

## Minutes, ADK Laurentian Chapter, 2/10/2021

Present: David Katz, Blair Madore, Thomas Ortmeyer, Eleanor Menz, Holly Woodworth, Marianne Hebert, David Trithart

1. Expecting a guest Andy Rawdon, who is our new Newsletter Editor.
2. Tom Ortmeyer is asking about signs at Stone Valley. New big signs do not even mention Laurentian ADK. After much discussion, we agreed that Blair will contact Mark Simon and put together some temporary signs that includes contact information and "This trail maintained by volunteers with the ADK Laurentian Chapter".
3. The trails on the Tooley Pond Road are now available for adoption. Tom Ortmeyer is asking if our club wants to make an agreement to adopt some of these trails. Agreements are usually for five years. There are expectations but little risk to the club. People were generally interested and we agreed to move forward.
4. Time to appoint a chapter trustee to the new ADK advisory council. The initial meeting will be March 30. Trustee's should be people with a history of experience and dedication to ADK. David Katz asked David Trithart to consider this position or at least attend the first meeting. David T agreed to consider it.
5. Treasurer's report from Ellie Menz on finance. We have a balance of over \$5000, including over \$1000 in our bank account. See attached report from Ellie. David Katz reported the main club expects we will receive about \$3000 in membership dues. There was a fishing expedition from someone pretending to be David Katz that tried to get Ellie to pay a fictional invoice. We took Ellie's information and name off the chapter website. Going forward we have a policy to help Ellie manage this. Plan to formally adopt it at the next meeting.
6. Marianne is looking at starting a Senior's walking group, once a week about 2 miles. We discussed possible locations and whether to start now or in spring. Some possible walk leaders are Marianne, Blair, David T and Rose R.
7. Election in Fall, 54 votes, unanimously supported all four candidates.
8. St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails advisory board. Tom Ortmeyer used to be our representative but has resigned. It appears this group has a very fractious history with different groups not always co-operating. We agreed to not do anything until there is a chair for this group appointed. It's currently vacant.
9. 2022 will be our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We should celebrate. A pot luck party inviting people to come – sort of a reunion. Ideally in some natural location where people could recreate in advance. We could honor our charter members. We could show a video with interviews of past members. We could have a torch run or other events on both sides of the river leading up to our culminating social event. There are some good locations along the river (on either side) for an event.
10. Loony Loops Update – The main chapter refused to add our challenge to their website because they are developing guidelines for challenges. Marianne said three people have already completed the challenge.
11. Blair is continuing to do outdoor events for the Potsdam Public Libraries. Recently did a hike to Lost Pond Loop and was promoting the Loony Loop Challenge and the Chapter.
12. Next meeting will be April 7 at 7:30pm over zoom.