

Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club

Executive Committee Meeting Oct 21,2014

Meeting held at home of Lila Hunnewell

Officers attending: John Omohundro, Tom Ortmeyer, Tom Wheeler
Dana Chudzinski, Lila Hunnewell, Jeff Miller

Appointed positions attending: Carolyn Kaczka, Dick Mooers, John Barron

J.Omohundro moved to approve minutes of meeting held on Aug 28,2014, J.Miller 2nd, passed unanimously

Agenda passed by consensus

- 1) Treasurers Report
 - \$350 in DEC account will be put towards next year's campers program
 - overall projections indicate 2014 fiscal situation will be better than that of 2013
- 2) Directors Report
 - Club spent a great deal of time discussing budget
 - both expenses and income are down for the 2014 fiscal year
 - club is exploring different methods of possible fundraising approaches
 - club is forming a foundation to try to obtain large donations from people of means
 - cost of proposed personnel to run the foundation would be taken out of donated funds rather than the general fund
 - Club looking into Legacy Program
 - Club discussed possible problems with the proposed casino next to the Sterling Forest
 - Club would like chapters to link the ADK site in their chapter homepages
 - Club discussed how to steer at-large members into chapters
 - Club insurance costs are up
 - Club discussed insurance requirements on chapter work days
- 3) Conservation Report
 - RRAC meeting was attended by Conservation chair
 - RRAC gave chapter \$500 for signage on Red Sandstone Trail
 - turnout for RRAC meeting was low
 - 4 out of 13 of the signatories attended
 - eagle scout candidate finished his requirements on the Red Sandstone Trail
- 4) Outings Report
 - good lineup for fall outings
 - summer outings went well with a couple cancellations
- 5) Education Report
 - speakers booked for all indoors/outdoors programs
 - talks will include talks on trip to Antarctica, climb of Kilimanjaro, astronomy talk, and climbing the ADK's

- 6) Membership Report
 - 2 new members in past month
 - 405 total members in chapter
 - last month's chapter share for membership was \$198
- 7) EAP Report
 - 6 students interested in EAP leadership course
 - 2 students interested in College Weekend
 - Venture Outdoors from SUNY Potsdam have been running some group trips
- 8) Social Media Report
 - currently chapter has 77 Facebook Friends

AGENDA ITEMS

- A) Revision of the State's Open Space Plan
 - State has asked for ideas of lands that need to be protected by State regulations
 - Conservation Chair has proposed to send ideas from the chapter with includes ideas outlined in the Region 6 Advisory Committee Report
 - some ideas to improve wording in letter to State were discussed

VOTE

 - approval for Conservation Chair to send letter with changes by consensus
- B) Newsletter On-Line
 - discussed timing of posting newsletter on-line
 - discussed need for opting out of paper version of newsletter

VOTE

 - approval to post on chapter website an option to stop the mailing of the paper version of the NORTH WIND as well as receiving it in PDF form
- B) Potluck Matters
 - photo contest judges have made final decisions
 - prizes have been budgeted
 - nominees for election have been made
 - volunteers welcome for potluck

Next meeting Dec 11th at home of John and Susan Omohundro