

**Minutes of the January 2, 2023 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, Thomas Khairallah, Jeffrey Mans, Kathi Noble, Tim Noble, Anne Paolano, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen.

Chapter Chair Brian Coville opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Secretary John Caffry said that the minutes of the December 2022 meeting were not ready because he had just returned from being away for two weeks.

In the absence of Treasurer Steve Mackey, the **September Treasurer's Report** was presented by Chair Brian Coville and approved unanimously on a motion by Kim Brown, seconded by Gretchen Steen. Total assets are \$31,690. Brian said that the **2023 Chapter Budget** received final approval from the Main Club, so no further action by the Ex. Comm. was required.

Brian gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. He will send out the job descriptions for review and updating. He will be looking for a new Nominating Committee chair in the spring.

Brian made a motion to appoint **Mo Coutant as Alternate Trustee** for 2023. This was seconded by John Caffry, and approved unanimously.

Education Chair Kim Brown said that she will reach out to last year's recipients to see if they are interested in going this year, and if not all of the spots are filled, she will look for new applicants.

Fire Tower Correspondent Kathi Noble presented her annual report (attached). The number of finishers is now back up to about the pre-COVID average. She will be reviewing the records from the earliest years of the Challenge to count the number of finishers from those years.

In the absence of the Membership Chair, Brian presented the **membership report**. Membership in November was up by 11 households. He said that the Main Club may increase the dues.

In the absence of the Newsletter Chair, Brian said that the next **newsletter deadline** is in early February. He also thanked Jen Ferriss for writing his Chapter Chair's Report for the prior edition.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter said that he plans to follow up on obtaining insurance for Chapter bicycle outings.

Publicity Committee member Aimee Rutledge said that she plans to publicize upcoming programs and the Banff film festival on the Chapter's Facebook page.

Trails Co-Chair Jim Schneider reported that he is starting to plan for the 2023 Buck Mountain trailhead steward program. He wants to include more Leave No Trace training this year.

Website Chair George Sammons agreed to Brian's request that he send out an e-mail blast about the January program. George reported that he recently sent out the latest newsletter.

Ad Hoc Banff Mountain Film Festival Special Committee members Kim Brown and Kathi Noble reported that ticket sales are brisk. With the approval and assistance of the City of Glens Falls, the Committee will be placing a banner across Glen Street downtown.

Jim Schneider reported on the **ADK Voices** oral history program. There are currently 44 stories online and he is reaching out to chapters to get more stories. The goal is to get to over 100 stories this year. So far, the Main Club is not cooperating.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Brian Coville, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary