

ADK Laurentian Chapter Executive Committee Meeting March 13, 2018

At the home of Marianne Hebert

Attendance: John Barron, Marianne Hebert, David Katz, David Trithart, Tom Ortmeyer, Marie Fernandez de Alaiza, and Blair Madore.

1. National Trails Day June 2nd. ADK to hold major events in Old Forge area. Our local chapter will run a RSST maintenance day on June 2nd.
2. Minutes approved unanimously. Motion by Tom and Second by Marie.
3. David Trithart reports that Northwind is nearly ready. The lead article is on trailwork. He plans to include a short article on Azure Mountain Centennial this summer and also a short article on the Friends of Higley Flow and the facilities and outdoor opportunities there.
4. David Katz will ask Betsy Kepes about giving a talk for Outdoors/Indoors next winter. Danielle would like other suggestions of possible speakers. Marianne suggested the Wilderness Ed students going to Montana (Bob Marshall Wilderness Area) this summer would be good speakers, too.
5. Conservation Report: David Katz reports that Cuomo has proposed to replace property taxes in the Adirondacks and Catskills with Pilot payments. This has a lot of negative consequences for towns and villages in the parks. David proposes to write a letter protesting this on behalf of our club.
6. Betty Peckham passed recently. It was proposed the chapter make a donation in her honor to the ADK main club. Also we will announce her passing in the newsletter and encourage them to donate in her memory to the ADK. We will also bring this up at the Spring Potluck. Tom moved we donate \$250 in memoriam for Betty Peckham, on behalf of Laurentian Chapter. Seconded by Marianne. All in favor.
7. Paul Jamieson Fund. The Potsdam DEC office has brought forth several opportunities for trail easements and it was requested we use the Fund to purchase these easements. The fund is insufficient for purchasing a large easement for river access. So it may be used for an easement to protect trails (in the Wanakena area). Tom described some of the possibilities and we have already made our input to the club. We expect them to move on this soon.
8. Dick Mooers has resigned from doing the E-newsletter. John Barron used Dick's list to broadcast a request for volunteers to take over this job. No volunteers so far. Marianne, Blair, John and David will keep copies of the email list. David says we might be able to use Mail Chimp. We will revisit this at our next meeting.
9. There will be an ADK Cycle Outing taking place June 10-15 at Clarkson. Participants will sign up each evening for a specific trip the next day. The event is already full. Tom is recruiting local bicyclists to help lead trips. Blair may do a social event for participants.
10. Finance Report from Marie. She suggests we may need to buy Quickbooks. Thus far we are on or under budget for this year.
11. Outings. Outings have been successful this winter.
12. Membership. Randy was not present but he did submit something for the newsletter.
13. Director. Laurie is retiring and there was a promotion from within to replace her.
14. EAP. 10 student led outings on the spring schedule.
15. The DEC is hoping our club will help promote the lightly used recreation facilities in St. Lawrence County. It would be nice to share the collective knowledge of places to hike in our county.

Adjourned at 9:15