

ADK Laurentian Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes, April 7, 2021, meeting via zoom

Attending: EC members Holly Woodworth, Jim Burdick, Tom Vande Water, Marianne Hebert, Joan Trivilino, David Katz; guests Tom Ortmeyer, Andy Rawdon

Northwind – New editor Andy Rawdon introduced himself. A brief discussion of the electronic status of the newsletter, possible difficulties in electronic delivery, and the merits of continuing to print some copies to hand out at e.g. libraries. Andy will print some copies of this month's edition.

Bylaws Committee – The changes to the club's bylaws necessitate changes to the chapter's bylaws. Suggestions for committee members included John Barron, Tom Ortmeyer, Tom Vande Water, David Katz. David will appoint a committee.

Nominating Committee – Three positions are up for election this fall:

Chair – DK is eligible for another term

VC Education - JB is eligible for another term

Secretary - This is Blair's second term, so this seat is open

Suggestions for committee members included David Trithart, John Barron, Tom Wheeler, Eileen Wheeler, and Blair Madore. David will appoint a committee.

Tooley Pond Road waterfall trails – Tom Ortmeyer reported on the status of the chapter's adoption of several trails on the Tooley Pond Rd. There is agreement in principal with ADK and DEC. Hopefully the paperwork will be completed in the near future. Tom, DK, and MH will be visiting the trails with DEC in late April for a first-hand look at the work to be done.

Advisory Committee – Tom Ortmeyer reported on the organizational meeting (by zoom) of ADK's new Advisory Board. Details are still being worked out; no substantive issues were discussed.

ADK Board – Holly reported that the first 2021 BoD meeting will be this Saturday. Agenda items include education business plan, financial report, Advisory Council update. The newly amended bylaws are being reviewed externally. There is lots of murk around bylaws implementation.

Raquette River Advisory Council – Bob Megantz, president of the Jordan River club, indicated that they want to donate some land on the west side of Carry Falls Reservoir to be forever wild. Bob has been put in touch with the state.

Loony Loop – we are proceeding with the Loony Loop challenge while awaiting input from ADK about whether the club is changing any of its rules about challenges.

Membership – Marianne reports that we have 260 Facebook members; that she is interviewing on North Country Public Radio this Friday; that the weekly walks have not caught on, possibly due to lack of publicity.

Outings – Joan is happy with the size and variety of our spring outing list.

Education – no report

Conservation – Tom VDW is considering ways to coordinate with other local environmental groups.
Next meeting: July 7, 7:00 pm, at Marianne Hebert's house, 9 Spring St, Potsdam