

Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club Executive Committee Meeting Dec 5, 2012

Meeting held at David Tritharts house at 7:00 p.m

Officers attending: John Barron, Dana Chudzinski, David Trithart, Betsy Tisdale, Hollis Easter, Bill Mueller, Ellie Menz
Appointed Positions attending: Carolyn Kaczka, Joann Ferris, John Omohundro
Guests: Mary Jane Watson, Lila Hunnewell

Approval of agenda and minutes

H. Easter moved to approve agenda and B. Mueller 2nd, passed unanimously

D. Trithart moved to approve minutes of meeting of Oct 11th and B. Mueller 2nd, passed unanimously

1) Request from Mark Simon for reimbursement of \$637.88 for trail maintenance tools

-was discussed that Brookfield Power would not be paying for tools that have already been purchased as thought

-was also determined that Brookfield Power would in fact be contributing \$400.00 for purchase of future trail maintenance tools

-was determined that M. Simon did in fact spend that \$400.00 on trail maintenance tools

-M. Simon has requested that the chapter reimburse him for fund spent out of pocket

-discussion took place that the Betty Weeks Memorial Fund would be a good use for this purpose

Vote:

-H. Easter moved to use Betty Weeks Fund to reimburse M. Simon for money spent on tools and B. Tisdale 2nd, passed unanimously

-discussion continued that the Weeks family voiced their thoughts that the fund should be used in some way for the Stone Valley Trail

Vote:

-H. Easter moved to amend his above motion and reimburse M. Simon with money made on the chapter garage sale rather than the Weeks fund and B. Tisdale 2nd, passed unanimously

-discussed fact that M. Simon has voiced his need for a storage shed for all the trail maintenance tools

-question was brought up on if there is an inventory list of all the tools owned by the chapter

-it was determined that such a list does not exist

-it was discussed that such a list would be helpful

-J. Omohundro stated he would work on such a list

2) End of year financial Grants to ADK and others

-discussed that many line items that have been budgeted have not been spent to date

-YTD profit is approximately \$1,400.00

-stated was the fact that current balance is above balance at this point last year

-discussed the fact that this is due to lower expenses and higher revenues

-the fact that a CD is coming due at SeaComm Fed Credit Union on Dec 15th in the amount of

\$3,000.00

Vote:

H.Easter moved to renew CD for one year and E.Menz 2nd,passed unanimously

- discussed the goal of the annual budget is to break even
- the fact that the directors budget has not been spent yet
- D.Trithart stated all four directors meeting have been attended so therefore his budgeted amount is due to him
- discussed that total equity for this year compared to last year is up \$200.00
- discussion took place of traditional end of year contributions to the ADK and FRIENDS OF HIGLEY
- discussion took place about the fact that the chapter not over expend themselves due to projected cost of spring outing

Vote:

-E.Menz moved to give ADK \$500 and FRIENDS OF HIGLEY \$100.00 and H.Easter 2nd,passed unanimously

3)Sponsorship of Venturer Group

- D.trithart stated he e-mailed ADK the agreement that the scouts require to be signed for feedback
- he stated he has not heard back as of meeting time
- was stated that it seEms the ADKs main concern is that of insurance issues
- question came up of if the chapter if responsible for debt taken on by the group in the event of the group disbanding
- determined this matter needs more looking into
- discussion took place on policies of scouting and that of the ADK
- question was brought up of why scouting has approached ADK for sponsorship
- statement was made that the group will be concentrating on trail building and maintenance and thought the ADK would be a good group for that fact
- statement was made that the agreement from the Ventuer group states the group follow the values of the sponsoring group as well of those of scouting
- statement was made the values of the ADK is that of inclusiveness
- idea came up of pulling sponsorship if the chapter learns any member of the group is banished for reasons the chapter does not agree with
- decision was made to put off vote on this matter until a response for the ADK is received

4)Round table

J.Omohundro

-handing over of the newsletter going well

M.Hebert

-24 total facebook friends

H.Easter

-chapter membership up to 400 with 360 voting members

-membership numbers about the same as last year

B.Mueller

- total of 30 outing scheduled for spring outing
- summer outing had a total of 20 scheduled with a 60% completion
- fall outings had a total of 15 scheduled
- to date 15 winter outing scheduled

D.Trithart

- overall chapter outings club wide are down
- more chapters going with shorter trips
- goal of the ADK this year is a surplus of \$100,000.00
- goal is to try to increase membership as well as more financial gift giving
- ADK has new website
- lawsuit that the ADK was concerned about involving the persons with disability act is no longer a concern
- DEC has reversed their decision not to provide liability insurance for volunteers on state trail projects
- major focus for this year is on the invasive plant problem

D.Chudzinski

- no report

C. Kaczka

- total of 6 meetings this year
- total of 4 recorded in the archives

J. Ferris

- welcome any help she came get at functions

L.Hunnewell

- introduced herself

Mary Jane Watson

- introduced herself

B.Tisdale

- total of 4 Thursday night talks scheduled

J.Barron

- no report

Next meeting Tuesday Feb 5th at Lila Hunnewells house