

**Minutes of the November 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, Steve Mackey, Jeff Mans, Kathi Noble, Tim Noble, Anne Paolano, Wayne Richter, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, and Gretchen Steen.

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

**The minutes** of the October 4, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Wayne Richter, subject to the correction of some typos, as requested by Wayne. John thanked Kathi Noble for taking the minutes in his absence.

The **Annual Meeting** was held on October 20th. Per the written report of Nominating Committee Chair Pat Desbiens, there were approximately 80 members present, and 8 absentee ballots were submitted. Pat called for a vote on the slate, which passed with all of the votes in favor, and none opposed. The approved slate was: Chapter Chair: Kim Brown; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Laura Fiske; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Jess Krause; Treasurer: Steve Mackey; Secretary: John Caffry; Members-at-Large: Thomas Khairallah, Jeff Mans, and Kathi Noble; Trustee: Maureen Coutant.

**Treasurer Steve Mackey** presented the October Treasurer's Report. Receipts included \$2,670 in Annual Dinner tickets and \$245 from the Fire Tower Challenge, including a \$15 donation. Expenses included \$3,554 in Annual Dinner expenses. Total assets are \$20,918. The net cost of the Annual Dinner was \$453, which was better than budgeted. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Tim Noble, seconded by Mo Coutant.

There was a discussion of the **Annual Dinner**. The consensus was that it went okay, and there were no complaints. Attendance was higher than in recent years.

Brian gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. He congratulated the newly elected members of the Executive Committee. The December 6th meeting will be a hybrid of a potluck dinner at the Saratoga Public Library and a Zoom meeting.

**Mo Coutant, Chair of the Ad Hoc Banff Mountain Film Festival Special Committee**, reported that things are getting rolling for the 2024 edition. Ticket sales will begin in December.

**Conservation Committee Co-chairs Aimee Rutledge and Paul Dietershagen** discussed recent developments with Saratoga PLAN and the Palmertown Range.

**Education Chair Kim Brown** asked for information on contact persons at area schools for campership opportunities for students.

**Fire Tower Challenge Chair Tim Noble** reported that the Main Club staff is working on the details for FTC 2.0 and that good progress is being made. He hopes that it will launch in May. **FTC Correspondent Kathi Noble** said that there are many new completers.

Brian reported for the **Newsletter Committee**, in the absence of Chair Jen Ferriss. He said that the next deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Outings Chair Wayne Richter** said that he will distribute the annual outings report before the next Ex. Comm. meeting. The number of leaders and number of outings are both about half of what they were in 2019, pre-COVID. He is concerned that they will decline further once the new Main Club outings leader guidelines take effect.

**Alternate Trustee Mo Coutant** reported that the Main Club Advisory Committee is continuing to work on improving the outings leader guidelines and training process.

**Programs Chair Anne Paolano** discussed the upcoming programs and said that she is looking for programs for the spring. She asked about how much to give speakers for honoraria. The consensus was that she could give them as she saw fit, within the budgeted amount.

Brain presented a proposed **amendment to the Job Description** for the Secretary position, which had been prepared by John. It was unanimously approved on a motion by Brian, seconded by John.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Brian, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary