

Laurentian Chapter, Adirondack Mountain Club  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2022, chez Blair, 19½ Cherry St, Potsdam

Called to order at 6:05 pm

Attending: Mary MacKinnon, Tom vande Water, Marianne Hebert, Blair Madore, David Katz, Tom Ortmeyer

Minutes, Apr 6 EC meeting: Mary moved accepting, Tom V seconded, passed unanimously.

President's report:

- Trip leader training at Higley Flow, Apr 30: six people attended, a fine time was had by all, and trainees and trainers alike learned a lot.
- Fall potluck: Canton Presbyterian has been reserved for Nov 6. Jennifer Denny from the Center for the Loon will be the speaker Mary MacKinnon will take care of hospitality if we don't have a hospitality person by then. We will need to allocate about \$60 more for the event. Tom V moved allocating \$60 accordingly, Mary seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Affiliate chapter membership is now free. David will put something on the website home page making it easy to sign up as an affiliate Laurentian Chapter member and/or get on the North Wind email list.
- 2023 budget due to club Sept 20. We will work on the 2023 budget at the next EC meeting, so people should start thinking about budget needs.
- July 16 Marianne will be staffing a Laurentian Chapter table at the Potsdam Summer Festival. Contact Marianne if you want to help her at the table.
- Postcards for July 24 have gone out, web page is live. Space reservations are done, other preparations are ongoing. Various ideas, such as map searches, were discussed. Can Josh lead the club's sing-along?

Diversity: Brainstormed possible diversity initiatives. Discussion led to the idea of planning fall trip(s) related to Black history, Akwesasne. We will send our ideas to Marianne. John Barron might have better ideas since he lives in an urban area.

Budget report – we received \$1754 in membership fees. It is not clear how long membership receipts will continue to follow the old system.

Membership report – 11 new chapter members in 2022. 219 household members, 307 total, 27 children. Mary will put an item in the newsletter urging outings participants to bring a friend along. It was suggested that the chapter should have an annual picnic with Sandstoner Park as a likely venue. It was suggested that we print the membership list and take it to any events where we have a table or booth so we can confirm contact information with existing members. It was suggested that we give a list of current members to current trip leaders so they can directly contact and invite likely trip participants. Mary and Marianne plan to spend a day in the near future at the main Stone Valley trailhead to hand out Adk membership forms.

Red Sandstone Trail – new arrow signs have been put up.

River Advisory Councils – Blair attended uneventful Raquette and West Branch St Regis RAC meetings. Oswegatchie RAC has not met yet because of administrative headaches caused by the

original FERC settlements. Blair(?) will check whether the Pyrites hydro agreement includes anything about a Grass(e) River Advisory Committee.

Conservation – Tom is retiring from teaching after this school year ends. He plans to do more environmental advocacy and education locally.

Bicycle insurance – Tom O reports that the chapter has bicycle insurance now, so we can have bicycle outings again. It covers both sides of the border, road biking only, no mountain bikes, members only, plus any individual guest can attend one bicycle outing per year. The insurance has a fixed cost for a certain number of outings per year, so we will try to schedule more bicycle outings to minimize the insurance cost per outing.

Advisory Council – The Advisory Council's Outings subcommittee continues to work on outings and leader guidelines. Not clear when these will be finalized.

Nominating Committee – Marianne will appoint a Nominating Committee. David will let Marianne know which positions are up for election. Carolyn Kaczka and Jeff Miller were suggested as possible members.

Next meeting: August 18, 6:00 pm at Tom Ortmeyer's house, 15 Lawrence Ave.

Adjourned: 8:05 pm

Submitted by David Katz, Secretary