

Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club  
Executive Committee Meeting March 22,2012  
Final Minutes

Meeting held at Bill Muellers house in South Colton

Officers attending : John Barron,Bill Mueller,Hollis Easter,Dana Chudzinski,Ellie Menz,David Trithart Betsy Tisdale

Appointed positions attending: Carolyn Kaczka,John Omohundro,Marianne Hebert

Guests : Jim Akins

B.Mueller moved to approve agenda and E.Menz 2nd,passed unanimously

B.Tisdale moved to approve minutes of Jan 19th minutes and D Trithart 2nd,passed unanimously

B.Mueller moved to approve minutes of Nov 6th minutes and B.Tisdale 2nd,passed unanimously

### Agenda Items

#### 1) Mountain Bike Futures w/guest speaker Jim Akins

-J.Akins handed out a number of Downerville State Forest out

-J.Akins stated he attended a meeting of the 5 Ponds Wilderness Group which met in Wanakena

-J.Akins stated reps from local townships where there to discuss trying to improve mountain bike possibilities in the area

-J.Akins stated group had many ideas of what constituted "mountain biking"

-J. Akins stated that discussion took place on using existing x-country ski trails as mountain bike trails

-J.Akins stated the International Mountain Bike Association (IMA) had good trail building workshops

-J.Akins stated it was suggested to use the IMA guide book to help build local trails

-J.Akins stated the was a rep from the DEC at meeting who was the the land manager for state easement land

-J.Akins stated there is a small but very active group of mountain bikers in the ADK's including the Barkeaters Mountain Bike Club which had a rep at the meeting

-J.Akins stated the Barkeaters has an AANR with the DEC for 4 different areas

-J.Akins stated the DEC asked the St.Lawrance Mountain Bike Association(SLCMBA) to enter into an AANR for the Downerville State Forest area

-J.Akins stated the SLCMBA did so

-J.Akins stated the trails have a great variety of trails for both hiking and biking

-J.Akins stated the AANR has been in place for about a year

-J.Akins stated there is about 10 miles of trails in place

-J.Akins stated there are about 10 bridges in place

-J.Akins stated they agreed to make trails "multi-use" trails with signs in place to indicate usage(bike/hike/or both)

-T.Ortmyer asked how the DEC felt about mountain biking on easement land at the meeting

-J.Akins stated DEC seemed "non-committal" on the question at the meeting

-J.Akins stated DEC said biking allowed in wild forest area but not in wilderness area

-T.Ortmyer stated all easement agreement are a little different

- J.Akins stated it was important to open trails to hiking as well as biking
- B.Mueller if parking was available on both end of the Downerville Rd
- J.Akins stated yes

## 2)AANR

- J Barron stated DEC asked chapter to take on an AANR for Lampson Falls area
- J Barron stated ,to date,has not taken on an AANR
- J.Omoundro stated he is concerned that an AANR would take away from development of easement lands
- J.Omohundro stated the two trails that the chapter maintains take a great deal of the chapters resources now
- C.Kaczka said Lampson Falls has been cleaned up by chapter for years
- D.Trithard stated cleanup by chapter does not require an AANR
- H.Easter voiced concern with commitment involved with an AANR
- C.Kaczka stated Azure Mt Friends has an AANR and it is a great deal of work and paperwork
- M.Hebert suggested that if no one individual was interested that we do not take on an AANR at this time
- H.Easter asked if an AANR was the only way to do major projects like bridges
- answer was determined to be yes
- J.Barron suggested at this time the chapter not take on an AANR
- C.Kaczka said she would volunteer to lead cleanup of Lampson Falls

## 3)ADK Spring Outing-Financial Float From Chapter

- E.Mentz volunteered to be treasurer for committee
- J Barron suggested the chapter loan the committee fund that would need
- J Barron thought the biggest expense would be the entertainment
- B Tisdale stated that Peggy Lyn,Dan Dugan, and Dan Burgren have agreed to perform
- B Tisdale stated they requested to play in Snell Hall
- B Tisdale stated cost of performers would be 1,200 dollars
- J Barron suggested we set a goal of 120 people to attend
- J Barron suggested concert be run separate from outing
- M Hebert said she would explore possible ways to run concert and costs involved
- J Barron said he was concerned with risk involved in the profitability of such a concert
- H Easter suggested to advertise spring outing in biking community
- J Omohundro asked if you need to be an ADK member to attend spring outing
- J Barron said he would check on it
- E Menz suggested working out some costs before decision is made on how to run it
- H Easter asked what details have been worked out with the artists
- B Tisdale stated that no commitment has been made
- J Barron stated we would hold off on vote for now on loaning the committee money

## 4)Contributions To Chapter In Memory Of Betty Weeks

- E Menz stated that \$330 has been sent to the ADK in Bettys name
- E Menz stated the ADK would hold onto money until chapter decides what to do with it
- E Menz stated the ADK sent out thank yous

-J Barron stated he would say a few words about it at the potluck

## ROUND TABLE

### M Hebert

- no new members on facebook or twitter
- putting backtracks on facebook
- suggested putting something in next Northwind to follow us on facebook and twitter
- asked if we want to advertise Azure Mt scholarship on facebook and twitter
- volunteered to do so

### B Tisdale

- has 2 school counselors working on finding candidates for Camp Colby Scholarships
- counselors said they would have candidates soon
- asked E Menz for a check for each made out to DEC Camp Colby
- indoor/outdoor went well but would of liked attendance to be more

### Dana Chudzinski

- no report

### J Omohundro

- handed out newsletter

### T Ortmyer

- County Trail Committee had presentation from John Woods on Grass River UMP and will be out in the summer
- committee draft will be out in 3-4 weeks
- will be sent down to Watertown and Albany
- after Albany will be up for public discussion
- good time to get comments into John on an informal manor
- Brasher State Forest will be coming up for discussion next month in from to the County Trail Committee

### E Menz

- approx same amount of cash as same time last year
- received \$400.00 bill for brochures
- thought it may be for Stone Valley
- will check for more details
- will not send check out at this time
- cash flow doing OK

### H Easter

oct 2011 jan 2012 feb 2012  
adult 76 76 74  
family 86 88 91  
senior 40 42 41  
sen fam 34 34 35  
life 3 3 3  
stud 3 3 3  
total house 242 246 247  
spouses 120 122 126  
tot vote 362 368 373  
child 42 41 45  
total members 404 409 418

D Trithard

- directors meeting Saturday
- on agenda
- national trails days Jun 4th
- black fly Jun 9th
- policy a19/master policy on outings
- min size for outings
- 3 for summer
- 4 for winter
- ADK member for leader
- outing has to be listed in publications and graded for difficulty
- fracking not expected in NYS
- 90th anniversary of ADK

B Mueller

- spring outing have 14 hikes,2 bikes
- good variety

J Barron

- will do black fly basket himself
- Lyon Mt getting an AANR
- asked J Omohundro about prospects for his replacement on the Northwind
- J Omohundro stated he and David have worked it out for the rest of the year
- domain name will be taken care of on a yearly basis
- wellness fair at Clarkson went well
- another fair will take place at SUNY Potsdam Thursday

Next meeting at D Trithards house on May 10th