

**Minutes of the June 2, 2021 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, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Tim Noble, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, and Bill Wasilauski. **Also present:** Maureen Coutant.

Second Vice-Chair Brian Coville opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m., in the absence of the Chair and First Vice-Chair.

The minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Steve Mackey, seconded by Pat Desbiens.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the May Treasurer's Report. One dues check was received from the Club. There were no expenses. Total assets are \$25,562. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, seconded by John Caffry.

Chapter Trustee Jim Schneider reported that the Club Advisory Committee has approved its Committee Charter. The GFS Chapter needs to appoint an Alternate Trustee. The Committee is also looking for volunteers for its committees. There was a discussion of some conservation issues. Wayne Richter expressed concern about the lines of communications from the Club to the chapters regarding outings.

Brian Coville reported that the **Club Board of Directors** will meet on June 6th.

Conservation Co-Chair Aimee Rutledge reported that the Club Conservation Committee has not met recently. She also said that she will be adding new posts to the **Chapter Facebook page** soon.

Education Chair Kim Brown reported that she did a trailhead steward shift at Heart Lake recently. She talked to hundreds of people and thinks that this had an impact. The 46Rs did this at South Meadow and Cascade too.

Fire Tower Challenge Chair Tim Noble reported that work on the Swede Mountain tower, which will be added to the Challenge, is moving along. **FTC Correspondent Kathi Noble** said that she is expecting the number of completion letters to increase. They are waiting for the Club's new website to be implemented before starting the new FTC management process.

Membership Chair Pat Desbiens reported that membership was up net +23 in April. GF-S is now consistently the largest chapter in ADK. In anticipation of her resignation, she will meet soon with Bobbi Fitzgerald to transition the committee to her. She also reported that the Post Office delayed **mailing the last newsletter** by over a month.

Newsletter Chair Jen Ferris said that the next issue will go out soon, and will include a save-the-date for the Annual Meeting.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter said that there continues to be a small number of leaders leading a small number of people on outings.

Brian reported for the **Programs Committee**, in the absence of Chair Anne Paolano. He said that the Annual Dinner is now scheduled for October 15th.

Mo Coutant, Chair of the Ad Hoc Banff Mountain Film Festival Committee, reported that there may be an option to do both live and virtual programs in 2022. She expects to receive about \$900 from Banff for the 2021 virtual programs.

Trails Chair Tom Ellis reported that 7 people cleared the Tongue Mountain trail in April.

Website Chair George Sammons said that he has been posting the monthly programs to YouTube after they are done.

Brian reported for the **Young Members Group**, in the absence of Chair Megan McLaughlin, and said that the sunset hikes are going well.

Special By-laws Committee Chair John Caffry presented the revised version of the new by-laws with the changes that had been authorized at the May meeting. Because the Chapter's Directors' terms will all expire at the end of this year, the transitional provision will be removed. It was agreed that the Wilderness Committee will be removed, as the Club no longer has that as a program, but that Jim Schneider will continue to monitor the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness Area as part of the Trails Committee. The name of the new position of "Chapter Director" will be changed to "Member at Large" of the Ex. Comm., so as to avoid confusion with the Club's Board of Directors. There was a discussion of putting the social media coordinators under the Website or Publicity committees, but that is not a by-laws issue, so no action was taken. A motion to approve the revised version, with the changes that had been discussed, and with John to make further edits and clarifications that do not affect the meaning, was made by Wayne Richter, seconded by Kathi Noble, and approved unanimously. John said that he would make the changes and circulate it, and then it can be sent to the members ahead of the vote at the Annual Meeting.

Aimee Rutledge requested that she and Emily Kane be sent postings for the **social media** pages.

Nominating Committee Chair Brian Coville said that the Committee's work is going well. He will work on the job description updates over the summer. He is trying to find people who want to take the new Member At Large positions that could be appointed to fill the vacancies in January after the new by-laws are approved.

Brian reported on the **Annual Dinner**, in the absence of Programs Committee Chair Anne Paolano. He said that the date, speaker and menu are all set. Anne is planning for an in-person meeting, assuming that this will be allowed by the COVID-19 rules at the time. If there is a decision to be made to change that, it may be necessary to call a special meeting in August.

Newsletter Chair Jen Ferris asked whether it was okay to publicize the **North Country National Scenic Trail**, and its sponsors' request for volunteers, in the newsletter. After some discussion, it was agreed that this was okay because ADK supports this project. In the future, sections of the trail will be up for adoption by chapters. Aimee will look into this opportunity.

Chapter Trustee Jim Schneider discussed upcoming staff changes at the Club.

Treasurer Steve Mackey raised the question about whether the Chapter should now make the remaining **donation of \$2,500 to the Club** from last year's budget. After some discussion, a motion was made by Kathi, seconded by Kim, and unanimously approved, to make this payment, to be designated for fixing the handicapped access ramp at the entrance to the Headquarters building in Lake George.

There was a discussion of whether or not the **September Ex. Comm. meeting** could be an in-person meeting, and if so, what venues might be able to host it. A combined in-person and Zoom option was also discussed. No action was taken.

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 8, 2021, 7:00, at a location or website TBD