

**Minutes of the October 5, 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, Brian Coville, Paul Dietershagen, Tom Ellis, Jen Ferriss, Bobbi Fitzgerald, Megan McLaughlin, Kathi Noble, Anne Paolano, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, and Gretchen Steen. **Also present:** Pat Desbiens.

**Chapter Chair Brian Coville** opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**The minutes** of the September 7, 2022 meeting were discussed. Jim Schneider requested a change regarding the discussion of the ADK oral history project. Secretary John Caffry agreed to the change, and the minutes as revised, were approved unanimously on a motion by Gretchen Steen, seconded by Wayne Richter. John will circulate the corrected minutes.

In the absence of Treasurer Steve Mackey, the **September Treasurer's Report** was approved unanimously on a motion by Jen Ferris, seconded by Wayne Richter.

The Main Club's response to the **proposed 2023 Chapter Budget** was discussed. The Club suggested dropping 3 of the proposed Special Donations, for groups which the Chapter has given to for many years: (1) Hurricane Fire Tower – because the Main Club already supports them; (2) Lake George Land Conservancy – because it is a registered lobbyist and giving to it could allegedly threaten ADK's charitable status; and (3) Summit Stewards – because that is a program of the Main Club, which already funds much of its budget. John Caffry said that based on his over 35 years of legal experience representing New York not-for-profits, he disagreed with the Main Club on the Lake George Land Conservancy – the donation would not be illegal. George Sammons made a motion to respond to the Main Club by saying that, upon review of the suggestion, the Chapter sees no need to change the budget. The motion was seconded by Kathi Noble and approved unanimously.

**Chair Brian Coville** said that because of his job change, he had submitted his resignation as Chair, but then withdrew it because he enjoys being the Chapter Chair. However, he has resigned as Alternate Trustee on the Main Club's Advisory Council.

**Conservation Co-Chair Paul Dietershagen** reported that Co-Chair Aimee Rutledge had contacted the new leadership of Saratoga PLAN, who was receptive to talking to the Chapter. He, Aimee, and Jim Schneider will be meeting with them soon.

**Hospitality Chair Gretchen Steen** said that, with the return of live programs, she will be providing refreshments again. She will also look into whether the Chapter can participate in the Victorian Stroll event in Saratoga Springs again.

Brian reported for the **Education Committee**, in the absence of Chair Kim Brown, and said that Kim, Mo Coutant, and Pat Desbiens had recently volunteered at the Moreau Lake State Park event. Pat said that it went well.

**Newsletter Chair Jen Ferris** discussed plans for the next edition.

**Nominating Committee Chair Pat Desbiens** discussed the process for voting on the slate of nominees at the Annual Meeting.

**Outings Chair Wayne Richter** again reported that a small number of leaders is leading a small number of outings. The leaders that have been doing so will be recognized at the Annual Meeting, as usual.

**Programs Chair Anne Paolano** said that the contract with the venue for the Annual Dinner requires the Chapter to have 55 attendees, but there are not yet that many. If there are not enough, the Chapter will have to make up the difference. An e-mail reminder will be sent out. Anne will also ask the Publicity Chair to publicize this. John Caffry said that 50 votes are needed for a quorum for the vote for the Annual Meeting.

Anne also discussed the upcoming monthly programs, and said that she still needs speakers for the March and May 2023 programs. The turnout for Mo Coutant's live program in September was 42 people, which was reasonably good.

**Website Chair George Sammons** reported that the website is up to date. He will send two e-mail reminders for the Annual Dinner.

**Chair Brian Coville** discussed Jim Schneider's report on the new **ADK Voices** program, which is going well. Brian made a motion to appoint **Mo Coutant as Alternate Trustee** for the remainder of 2022. The motion was seconded by Kathi Noble and unanimously approved. There will be a new Trustee for 2023 and the Ex. Comm. can appoint Mo as the alternate again in January. Brian said that he is looking for a new **Membership Chair**, and for ideas for new membership events.

**Kathi Noble** said that she had a lot of old **committee records** which came to her when she was Chapter Chair. These need to be sorted through, as she wants to get them out of her house.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by John Caffry, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary