

**Minutes of the April 2, 2025 Meeting of the Executive Committee of
the Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc.,
held at the Common Roots Brewery in South Glens Falls, New York**

Present: Kim Brown, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Paul Dietershagen, Tom Ellis, Laura Fiske, Steve Mackey, Liz Rovers, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen. **Also present:** Pat Desbiens.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the March 5, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Laura Fiske, seconded by Steve Mackey. Kim abstained.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the **March Treasurer's Report**. The only income was \$10 in Fire Tower Challenge ("FTC") patch fees; expenses included \$530 for newsletter expenses and \$350 for a campership; total assets are \$24,880. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Mo Coutant. Steve said that the Chapter no longer needs a bulk mail permit for the newsletter because the printer handles the mailing. Pat Desbiens asked about the bulk mail deposit with the USPS; she will look into getting a refund.

Trustee Mo Coutant reported on the recent Main Club **Advisory Committee** meeting. The staff reported on Cascade Ski Center operations – it generates new memberships and the staff says that it tries to get these new members to join a chapter. The staff also provided updates on JBL and Heart Lake operations. The Main Club is reconstituting its moribund Conservation Committee; the recently proposed policy to restrict chapters' conservation programs appears to be on hold. Conservation Chair Paul Dietershagen said that he has been invited to join a Zoom call on these efforts, and he will report back. Mo said that the Advisory Committee is working on guidance for chapter treasurers, and she is providing feedback.

Mo Coutant, as Chair of the Ad Hoc Banff Mountain Film Festival Special Committee, handed out a financial report, which is attached. The event raised \$6,354, which was \$185 less than the prior year. Mo recommended donating \$4,000 each to the Main Club for the Summit Stewards program and the Adirondack Foundation for its Summit Stewards endowment fund. Steve Mackey suggested also making \$10 gifts to the individual stewards, but no action was taken on this idea. Brian Coville made a motion, which was seconded by Tom Ellis, to approve the two \$4,000 gifts. Jim Schneider urged that the Chapter do more to ensure that it gets full credit within the Club for doing this. Kim suggested making the donations at the next Advisory Committee meeting, but Mo disagreed, for now. The original motion to approve the two \$4,000 gifts was passed unanimously.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown reported for the **Education Committee**, due to the vacancy in the chair position. She said that a total of 6 camperships were awarded this year – five to DEC camps and one to Nadakinna day camp. She will offer Nadakinna as an option next year.

Membership Chair Liz Rovers said that there was a good turnout for the Adirondack Sports Expo. She gave away two boxes of *Adirondack* magazines and signed up some new members and

affiliate members. Other groups asked the Chapter to collaborate in their programs or table at their events. She will follow up. There were only 5 new members in March and 67 expired memberships; she will follow up with the expired members. There are now 1,569 members.

Committee Member Jim Schneider reported for the **Fire Tower Challenge Committee**, in the absence of Chair Tim Noble. He said that the Main Club staff has presented the FTC with a proposed memorandum of understanding ("MOU") on the financial arrangements between the Club and the Chapter for FTC 2.0. It proposes that the completer fee be raised to \$15, which he thinks is reasonable. He thinks that the Chapter should carry its FTC funds as a separate line in its financials. He wants to revise the proposed MOU; Laura and John offered to assist. Jim said that Kathi Noble is still having trouble accessing the completers' information on the Club's IMIS system.

Mo Coutant reported for the **Newsletter Committee**, due to the vacancy in the chair position. She reported that she has arranged for Abby Caimano to do the production for a fee of \$150 per issue. She distributed a spreadsheet laying out the timelines and content categories, which is attached to these minutes. She and Kim will manage the newsletter until a new chair is appointed to fill the vacancy.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown reported for the **Programs Committee**, in the absence of Chair Anne Paolano. She said that 80 people attended the recent program on Iceland and we ran out of cookies.

Trails Committee Co-Chair Tom Ellis reported that the trailwork day will be April 26th. **Co-Chair Jim Schneider** said that the training for Buck Mountain trailhead stewards will be held on May 3rd. He is hoping to extend the stewards' season this year.

Nominating Committee Chair Pat Desbiens reported that she has pulled together a committee for this year. The current office holders have all agreed to continue in their positions, except for the Trustee. Kim formally appointed Pat as chair. The appointment was ratified unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Mo Coutant.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown reported that the JBL centennial celebration is coming up this year.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Steve Mackey, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Mo reported that she has scheduled a **Chapter social meeting at Common Roots** on June 12th.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary

**Banff Revenue/Exp
2025
With PY and Budget comparison**

	Actual (3 days) 2024	Budget (3 days) 2025	Actual (3 days) 2025	
Sponsor revenue:	3,950.00	4,450.00	4,450.00	
Ticket Sales	<u>13,645.08</u>	<u>13,053.00</u>	<u>13,258.33</u>	less Sports Page tickets
Total Revenue	17,595.08	17,503.00	17,708.33	
Total Exps	11,060.19	12,175.00	11,354.59	127.12 2025 door prizes pd in 2024
Profit from shows	\$ 6,534.89	\$ 5,328.00	\$ 6,353.74	
ADK poster	(18.00)			
2025 door prize Buffs	(127.12)		127.12	Pd in 2024 for 2025
Banner(s)			(225.34)	2 indoor banners ordered
Banner stand				
FTC & Buck Mtn/ADK poster				
LGLC Buck Mtn brochure/shed	(75.00)		(75.00)	brochures
Profit after addtl expenses	\$ 6,314.77	\$ 5,328.00	\$ 6,180.52	
Prior Years' cushion	\$ 6,926.86		7,871.68	
Virtual Pymt				
Cash after shows	13,241.63		14,052.20	
Summit Steward donation	(2,500.00)		(4,000.00)	recommended
Adk Foundation	(2,500.00)		(4,000.00)	recommended
Raffle Proceeds	2,077.00		2,441.00	364.00
Raffle donation to SSP	(2,077.00)		(2,441.00)	
Buck Steward Ts	(280.00)			
Buck Mtn Shed				
Buck Mtn tent and table	(89.95)			
Cash balance	<u>\$ 7,871.68</u>		<u>\$ 6,052.20</u>	

ADK - Glens Falls Saratoga Chapter
Newsletter content by issue/program
2025

Send info by the deadline to: newsletter@adk-gfs.org

Newsletter Deadline (even months)

Person responsible for gathering and sending info to the designer:

Chair Report

Reminder that everyone can attend meetings
 "Help wanted ad" as needed

Outings & Program calendar:

Outing - Trips
 Outings - Reviews (approx)
 Programs - monthly programs
 Executive Committee meetings
 Banff -Ticket sale date & Event
 Trails work day(s) on calendar
 Educ -DEC Camp application deadline
 Membership -where we'll be tabling

Programs:

Program write ups including photos
 Note: no prog in June-Aug, Dec
 Banff save the date, write up, review
 Annual Dinner

Fire Tower Challenge:

**List of finishers
 Tower Closings for hunting/winter

Membership:

List of new members (approx)
 Welcome and thanks blurb
 List of renewals?
 Article about Tabling and Volunteers?
 Possibly others...raptorfest, Wilton Wildlife, farmers mkts

Education:

Camp info - applications article

***** Good issues for these reminders:**

Mud season
 Bear can rental
 Hunting season calendar
~~snowshoes available at Luzerne Mkt?~~
 Wearing snowshoes/posthole rule
 Lyme Disease tips
 Article on LNT/ Moreau Park day

Person to send info to newsletter	Jan-March	March-May	May-July	July-Sept	Sept-Nov	Nov-Jan
	1-Dec	1-Feb	1-Apr	1-Jun	1-Aug	1-Oct
	???	???	Kim	Kim/Mo	Mo	???

Chair	**	**	**	**	**	**
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Outings Chair	Jan-Mar	Mar-May	May-Jun	Jun-Sep	Sep-Nov	Nov-Jan
Outings Chair	Sep-Nov	Nov-Jan	Jan-Mar	Mar-May	May-July	July-Sep
Program Chair	Jan-Mar	Mar-May	May	Sep	Sep-Nov	Nov-Jan
Chair or Vice Chair	Jan-Mar	Mar-May	May	Sep	Sep-Nov	Nov-Jan
Banff Chair	event dates					ticket date
Trails Chair	EO April	EO April				
Educ Chair					**	
Membership Chair	Banff	Expo		Moreau?	Moreau?	

Program Chair	Jan & Mar	Mar-May	May	Sep	Sep-Nov	Nov & Jan
Banff Chair	event	review			Save the date	Tickets on sale
				Save the Date program	Invitation Program	

FTC Chair	**	**	**	**	**	**
FTC Chair	?			**	**	**

Membership Chair	Sep-Nov	Nov-Jan	Jan-Mar	Mar-May	May-July	July-Sep
Membership Chair	**	**	**	**	**	**
Membership Chair	Sep-Nov	Nov-Jan	Jan-Mar	Mar-May	May-July	July-Sep
Membership Chair	Saratoga Expo	Saratoga Expo		Naturefest	Naturefest	

Educ Chair					**	
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Newsletter content by issue/program

2025

Send info by the deadline to: newsletter@adk-gfs.org

		Person to send info to newsletter	Jan- March	March- May	May- July	July- Sept	Sept- Nov	Nov- Jan
Newsletter Deadline (even months)			1-Dec	1-Feb	1-Apr	1-Jun	1-Aug	1-Oct
Nominating Committee:								
Article to join the Committee	Nominating Chair			**				
List of nominees and bios	Nominating Chair				**	**		
Notice to add a nominee	Nominating Chair					**		
Absentee Ballot notice?	Nominating Chair					**		
Conservation:								
As issues come up	Conservation Chair							
event notices?	Conservation Chair							
Trails:								
Report on Spring Workdays	Trails Chair							
Other outings?	Trails Chair							