

**Minutes of the December 7, 2022 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc.,
held at the Saratoga Springs Public Library and via ZOOM**

Present: Kim Brown, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Paul Dietershagen, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Tim Noble, Anne Paolano, Wayne Richter, and Aimee Rutledge. **Also present:** Thomas Khairallah, Jeffrey Mans.

Chapter Chair Brian Coville opened the meeting at 7:21 p.m., following a potluck supper for those who attended at the Library.

The minutes of the November 2, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Steve Mackey, seconded by Kim Brown.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the November Treasurer's Report. The net subsidy for the Annual Dinner was \$677. Total assets are \$29,536. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Brian, seconded by John Caffry.

Chapter Chair Brian Coville reported that the revised **2023 Chapter budget** was approved by the Main Club's Finance Committee.

Alternate Trustee Mo Coutant reported that the **outings guidelines for chapters** are under review and will be voted on in January. Outings Chair Wayne Richter respectfully disagreed that the guidelines were ready to be voted on, describing them as "a mess". The consensus of the Ex. Comm. was that the new training requirements would discourage members from becoming leaders and leading trips; fewer outings will lead to fewer new members. Mo and incoming Trustee Tom Khairallah will attend the January meeting and present the Chapter's views.

Mo Coutant, Chair of the Ad Hoc Banff Mountain Film Festival Special Committee, reported that this year the three shows will all have different films. Combined, they will include all of the films that are part of the World Tour. There will be a preshow event, including prizes and an art show, to encourage people to get there on time. She discussed the food and beverage arrangements and pricing. Tickets go on sale soon.

Conservation Co-chair Paul Dietershagen said that he, Co-chair Aimee Rutledge, and Jim Schneider met with the new management of Saratoga PLAN and their attitude about working with ADK was very positive. They discussed current and planned projects.

Education Chair Kim Brown reported that the deadline for Camp Colby applications is not yet set, but she is already looking for campership applicants. The 2022 recipients who could not go because the camp was closed last year due to COVID will get priority this year.

Fire Tower Challenge Chair Tim Noble said that there is no new news about the towers that will potentially be added to the Challenge. The Main Club has not yet launched the FTC 2.0 online program. When it does, the Chapter will still run the program, but the Main Club will

handle the administrative tasks. The funds will remain with the Chapter. There was a suggestion to create a separate bank account to sequester these funds. No action was taken.

In the absence of the Membership Chair, Brian presented the **membership report**. Membership in October was up by 13 households and 15 total members over September. Total membership is 2,280. The Chapter remains the largest chapter in ADK.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter discussed his annual report (attached). The number of outings and leaders has dropped dramatically, to about 40% of pre-COVID levels. The Albany Chapter has had the same experience.

Programs Chair Anne Paolano reported that about 60 people attended the November program. She discussed the plans for the next few meetings.

Steve Mackey discussed the Chapter's **rental snowshoe** program. The snowshoes are not being used any more. He made a motion to sell them for one-half of their retail price, which was seconded by Brian and approved unanimously.

Conservation Co-chair Aimee Rutledge added to Paul's discussion of the meeting with Saratoga PLAN. The topics discussed with them included cross-promotion of activities such as stewardship work. PLAN has trail maintenance tools available to lend.

In the absence of Tom Ellis, on a motion by Mo Coutant, seconded by Brian Coville, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary