

Minutes for the Adirondack Mountain Club Laurentian Chapter  
Tuesday April 28, 2020

Meeting over Zoom

Present: David Katz, Holly Woodworth, Tom Van de Water, Blair Madore, Joan Trivilino, Marianne Hebert, Marie Fernandez de Alaiza

1. Approval of minutes from 7/25/2019, 9/11/2019, 11/10/2019, 12/5/2019, 2/12/2020. Motion passed 7-0.
2. Tom Ortmeyer had surgery for a subdural hematoma on April 21. He seems to be doing very well and is on the road to a full recovery. John Barron was invited to this meeting but is not interested in Zoom, and declined. His health continues to be good.
3. David Katz cancelled our spring potluck originally scheduled for the church and we asked the church to donate our deposit to the food pantry. The church was so pleased with this they agreed that we do not need to pay a deposit next year when we come back.
4. Earth Day Initiative (from John Tenbush). Blair wants to interview chapter members and Marianne wanted to collect some photos and descriptions of past Earth Day activities.
5. Holly Woodworth – heard from Loj managers and other staff about what they are doing despite being closed. ADK took on a payroll loan that will be forgiven after maintaining payroll for 3 months. The club's monthly payroll is about \$200,000 and they have not laid off anyone yet. Holly will send us all copies of the 4 page strategic plan. David asked if chapter shares of dues will be sent out. Holly said if it is happening it will not happen soon.
6. Marie presented a financial report. Very slow with little money in or out.
7. Blair reported that he is RSST coordinator and will likely not be in Potsdam over the summer to conduct any needed maintenance. If anything comes up he will reach out for help. Additionally he will reach out to Brookfield about extending the trail to connect with the Cemetery.
8. Membership is quiet. One new member. 211 Facebook members. Most Facebook postings are seen by 50-70 people.
9. Tom went to a Zoom meeting of the watershed revitalization group. A lot of interest in citizen science. Discussed invasive plants. Talked with David about conservation easements – how are they working or not working? Talked with Cranberry 50 people about upcoming maintenance. Hopes to have some discussions with Peter (who) and landowners about easements.
10. Spring Outing list cancelled until May 14. Should we cancel more events? Agreed to cancel the rest of May. Should we schedule summer outings? Generally people are uncomfortable with leading hikes as we are mostly in the risk category. Marianne suggested a geocaching challenge or a photo challenge to encourage people to hike solo and earn a prize from finding enough stuff. Marianne will co-ordinate ideas over email. David will communicate with Joan about whether to hold off on making outings.
11. Next meeting July sometime. David will email about dates.

ADDENDUM: By email on June 18, 2020, Blair moved that the EC approve a Nominating Committee composed of Marie Fernandez, John Barron, and Tom Ortmeyer. Blair's motion was seconded by Joan and passed with six ayes, no nays, no abstentions.