

**Minutes of the February 1, 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, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Paul Dietershagen, Tom Ellis, Jen Ferriss, Thomas Khairallah; Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Anne Paolano, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen.

**Chapter Chair Brian Coville** opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

**The minutes** of the December 7, 2022 and January 4, 2023 meetings were approved unanimously on a motion by Brian Coville, seconded by Kathi Noble.

**Treasurer Steve Mackey** presented the January Treasurer's Report. Total expenses were \$412.60, and there was no income. Total assets are \$29,100. Steve said that there will be no payments from the Main Club this year because it thinks that the Chapter has enough money in the bank and does not need any more. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Brian Coville.

Brian presented the list of proposed **2023 Special Donations** (attached). The Hurricane Mountain Fire Tower Committee will be added back in because the Main Club ultimately approved this. The list also includes \$75 for Lake George Land Conservancy, Inc. ("LGLC"), which will be paid from the Banff funds, because the Main Club did not approve this being paid from Club funds. Mo Coutant pointed out that LGLC gives the Chapter a lot of its trails brochures to distribute at events and trailheads. The donations were approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Kathi Noble.

Brian referred to his written **Chapter Chair's Report**, which was previously distributed. He will not be seeking another term as Chair next year.

**Trustee Thomas Khairallah** reported that the Main Club's **Advisory Committee** met twice in January. It was claimed that the Club had to let some staff go because of increases in insurance premiums. The staff will revise the draft outings leaders guidelines based on recent comments received. They will be sent to the chapters for comments before being sent to the Board of Directors for its consideration. Jim Schneider asked for more information on layoffs in the publications program. Thomas will follow up on this.

**Mo Coutant, Chair of the Ad Hoc Banff Mountain Film Festival Special Committee**, reported that all 3 shows are sold out. The Committee has been meeting weekly since November. There are more sponsors (9) and the Committee has been doing more advertising than it did last year. The banner across Glen Street is up. She discussed the plans for refreshments, raffle prizes, the art show and information tables.

**Conservation Co-chair Paul Dietershagen** said that he went on a walking tour of the newest Saratoga Plan projects and properties, which he thinks will become popular recreational opportunities.

**Education Chair Kim Brown** reported that 5 of the 8 Camp Colby 2022 campership recipients (who could not go when the camp season was cancelled due to COVID) want to go this year, so she is looking for 3 more. She is also looking for applicants for ADK Teen Trails or a similar program.

Brian reported for the **Membership Committee**, due to the vacancy in the chair position. He said that in December the number of households was down by 2, and that total membership was down by 9.

**Newsletter Chair Jen Ferris** reported that the next edition will go out in about two weeks.

**Outings Chair Wayne Richter** discussed the turnover in the Albany Chapter outings program, which is similar to our chapter's situation.

**Programs Chair Anne Paolano** discussed the upcoming monthly programs and attendance at the most recent ones. The recent ones are available on the YouTubes through the Saratoga Public Library. Attendance lately at both live and online programs has been about 50 people.

**Trails Co-Chair Jim Schneider** discussed the Buck Mountain trailhead stewards program and training opportunities for the 2023 stewards. He also discussed collaboration with Saratoga PLAN on trails stewardship, and the status of the ADK Voices oral history program. Mo Coutant said that LGLC is interested in collaborating with the Chapter on trailhead stewardship.

**Website Chair George Sammons** said that he will be sending out an e-mail blast on behalf of the Banff committee.

Brian reported that there are still funds available to pay for **outings leaders to take training courses**, which were approved in 2019 to be paid out of the Banff funds. He will publicize this in the newsletter. He moved to amend the original criteria to allow payment for any leader who has led at least 2 trips in the last year, instead of the current requirement of 3 trips. The motion was seconded by Kim Brown and unanimously approved.

**Wayne Richter** suggested publishing a tribute to long-time outings leader **Jayne Boudier** in the next newsletter, as she is no longer able to lead trips. He will collect information and write this up. Others agreed to contribute. Members reminisced about past trips with Jayne.

Wayne also discussed the previously approved and budgeted purchase of **insurance for bicycle outings**. The price has gone up to \$760, and \$500 if mountain bike trips are not included. The trips would have to be limited to Chapter members. He will go ahead with this.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Gretchen Steen, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary