steen and approved unanimously.

On the social media front, **Emily Kane** reported that there are now 165 followers on the Chapter's Instagram account and thanked the people that have submitted pictures. **Aimee Rutledge** updated the committee on the status of the Chapter's Facebook page.

BMFF ad hoc Committee Chair Mo Coutant reported that this year the film festival tour will either be some kind of online version, or else it will not happen.

FTC Correspondent Kathi Noble reported that she has sent out 19 completer patches recently. She said that more towers may be added to the challenge in the future.

Gretchen Steen thanked John Caffry for putting together the annual meeting proposal.

Membership Chair Pat Desbiens reported that due to the Club giving out free memberships to frontline workers, membership was up a net +25 in May, +57 in June, and +5 in July. She said that she will not be doing a table at Raptorfest this year because it was canceled due to the pandemic, but that we will not be asking for a refund of our fee, because our payment for that event is our annual contribution to that group. She also announced that she will be resigning at the end of 2021. She also discussed printing the newsletter for those who don't get it by e-mail and the number of pages per issue.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that a few outings have been scheduled, and he will wait to see how they go.

Annual Dinner Coordinator Anne Paolano reported that she has canceled the speaker.

George Sammons suggested that in the future the Chapter should reexamine its contributions to other organizations.

YMG Chair Megan McLaughlin reported that the Chapter has one YMG outing planned. Other chapters also have YMG events planned.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, which was approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – October 7, 7:00, via ZOOM