

**Minutes of the April 1, 2015 Meeting of the Executive Committee of the  
Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., held at Saratoga  
Springs, New York, in the Civalier Conference Room of the Wesley Health Center**

**Present:** Jacki Bave, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Pat Desbiens, Tom Ellis, Laura Fiske, Steve Mackey, Wayne Richter, Jim Schneider, Gretchen Steen, and Heather Webb. Also present: Anne Paolano.

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

**The minutes** of the February and March 2015 meetings were approved unanimously on a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Gretchen Steen.

**Treasurer Steve Mackey** presented the March Treasurer's Report. The January dues have been received. Firetower Challenge ("FTC") patch receipts were \$81.00. Total assets are \$9,724. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Wayne Richter.

**Mo Coutant** reported on her research into using Café Press to sell **FTC merchandise**. Café Press does not collect or remit sales tax, so the Chapter would have to do this. It was agreed that the Chapter will not use Café Press. Mo said that she will instead see if the Club will create and sell FTC t-shirts, which could be tied in to the reissuance of the firetowers book.

**Chair Laura Fiske** reported on planning for the **Annual Dinner**. It was agreed that the preferred date would be changed to October 23d, with October 16<sup>th</sup> as the back-up date. Options for entertainment and ways to recognize volunteers at the event were discussed.

Laura discussed an e-mail from the Club regarding **sponsorship opportunities for Chapters**. After some discussion, it was agreed that to keep things simple, the Chapter will continue to make its annual donations, rather than making a lot of individual sponsorship donations.

Laura reported on the **Club Board of Directors** meeting of March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Club is looking for a new development director. The Club will file an *amicus curiae* brief in the Brown (Shingle Shanty Brook) public right of navigation case, and will use the Jameson Fund to pay the costs. In 2014 there was a \$94,000 surplus. This was \$50,000 better than the budgeted surplus and was the second good financial year in a row. The Club will use grant funds to hire a younger member (under age 40) outreach coordinator. This will be a two year position.

Laura said that the **Nominating Committee** process for 2015 needs to start soon. The positions to be filled will include the Chair, two vice-chairs and two directors. She is talking to potential vice-chair candidates. A person has expressed interest in the newsletter chair position, after seeing the notice in the newsletter.

**Outings Chair Wayne Richter** reported that now that the policy on **unaccompanied minors** on outings has been approved, he already has interest from one child.

**YMG Chair Heather Webb** reported that she is going to become an outings leader so that she can lead trips to help recruit younger members.

**Mo Coutant** said that today is the **newsletter** deadline. Committee members discussed their submissions. There was a general discussion of the production process.

**Jim Schneider** reported that the **Spruce Mountain firetower** is not yet open, but that DEC is working on the paperwork.

**Trails Chair Tom Ellis** reported that the **Tongue Mountain** trail work will be done on the last weekend in April, if the snow is all melted by then.

**Membership Chair Pat Desbiens** reported that there was a net gain of one member in February. She will do the EMS Club Days event on May 1st and is looking for volunteers to help. She and 3 volunteers did the Raptorfest and got 1 new member at the event, in addition to distributing membership literature. The Chapter got a lot of exposure to a lot of people. She expressed thanks to Mo's husband Jim for going to pick up the brochures that she forgot to bring.

**Conservation Chair Jacki Bave** reported on the **Club Conservation Committee** meeting in March. The Club plans to start a program to monitor backcountry waters for invasive species.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Gretchen Steen, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Caffry, Secretary

**Next meeting – May 6, 2015, 7:00, at Carl R's in Queensbury.**