

Laurentian Chapter Executive Committee Meeting  
Aug 8 2022, 6:20 – 7:58 pm  
at the home of Tom Ortmeier, 15 Lawrence Ave

Attending: Marianne Hebert, Blair Madore, Tom Ortmeier, David Katz

Old business:

- By electronic communications June 23, a Nominating Committee composed of Eileen Wheeler, Jeff Miller, and John Barron was appointed and tasked with finding nominees for Vice Chair Conservation, Vice Chair Membership, Vice Chair Outings, and Treasurer.

- By electronic communication July 27 and 28, \$1020 for dinners at the 50th anniversary celebration was approved.

Chair's Report:

- no slate of candidates yet from the Nominating Committee

- fall potluck – should we hold it? Tom O: Advisory Council hasn't decided about this yet. Next year we should have our meeting in the summer.

- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration – over 60 people in attendance, very successful, good food, open mike where people recounted their experiences was good

- need to get more photos for website from the 50<sup>th</sup> events

- we need a new trail coordinator for Stone Valley. We need to think about reclaiming the Stone Valley toolshed and tools, which are on Mark Simon's property.

Budget 2022: the financial reports indicate that we have lots of unspent money in this year's budget. We discussed possible spending, such as new interpretive signs for Stone Valley & Red Sandstone and new brochures for Red Sandstone Trail, Stone Valley Trail, Tooley Pond trails, and the Chapter. We have enough money in this year's budget to cover these items but may not get to all of them by the end of the year.

Budget 2023: possible items include

- new brochures and/or trail signs (see previous paragraph)

- summer picnic – instead of a fall potluck, which may continue to be problematic, depending on what epidemics come along next, we discussed having our annual gathering in the warmer months with food partially potluck, partially provided by chapter

- insurance – we discussed insurance for bicycle outings as well as regular liability insurance for the chapter.

- budget item: t-shirts for trailwork volunteers

Contact Marianne if you have other items for the 2023 budget.

Diversity calendar

- Marianne has been contacted by 2 people with ideas for diversity-oriented outings: Pride week 2023 and outing(s) for veterans

- Blair plans to lead an outing Oct 1 focusing on the US equivalent of Canada's National Day of Reconciliation (with First Nations)

ADK Voices oral history project – we discussed how we might support the club's effort to collect oral histories and decided that we don't have enough bandwidth to offer anything for this.

Trails: Blair reported 2 items:

- Red Sandstone needs a lot of work, hopefully to be done this fall
- Incident at Red Sandstone parking lot involving unfriendly people, one of whom threw a beer can at middle eastern person. Blair has been following up with the affected individual as well as Brookfield and police agencies.

Advisory Council: Tom reported that:

- he is acting vice chair of Advisory Council.
- AC created chapter bylaws guide.
- The AC is working on a policy for chapter donations.
- The club board is discussing dues increase. AC wrote a 3-page white paper about the wisdom of a club dues increase.

Chapter Bylaws: Tom reported that our bylaws are in good shape with regard to the AC's new chapter bylaw guide (see previous item) and we don't need to add anything from the guide. So the chapter's bylaws committee will resume work on our bylaws. (Work was halted pending the AC's recommendations on chapter bylaws.

Photo contest: Tom reported that 2 judges resigned.

Suggestions for photo contest judges should be sent to Tom O.

Next meeting: Oct 13 6:00 pm, tentatively at Marianne's house 9 Spring St

Submitted by David Katz, Secretary