

**Minutes of the April 5, 2023 Meeting of the Executive
Committee of the Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of
Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., held via ZOOM**

Present: John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Paul Dietershagen, Tom Ellis, Jen Ferriss, Steve Mackey, Anne Paolano, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen.

Chapter Chair Brian Coville opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

The minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting were discussed. Mo Coutant asked for a correction – the raffle at the Banff Film Festival raised over \$1,700, and the total raised for the Summit Stewards program was \$1,812. As corrected, the minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Brian Coville, seconded by Aimee Rutledge.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the March Treasurer's Report. Total assets are \$31,938. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Brian Coville.

Brian gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. The Chapter has the opportunity to have a table at the Wilton Wildlife Preserve's upcoming festival at no charge; volunteers are needed. An issue has arisen over whether the Banff Film Festival funds need to be included in the Chapter's regular budget, which is controlled by the Main Club. He and Mo will discuss this with the Club and report back.

Brian made a motion to appoint **Pat Desbiens as Chair of the Nominating Committee**, and confirmed that she has agreed to do this. The motion was seconded by Wayne Richter and approved unanimously.

Mo Coutant, Chair of the Ad Hoc Banff Mountain Film Festival Special Committee, reported that she had follow-up meetings with the sponsors; an additional \$100 donation has been received to cover the cost of the free popcorn. She is waiting to hear from Banff about 2024. She proposed giving an additional \$7,000 to the Summit Stewards program. That will leave enough money to make additional donations and still have a reserve. So far, over \$10,000 has been donated from the Banff proceeds to the Main Club. The Ex. Comm. will review the proposed donation after she and Brian meet with the Main Club staff about the budget issue.

Conservation Co-Chair Paul Dietershagen discussed his recent activities as a trail steward with Saratoga PLAN, which included trail work and invasive species surveys. **Co-Chair Aimee Rutledge** asked the Committee for input on conservation issues that could be addressed, now that the chapter conservation committees are no longer involved with the Main Club's work.

The **Education Committee** and **Membership Committee** submitted written reports (attached).

Newsletter Chair Jen Ferris reported that the next newsletter is almost done. It will include a story about famed outings leader Jayne Boudier.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that two past outings leaders have now expressed interest in leading outings again. The total number of outings is up a little.

Programs Chair Anne Paolano reported on upcoming events. She will look into the Embassy Suites in Saratoga for the 2023 annual meeting.

Trails Co-Chair Tom Ellis said that he is planning the Tongue Mountain trail work for this spring.

Steve Mackey reported on the **Adirondack Sports Expo**, at which the Chapter staffed a table, along with other chapters. He said that several new members signed up and opined that it would be worth doing again.

There was a discussion about the **Buck Mountain trailhead parking lot** not being plowed consistently this winter. DEC says that it does not have a budget for this and it is up to others to do it. Washington County has done this in the past. John Caffry suggested that the Chapter should follow up the Deb Donohue, who is the Washington County DPW superintendent and was previously the Chapter's newsletter chair. Mo Coutant offered to do so.

Chapter Chair Brian Coville requested that the Ex. Comm. members provide updates to their **Job Descriptions**. He will then submit them to the Ex. Comm. for approval.

There was a discussion of upcoming events that may be of interest to Chapter members. Publicity Committee member **Aimee Rutledge** said that she will post them on the Chapter's **social media accounts**.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by John Caffry, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary