

**ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB – LAURENTIAN CHAPTER
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 16, 2017**

Officers Attending: Tom Ortmeyer (Director), Tom Wheeler (Chair), Marianne Hebert (Outings), Marie Fernandez de Alaiza (Treasurer), David Katz (Conservation), John Barron (A/Secretary)

Appointive Positions Attending: John Barron (as EAP), David Katz (as Webmaster)

Announcements (Tom Wheeler)

Tom will be away from 29 March - 15 April.

The Spring pot luck is scheduled for April 23 at Potsdam Presbyterian Church. The hall is booked. The guest speaker will be Art Boni, presenting about hiking in the Canadian Rockies.

The nominating committee is not established yet. Will try to do so before the Spring pot luck.

Minutes (John Barron)

The minutes of the February 9 meeting were circulated on March 8. This did not allow enough time for review, so approval of the minutes of February 9 was deferred until next meeting.

Treasurer (Marie Fernandez de Alaiza)

Tom Wheeler spoke with John Omohundro today. John O confirmed that he anticipates approval to reimburse the expenses of building the shed will be granted at the main meeting.

Marie circulated financial statements.

Membership dues have been received for December and January, along with a \$200 adjustment due from last year.

Dues appear to be down slightly.

Director (Tom Ortmeyer)

The unaudited financial results show the Club to be tracking the budget very well. Revenue \$3.9M actual vs \$3.9M budgeted.

The "Grow ADK Fund", which was set up to smooth the time phasing of the spending of large one-time donations, is working well. Heart Lake renovations is an example of such an expenditure.

The year was successful financially, giving a surplus of \$50,000 or \$300,000 depending on the accounting method used.

The Chief Operating Officer staffing (to determine John Million's successor) is going ahead. Many applications have been received, from a wide range of backgrounds. Three are slated to be interviewed.

Tom considers it likely that the next Executive Director, when Neil decides to retire, will come from a similar background and approach (being legal counsel for the Club).

Conservation (David Katz)

John Omohundro is going to continue on the Raquette River Advisory Council (RRAC)

Tim Dauphinee (??) is representing us on Friends of Mount Arab, succeeding Felicia Neahr.

David had an exchange with John O re the forthcoming update of the Debar Mountain Wild Forest UMP. They will collaborate to provide comments.

Mark Simon will contact Rob Daly, Supervising Forester of DEC Region 5, regarding the work his students are doing on Azure Mountain. Wilderness Education is considering shifting the annual Mountain-a-Thon fundraiser to a different location because of lack of approval to do the work.

Education (Jeanna Matthews)

Jeanna couldn't attend the meeting. Here is her report, circulated by E-Mail:

- 3 of the 4 Outdoors-Indoors talks have been completed. All were well attended. Many thanks to the speakers! and those who attended or helped organize. There will be one last talk on May 7 given by the students in the Clarkson Adirondack Semester program.

- I am pleased to report that Danielle Jerry and Bob Platte have agreed to coordinate the Outdoors-Indoors talk series next year.

- We gave out two Camp Colby Scholarships. One student is 3rd on the waiting list for his preferred week. One student has not yet applied. I talked to the guidance counselor who said she had tried to contact the parents and would do so again. If the either student does not actually enroll in a week of camp, we could request a refund or simply leave the funds on the account for next year.

- We have Teen Trail scholarships available. These are not need based. I will put a note in the paper about it and send a note on Facebook and the website. Other than that can anyone suggest a good way to reach teens who might be interested. Last year we had one applicant for 2 open scholarships. We donated the money for the unused scholarship for trail maintenance.

Note: David K had asked Jon Montan if he'd take on the Outdoors/Indoors and he also said yes. We should decide the best way to proceed, and with luck to find another role foot those not taking on Outdoors/Indoors.

Membership

Deferred to next meeting. Tom Wheeler has some ideas regarding increasing membership.

Outings (Marianne Hebert)

Jan-Mar: 14 outings were scheduled. One snowshoe outing was cancelled due to lack of snow. One outing was cancelled because bad weather, one because of extreme cold.

Apr-Jun: 10 regular outings are on the schedule. Plus, the Spring potluck, and an outdoors indoors. One ADK outing for teens in July, and Dick Mooers New Brunswick trip.

Facebook: we have 134 FB Friends

Educational Affiliate Program (John Barron and Marianne Hebert)

The winter outing season continues to go well. Alaina has a hike scheduled on Mount Arab this Sunday and six or seven people are signed up.

Marianne will be doing a training session for students wanting to be summit stewards.

Wilderness Education Leadership 2 is doing a lot of physical training in preparation for the upcoming two week backpack.

Web Site (David Katz)

Costs of operating the web site were \$214. David paid the invoice and requests reimbursement.

There was immediate consensus to reimburse the cost.

New Business

Budget

Tom Wheeler circulated a starting draft for discussion. Some adjustments were made, leading to a final draft budget. It was moved by Tom Ortmeyer, seconded by Marianne Hebert, to approve the budget. Carried by consensus.

Bylaws

A committee consisting of John Barron (Chair), David Katz, and Tom Ortmeyer was constituted to review and if necessary propose updates to the bylaws.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7 PM on May 23 at Marianne's