

Minutes for ADK Executive Meeting on November 13, 2018

Present: John Barron, Marianne Hebert, David Katz, Blair Madore, Danielle Jerry

1. Announcements (John Barron)
 - a. Randy Saumier is going to move to South Carolina and thus will not be continuing as membership chair. Marianne is taking over these responsibilities.
 - b. On November 27, there will be a regional round table meeting for three chapters: Laurentian, Chateaugay Woods, and Black River.
 - b.i. It will be held at the home of Marianne Hebert.
 - b.ii. Some possible topics for the roundtable are EAP, Outing leadership clinic, joint outings, membership initiatives, local trail maintenance, and ADK cycle outing, electronic distribution of newsletters
 - c. Recent leadership workshop was very successful with four new leaders trained.
 - d. Jim Burdick has several ideas on how to offer more ADK Laurentian merchandise. Hopefully it will come to the members for ordering by the spring.
2. Outdoors – Indoors (Danielle Jerry)
 - a. Betsy Kepes will give a presentation on her pilgrimage in Japan.
 - b. 3 dates have been tentatively reserved for these events at community room.
 - c. Inviting SUNY Potsdam Leadership II class (Jack Renden), to present on their excursion in the Bob Marshall Wilderness.
 - d. There was a volunteer at the Fall Meeting who may become a speaker. Danielle to contact this person.
 - e. The Newfoundland 2018 trip attended by many chapter members could be a fourth event or be used as an event for the following year.
 - f. December 5th is the deadline for submitting the descriptions of events.
3. North Wind – continue in paper or electronic?
 - a. At the recent Fall Meeting John Barron polled the members present and at least 50% wanted it to continue on paper.
 - b. At least 35% were interested in an electronic version (either as a supplement or the primary distribution).
 - c. At least three chapters have gone to all electronic.
 - d. We might consider letting members choose – but this could lead to the problem of the print run falling below the threshold for paper mailing.
 - e. More information is needed to make decisions.
4. Educational Affiliate Program (EAP)
 - a. Tom moves that “we create a new position called EAP outings co-ordinator”. Seconded by David Katz. Passed without dissent.
 - b. Tom moves that “we appoint Marianne to the newly approved position of EAP Outings Co-ordinator”. Seconded by David Katz. Passed without dissent.
5. Year End Grants
 - a. John thinks we can afford about \$800 in grants this year. Tom noted we donated \$250 already in memory of Betty Peckham. John revised his estimate to say we could afford \$550-\$600 in grants this year.

- b. Tom moves “ donate \$100 to Friends of Higley Flow and \$500 to the ADK”. Passed without dissent.
- 6. David Katz “moved we accept the minutes of _____” . Seconded by Marianne. Passed without dissent.
- 7. Conservation Report: ADK Explorer article asks whether easements purchased from timber companies are worthwhile. Are the lands/forests well managed? David plans to try and determine if there is any data available about conservation easements in our area.
 - a. Blair pointed out the forest easement at Moody Falls has been a success. There is now a nice access path to the river (and a herd path to the falls) through the easement. This trail was a joint DEC – ADK Laurentian chapter project.
 - b. Danielle described some past poor experiences with land managed by Lime forest. They seem to harvest very heavily.
 - c. Tom suggested consulting with foresters at the local DEC forest.
 - d. We have had other positive experiences with Grasse river easements.
 - e. John asked the question of whether Mount Matumbula will become accessible because of easements.
- 8. Tom Ortmeyer (.)
 - a. Neil Woodworth is in the process of retiring. Possibly we will have his replacement and Neil working together for a transition year. There is a search in progress – the applicant has to be an attorney.
 - b. Club finances are reasonable.
- 9. Outings Co-ordinator (Marianne)
 - a. 10 outings on the schedule this quarter. 7 already completed. Only 1 cancelled due to weather.
 - b. Request for outings for the next quarter goes out soon, with a December 10th deadline.
 - c. 181 facebook members.
- 10. Red Sandstone Trail is in decent shape. Several outstanding projects
 - a. Bridge at tip of Sugar Island
 - b. Board walk needs more permanent fix.
 - c. Some trees downed. Need Broofield.
 - d. Tom suggested Clarkson group may be interested in
- 11. Trailwork Report (John Barron for Mark Simon): Excellent turnout for Trail Work weekend. A large amount of work was done on Stone Valley trails, largely bench cutting. Another group worked on the RSST. Another group did work at the rock climbing site in the Snowbowl State Forest.
- 12. EAP Report (John Barron): We sponsored one student for college weekend (tried to sponsor more). There are 11 EAP student members. Last weekend 4 attended EAP training event. 7 are now eligible to lead full trips.
- 13. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 15th at the home of Blair Madore – 19 ½ Cherry St., Potsdam NY.