

**Minutes of the May 1, 2013 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc.,
held at Queensbury, New York, at Carl R's Restaurant**

Present: Jacki Bave, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Gretchen Steen, Laura Fiske, Jill Gruben, Sarah King, Jonathan Lane, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, John Schneider, and Alison Darbee. Also present: Adam Rubinstein, Genevieve Coutant and Gail McDonald.

Chapter Chair Laura Fiske opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the April 3, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Pat Desbiens, seconded by Alison Darbee.

Treasurer John Schneider presented the April Treasurer's Report. The total balance is \$6,356.84, down almost \$2,000 from January 1st. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Jim Schneider, seconded by Pat Desbiens.

Laura gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**. Planning for the **Annual Dinner** was discussed, including options for the date, place, menu and entertainment, but no decisions were made. Bob Aspholm is working on a painting, for which the Chapter will pay him \$200, which will be donated to the silent auction at the **Black Fly Affair**. Laura is willing to be elected to a full term as Chapter Chair, so it is likely that the **Nominating Committee** will have to look for two Vice-Chairs and one Director. She asked the Ex Comm members to look at the Chapter's membership list, which is on the password-protected section of the website, for potential nominees.

Laura led a discussion of whether the Chapter should publicize or promote outings and other **programs which are sponsored by non-ADK groups**. The discussion was prompted by recent requests by an independent paddling group that wanted the Chapter to help promote its outings to the membership. There were concerns about liability and promoting events that would compete with the Chapter's own events. After considerable discussion, on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by John Schneider, and unanimously approved, it was:

RESOLVED, that it is the policy of the Chapter that it will not promote, such as in the newsletter or on the website, events or outings sponsored by non-ADK organizations unless ADK is a co-sponsor or otherwise involved with it. Exceptions may be made only by the Executive Committee.

Alison Darbee, Outings Co-chair, announced that **Wayne Richter** has agreed to become the new **Outings Chair**. She and Co-chair Madeline Kowalik-Bova will assist him until the fall.

Mo Coutant reported that the **ADK HQ workday** is on May 4th. There will be free pizza.

Jill Gruben, Newsletter Chair, reported that the next deadline is June 1st.

Jacki Bave, Conservation Chair, reported that **the State has purchased** Cat and Thomas Mountains near Lake George and land near Moreau Lake State Park. There are plans to eventually connect Moreau Lake to Saratoga Spa State Park and Mechanicville by trail.

George Sammons, Website Chair, reported that the bill for website hosting has been paid.

Jim Schneider, Wilderness Chair, reported that he visited the Pharaoh Lake area and carried out a lot of trash from lean-tos 1, 2, and 3.

Laura Fiske reported that the **Club has laid off** John Kettlewell (Publications) and Paul Ertelt (Public Relations) for budgetary reasons. They may be contracted to do some work.

John Caffry, Secretary, thanked Pat and Gretchen for taking the minutes for the meetings that he missed.

Laura reported for the **Education Committee**, in the absence of Chair **Linda Ranado**. She said that Linda had covered Healthy Kids Day at the Glens Falls Y, and will do the Moreau Fun Fair. Laura also reported that **Bill Bechtel** has donated a pastel picture to the auction at the Black Fly Affair.

Pat Desbiens, Membership Chair, reported that membership was minus 1 net for March, with a total of 1,350 households and 2,285 total members. She will be covering EMS Club Days this coming weekend and needs volunteers.

Jonathan Lane, YMG Chair, reported that the Chapter's Facebook numbers are pretty steady. He did a giveaway contest with ADK calendars to encourage submitting new ideas for outings.

Sarah King, Programs Chair, said that she is looking for ideas for fall programs. The slide social is in June.

John Schneider reported that the rails-to-trails group and railroad group made presentations to the Club Trails Committee about the proposed conversion of the Remsen to Lake Placid RR to a trail. The committee took no position on the issue.

Tom Ellis, Trails Committee Chair, reported on the successful trail work day on Tongue Mountain. Eight people attended, and about 25 blowdowns were removed.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary

Next meeting – June 5, 7:00, at the Wesley in Saratoga.