

ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB – LAURENTIAN CHAPTER
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 28, 2016

Officers Attending: Marianne Hebert, Tom Wheeler, Mary Jane Watson, John Omohundro, Tom Ortmeyer, Jeanna Mathews, Karynn von Cramon, Carolyn Kaczka

Appointed Positions: John Barron

1. Motion to approve Minutes of meeting October 15, 2015 by M. Hebert; seconded by M.J. Watson; passed.
 2. Motion to approve Minutes of meeting December 10, 2015 by J. Omohundro; seconded by M.J. Watson; passed.
 3. Treasurer's Report/Mary Jane Watson:
 - \$700 was deposited to DEC for 2 campers
 - Year end = \$6316.24 (See Budget Proposal 2016)
 - Over budget on postage for newsletter
 - There is some uncertainty around billing for web site
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1. Director's Report/Tom Ortmeyer:
 - The first executive meeting was snowed out
 - End of year was approximately a \$27,00 surplus
 - Went over-budget on payroll with staff transition(s)
 - Essex Chain of Lakes Management Plan – ADK has retained counsel to consider options regarding bridge construction. Adirondack Wild and Protect the Adirondacks have filed law suits.
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1. Conservation Report/Tom Ortmeyer:
 - There is work being done with the local DEC to create a Unit Management Plan for the St. Lawrence Foothills

- T. Ortmeier will be submitting a letter on behalf of the Chapter making recommendations; will offer to meet with the planner; and offer to assist with investigation; this letter has been circulated to the Executive
- A well conducted & careful UMP will be good for ecology & wild life in the area

1. Education Report/Jeanna Mathews:

- Jeff Miller had already planned a number of outdoor/indoor talks for 2016, the next being February 17, 2016.
- J. Mathews is soliciting suggestions regarding speakers & topics
- J. Mathews solicited applications for Camp Colby; 8 applications were received; 2 campers were chosen, with a focus on campers who may not have had previous wilderness experiences; J. Mathews hopes to send a thank you letter to all campers who applied
- Teen trail maintenance projects scholarships have been posted; a \$275 scholarship is available; J. Mathews was looking for ideas on how to reach out and suggested each member do a single reach out
- Clarkson University does an Adirondack semester and are soliciting ideas for projects; if you have any ideas pass them on to J. Mathews
- L. Hunnewell suggested that the newsletter integrate the Outings schedule and the Outdoor/Indoor schedule.

1. Membership Report – Tom Wheeler:

- We do not have a replacement chair yet;
- We are looking for someone able to analyze date and figure out ways to develop membership, particularly young members

1. EAP/John Barron and Marianne Hebert:

- The Education Affiliate Program is progressing well at SUNY Potsdam;
- It now has 20 student members that are potentially leaders;
- The college pays for transportation and membership;
- There are 5 trips planned for this term, one of which is a trip up Haystack in February;
- There are plans to run the leadership course again in

1. Picture Contest:

- Motion to approve picture contest policy by M.J. Watson; seconded by Marianne Hebert; approved; will now be posted on Website

1. Questionnaire:

- Executive reviewed the draft M. Hebert had prepared
- M. Hebert noted suggestions and changes and will circulate final draft online prior to next meeting
- Goal to include information on survey in April newsletter

1. Draft Budget:

- Executive reviewed draft budget prepared by M.J. Watson
- Discussion regarding honorariums for Indoors/Outdoors speakers &/or mileage if required
- J. Omohundro moved to accept 2016 budget; seconded by M.J. Watson; approved

Next Meeting: March 3, 2016 at 7:00 at the home of John Omohundro