

Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club
Executive Committee Meeting Feb 4,2014

Meeting held at home of Lila Hunnewell

Officers attending: John Omohundro, Tom Ortmeyer, Tom Wheeler, Mary Jane Watson, Jeff Miller, Dana Chudzinski, Lila Hunnewell, Bill Mueller

Appointed positions attending: Carolyn Kacka, John Barron, Marianne Hebert

J Omohundro moved to approve minutes of Dec 3, 2013 meeting, T Ortmeyer 2nd, passed unanimously
Approval of agenda by consensus

REPORTS

(1) Treasurers Report

- checking account balance is currently \$2,771.00
- SeaComm accounts total \$3,171.00
- North Country Savings money market account is at \$1,085.00
- donation of \$500.00 still needs to be sent to ADK
- ADK needs to be notified that the \$750.00 held by the club is being donated to the club by the chapter as well as the separate \$500.00, bringing the grand total donated to the club to \$1,250.00
- \$100.00 donation still needs to be sent to Friends Of Higley
- 88% of 2013 budget has been spent to date
- 2013 profits were at 176% of projected, mainly due to profits from spring outing

(2) Directors Report

- attended October's directors training program
- next directors meeting will be at the end of March
- discussed how hurricane Irene effected the financial condition of the ADK at meeting
- discussed situations at outings that may happen, such as someone that is impaired
- discussed that the trip leader is responsible to decide who can attend outing
- discussed possible ways to deal with "meet up" outings

(3) Conservation Report

- draft of the Stone Valley Co-op Recreation Agreement has been published
- access to draft is in on the chapter website
- public meeting on draft has taken place
- majority of questions at the meeting related to motorized access to trails, or lack of
- discussed the fact that the property owners, that the trail is on, have voiced the fact that will not allow such access
- agreement, at this point, is not legally binding but just a document expressing the general feel of how the property should be used
- atv groups, as in the past, have shown interest in having Brookfield Power open the penstock road to atvs, as well as the Lenney road in the town of Parrishville
- also discussed was the fact that atv groups may possibly try to gain access to county property which currently have walking and mountain bike trails

(4) Outings Report

- 10 winter outings scheduled to date
- 2 out of 4 of winter outings scheduled so far have taken place
- reminder to trip leaders to hand liability release forms
- March 5th is the deadline for spring outings

(5) Education Report

- first outdoors/indoors went well
- next outdoors/indoors will take place on Feb. 23rd
- talk will be by Carolyn Kacka on her trip to New Zealand
- plans to send kids to camp Colby are well under way
- discussed possible publications to ask for names of possible students for the program
- discussed that guidance counselors have been good sources in the past
- also will be looking for possible students interested in the ADK high school trails program

(6) Membership Report

- Nov:\$228 chapters cut of membership dues
\$732 total dues collected
- 14 members for Nov
- 1 new member for Nov
- as of Nov we have 10 affiliate members
- 400 members as of Nov
- 252 households as of Nov
- Dec:\$344 chapters share of membership dues
\$1,135 total dues collected
- 24 members for Dec
- 398 total members as of Dec
- 249 households as of Dec
- 11 affiliate members as of Dec

(7) Newsletter Report

- deadline for North Wind is March 5th

(8) Loon Shirt Report

- May order was 21 shirts
- Fall orders were 14 shirts
- total of 35 shirts sold
- total profit for chapter for project was \$251.10

OTHER ITEMS

(A) Budget Draft

- budget largely based on last years budget
 - budget for postage has increased due to increase cost of mailings
 - conservation chairs budget should be changed to \$25.00
 - expenses for website are listed under "internet expenses"
 - contribution to DEC for trail work should be under "other local trails" in budget in the amount of \$100.00
 - \$1,800 projected deficit for drafted budget
 - \$675 should be budgeted in for ADK High Schools Trail Program
- VOTE:

- M.Watson moved to donate \$250.00 to Wanakena bridge reconstruction,J.Miller 2nd,passed unanimously
- budget \$100 in to cover sponsorship of EAP students to go to ADK collage weekend in Oct
- donated \$100 to Friend Of Higely
- leave ADK contribution at \$500 for now as a "contingent upon" matter at this point
- increase membership to \$100
- approval of budget at next meeting

(B) Complaint From Member

- briefly discussed a complaint received from member about an unpleasant experience at a chapter function related to another chapter member
- the encounter made the member feel unwelcome
- it was decided to work on making chapter functions more welcoming

ROUND TABLE

J.Omohundro

- Country Trails Committee rep needed

M.Watson

- no report

D.Chudzinski

- no report

M Hebert

- 65 Facebook friends

J Miller

- SLU has set up an innovation grant on campus,one of which is for an orienteering course on campus
- long term goal is to organize an orienteering club on campus

L.Hunnewell

- no report

T.Ortmeyer

- handed out Northville Placid Trail Chapter brochure

C.Kacka

- no report

M.Mueller

- no report

J Barron

- place a couple chapter outing photos in local publications
- will be putting out call for possible EAP late winter or early spring outings

T.Wheeler

- no report

Next meeting at home of T.Wheeler on April 8th