

**ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB – LAURENTIAN CHAPTER
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 3, 2016**

Meeting held at the Community Room, Potsdam Civic Center

Officers Attending: Marianne Hebert, Tom Wheeler, Jeanna Matthews, Mary Jane Watson, John Omohundro

Appointed Positions: Carolyn Kaczka, Dick Mooers, John Barron

Karynn Von Cramon had to cancel out on short notice, so approval of the minutes of the March 3 meeting was deferred and John Barron took notes of this meeting as a substitute.

1. Treasurer's Report / Mary Jane Watson:

- Advertising and 1099 tax information slips are arriving from Seacomm, but no statements.
- Tom Ortmeyer has transferred signing authority to MJ.
- 2 students have been registered for summer camp
- A just-arrived church invoice for \$68 will be applied to the statements.

2. Conservation Report / John Omohundro

- Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) will be placing one or two Invasive Species stewards. One person will shift around a couple of locations near Rainbow Falls Reservoir. \$5,000 each is the rough cost for the summer
- Brief discussion of an offer we received from a SUNY Potsdam student to be a volunteer, She will be put in contact with AWI and with Friends of Azure Mountain.
- Q from Tom Ortmeyer: has the State purchased Boreas Ponds? A - Yes.

3. Recreation Report / Marianne Hebert

- 16 outings on spring schedule. So far all have gone ahead, no cancellations.

4. Education Report / Jeanna Matthews

- 2 campers are registered for Camp Colby. No one yet for High School Volunteer Trails; one lead is being pursued.
- Feelers are out to several sources connected with Guidance Counsellors in an attempt to find people. Several suggestions were made.
- Discussion of options if we can't find a high school student. Possibly a college student or other young person may be considered.
- Clarkson Adirondack Semester was discussed (Jeanna is on lead of this). John O suggested a study of non-motorized recreation, on a "Big Data" theme. Tom Wheeler suggested an atlas as a possible direction. Jeanna is considering a time series study instead of disconnected stand-alones, and hopes to be able to take advantage of Laurentian Chapter experience.

5. Newsletter Report (Tom Wheeler on behalf of David Trithart)

- Publication deadline is one month away.

6. EAP Report (John Barron, Marianne Hebert)

- Noah Primus will be guest speaker at September's kick-off meeting. He will tell the students about the experience of College Weekend at Heart Lake and about the EAP generally.
- A good slate of trips is already in place for Fall 2016. More can be added.

7. Publicity Report (John Barron)

- We are getting participants from the far reaches of our region on outings, some having learned about the trip from newspaper publicity. We are also getting participants from a long distance away, possibly having learned about the trip from the ADK all-Club calendar.

New Items

8. State Forests, ATVs, and UMPs (John Omohundro)

- Tom Ortmeier is on the executive committee of the ADK. Neil Woodworth asked Tom to help decide which areas to prioritize in fighting the ATV battle the next time motorized access arises.
- There are 71 areas of state land roughly in our chapter's area. They include many types including different categories of Forest Preserve, State Parks, Wildlife Reserves, conservation easements, etc. John O will circulate the list of 71, and will request us to categorize them as most important, intermediate, or needs further study. We should give most thought to areas outside the Adirondack Park, as areas inside are under relatively good control now.
- John cited Wolf Lake SF as an example of high importance. John will ask other groups for their opinion, including Bob Dowman and the mountain bike community.

9. Survey of Chapter Members (Marianne Hebert)

- Responses seem to have topped out at 30 replies.
- A suggestion was made to hand out paper copies of the survey at large chapter gatherings like pot lucks.
- Discussion of when to close the survey. We could close at end of June, or leave it open to make another reminder about it in the Summer North Wind.

10. Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be at Marianne's residence, 9 Spring Street in Potsdam, on Tuesday July 12.