

**Minutes of the March 2, 2022 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., held via ZOOM**

Present: Kim Brown, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Tom Ellis, Jen Ferriss, Bobbi Fitzgerald, Megan McLaughlin, Anne Paolano, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen.

Chapter Chair Brian Coville opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes of the February 2, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Gretchen Steen, seconded by Wayne Richter.

Brian reported for Treasurer Steve Mackey in Steve's absence, and presented the **February Treasurer's Report**. Dues of \$1,900 were received from the Club; \$2,796 was paid out for camperships; total assets are \$37,068. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Kim Brown, seconded by Gretchen Steen. Brian said that he had e-mailed Club E.D. Michael Barrett requesting payment of the \$5,000 Chapter Note, which had come due.

Brian gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. He said that the Advisory Council is reviewing the Club's new Covid-19 policy so as to clarify it.

Brian made a motion to appoint **Pat Desbiens as Chair of the 2022 Nominating Committee**. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Steen and unanimously approved.

Trustee Jim Schneider referred to his previously distributed report. He said that the Covid-19 policy is confusing to everyone and will be clarified.

Mo Coutant, reporting as Chair of the **Banff Mountain Film Festival Special Committee**, said that the Festival went well last month. All expenses have been paid. Common Roots Brewing wants to be a sponsor next year. Over \$6,000 was raised, as the higher ticket prices made up for the reduced seating capacity at the Wood Theater. She is looking for suggestions about what projects or causes to support with the profits. The raffle raised \$700, which was donated to the Summit Stewards program in memory of Dan Kane. Both shows almost sold out, but the Saturday night program did better than the Sunday matinee. Next year she will consider whether to go back to ACC or to stay downtown at the Wood.

Education Chair Kim Brown reported that there are applicants for the campership spots, who now need to register with DEC and ADK.

Hospitality Chair Gretchen Steen asked whether the Chapter will be allowed to serve food at the live programs to be held at the Saratoga Public Library. Jen Ferriss, who works at the library, said that the Chapter can not serve food, but attendees can bring their own.

Membership Chair Bobbi Fitzgerald said that she wants to set up a table at the farmers market in Wilton Mall once a month. In the summer this would be done at the outdoor market.

Committee members expressed support for this effort. Brian Coville reported that the Chapter's membership was 2,474 in January, a net of -15 from the prior month.

Conservation Co-Chair Aimee Rutledge discussed the Palmertown Range plan and showed a map of the proposed trails. Additional lands and parking lots will be opened to the public this year.

Newsletter Chair Jen Ferris said that the next deadline is April 2nd.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that Jen Shepherd is planning a leaders' social event for March 30th. One leader wants to do bicycle outings, but the Club's insurance does not cover them. Megan McLaughlin said that the Club is looking into this. Wayne said that he will look into it too. There was also a discussion of the workings of the Club's master calendar of Club and Chapter events.

Programs Chair Anne Paolano reported that the March and April programs will be held in person at the Saratoga Public Library. She is still looking for a speaker for the Annual Dinner, which should be in the Glens Falls area this year. She is looking into venues.

Trails Committee Co-Chair Tom Ellis said that the Tongue Mountain trail work will be done in April.

Jim Schneider reported on the **ADK Oral History Project**. Fundraising from chapters is going well, so he will begin work on the project. He will report back to the Chapter if more funding is needed. He also reported on the **Buck Mountain trailhead stewards** initiative. ADK staff now supports the project, and will help train the stewards. The local DEC forester will assist and will also develop materials specific to the Lake George Wild Forest. So far 6 people have volunteered to be stewards. Jim also reported on the status of the **ADK archives**. He obtained a grant for a NYS archives report, and it turns out that the collection is historically valuable. Now that the HQ building has been sold, the collection needs to be moved. He is working with President Tom Andrews to make sure that this is handled properly.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by John Caffry, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – April 6 @7:00, probably a hybrid live and Zoom format