

**Minutes of the October 6, 2021 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., held at
ADK Headquarters, Lake George, New York, and via ZOOM**

Present: Kim Brown, John Caffry, Brian Coville, Jen Ferriss, Bobbi Fitzgerald, Steve Mackey, Megan McLaughlin, Anne Paolano, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, and Bill Wasilauski. **Also present:** Maureen Coutant.

Chapter Chair Brian Coville opened the meeting at 7:12 p.m. At this time, only nine members were present, two short of a quorum of eleven.

Trustee Jim Schneider reported that the ADK Advisory Council met recently and was told that the Club will close on the purchase of the Cascade Ski Center in 2021. The Club owns a property on Balfour Lake in Minerva, which was donated to it, and which it is trying to sell. The Club claims that its new website will go online this year.

Two additional members joined the meeting, creating a quorum.

Jim continued his report. Most of the Council's work is now being done by its committees; the Chapter's by-laws are being used as an exemplar for other chapters. Meghan McLaughlin reported that the New York Chapter still exists, because its lawsuit against the Club has put its dissolution by the Club's Board on hold.

The minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Jen Ferriss, seconded by Anne Paolano.

Kim Brown presented the **September Treasurer's Report**, in the absence of Treasurer Steve Mackey [Steve arrived later in the meeting]. No dues payment was received from the Club. There was \$831 in other income. Steve prepaid next year's newsletter postage. Total assets are \$28,425. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Kim, seconded by Meghan.

Programs Chair Anne Paolano reported on the **Annual Dinner**. She intends to go ahead with the in-person dinner. This is acceptable to both the venue and the speaker. Registrations to date are around 40 people. John Caffry said that 50 members are needed for a quorum to vote on the new by-laws and the slate of officers. He recommended sending out **absentee ballots** to all members for whom e-mail addresses are available, to ensure that a quorum is voting. On a motion by John, seconded by Brian, this was approved unanimously. Brian, George Sammons, and John will work on the format, so that it will be verifiable. Brian said that he will invite Club officials to be the Chapter's guests. Mo Coutant said that she is working on the printed program for the meeting.

FTC Committee Member Jim Schneider reported that the Committee is almost out of brochures, but will hold off on getting more printed because more towers may be added to the Challenge soon.

Newsletter Chair Jen Ferris said that she is waiting for content that is due for the next edition.

Programs Chair Anne Paolano said that the November program will be about the Upper Works in Newcomb; the January program will be Al Hicks, discussing climate change. This may possibly be a live meeting at the library in Saratoga Springs, which may reopen for public meetings. She is looking for ideas for the programs for the spring.

Ad Hoc BMFF Chair Mo Coutant said that virtual programs for 2021 are still being released. In-person programs will be an option for 2022, but she is concerned about turnout, so she may recommend that the Chapter stick to online programs for 2022.

YMG Chair Meghan McLaughlin reported that a social event was held at Common Roots Brewery recently, and attendance was good. There was a mix of new and prior attendees. More events are planned.

Chapter Chair Brian Coville reported that he is working on updating the job descriptions for the committee members and officers. He will then present them to the Executive Committee for review. This will include combining the Wilderness and Trails Committees, and putting the social media coordinators into the Publicity Committee, as previously discussed.

Director Bill Wasilauski reported that the new ADK Board of Directors may have about 15 or 16 people and that the Advisory Committee may have 2 people on the Board. The Cascade property is not yet under contract; the Club has moved for a change of venue in the NY Chapter lawsuit; the 2022 Fall Outing for ADK's centennial will be held at Silver Bay on Lake George.

Jim Schneider and Kim Brown discussed the idea of expanding **ADK's trailhead stewardship** program to locations outside of the High Peaks, in cooperation with Glens Falls-Saratoga, Albany, and Schenectady Chapters. No action was taken, but the Committee's reaction was positive. Jim will report this to the Club and continue the discussion.

Brian Coville said that the Cold River Chapter is looking for help finding outings leaders for the **2022 Fall Outing**. He will work on this. He asked whether the **December meeting** should be a potluck dinner, as is the tradition. The consensus was to do this at ADK HQ, which has plenty of room for people to spread out.

Jim Schneider said that for the **Club's centennial**, it wants the chapters to submit their chapter histories for publication. He is working on this for Glens Falls-Saratoga.

On a motion by Gretchen Steen, duly seconded, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – November 3d, at 7:00, location TBD.