

Laurentian Chapter Executive Committee
September 27, 2018

The meeting was held at Marianne Hebert's residence, 9 Spring Street, Potsdam.

Attendance: John Barron, Marianne Hebert, Tom Ortmeyer, Marie Fernandez del Alaiza, Jeanna Matthews, David Trithart

Blair Madore couldn't attend, so Tom Ortmeyer took notes.

1. John Barron calls the meeting to order. Marie moved acceptance of minutes of last meeting. Marianne seconded. Approved.
2. Announcements
 - a. There was a miscue, the photo credit was missing for Jeanna's photo in Adirondac on the Cycle Outing article. The correction will be published in the next issue.
 - b. Two changes in appointed positions in Laurentian chapter were announced: Jim Burdick has been named merchandise coordinator, and David Katz is e-letter editor (for now). David has set it up so that more than one editor is straightforward. John has agreed to be a backup e-letter editor.
 - c. Roundtable called by ADK HQ, October 24, 6-8pm. Involves Laurentian, Black River and Chateauguy Woods Chapters. Marianne will host. Jules Greiner and Lynn Shanks from ADK will attend.
3. Reports
 - a. Jim Burdick—consider ability to opt out of hard copy newsletter. From David, we need to be sure we have enough to qualify for bulk mailing rate—exact number is unknown. David mentioned completely stopping the paper version of the newsletter. Discussion of plusses and minuses followed. Further discussion on this issue is planned.
 - b. Jim Burdick—merchandise. A sale of existing, largely out of date materials is planned. Jim is looking at ideas for chapter merchandise.
 - c. Marie—Treasurer. Quickbooks software has been purchased, and is working well. The chapter income and expenses are reasonably close to budgeted amounts.
 - d. Jeanna- Education. We received thank you note from Jack Crotty, who went to Camp Colby on our scholarship. Positive feedback, even excitement about the backpack idea has been received. Further feedback or ideas would be appreciated. The concept originated in the Saratoga Springs library, but seems a great idea for Laurentian Chapter in several ways. The idea is to place a backpack in local libraries that could be checked

out by people to extend access to hikers who are beginning hikers. Bill Van Vleet contacted us regarding ideas on developing program for his students at Morristown Central School, grades 9-12. There is also discussion on identify members who would be willing to go out to schools and other venues to talk about hiking and other outdoors activities.

- e. David Trithart discussed nominations for Laurentian Chapter elected positions. Nominations for outings vice-chair in particular are being sought. Several possible nominations were discussed.
- f. David Katz presented the conservation report. On the Long Pond Easement, a plan has been proposed to retain 21 camps, and replace the corresponding land with land in the Whiskey Flats State Forest. There is also an ongoing concern on oil rail cars—and David asked if the club has advice on preventing storage on sidings in St. Lawrence County.
- g. Marianne Hebert presented the outings report. There was a good response for the Fall schedule, nearly all summer trips went successfully.
- h. Tom Ortmeyer reported on the implementation of the High Peaks UMP.
- i. Jon Barron reported on the Education Affiliates Board. The student membership is strong this year. The Chapter will present a leadership clinic on November 10, primarily for EAB students but open to chapter members as well.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13.