

**Minutes of the March 6, 2024 Meeting of the Executive
Committee of the Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter
of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., held via ZOOM**

Present: Kim Brown, John Caffry, Maureen Coutant, Brian Coville, Paul Dietershagen, Tom Ellis, Laura Fiske, Lisa Lehman, Steve Mackey, Kathi Noble, Tim Noble, Anne Paolano, Wayne Richter, Ray Ross, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

The minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Ray Ross, seconded by Mo Coutant.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the February Treasurer's Report. There was \$61 in Fire Tower Challenge ("FTC") income. Expenses included \$484 for printing the newsletter and \$212 for the Chapter's one-half share of a table at the Adirondack Sports Expo. Laura Fiske said that she will look into getting the Main Club to pay for the table in the future, since it benefits the Main Club. Total assets are \$24,318. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Kathi Noble, seconded by Ray Ross.

Mo Coutant, Chair of the Ad Hoc Banff Mountain Film Festival Special Committee, reported that she is wrapping up the paperwork from this year's festival. The net income was about \$6,500, within \$50 of last year's. Next year's event will be from January 31 to February 2. After some discussion, Ray made a motion to contribute \$2,500 to the 507 Fund for the Summit Stewards program, \$2,500 to the Main Club for that program, and \$75 to the Lake George Land Conservancy. The motion was seconded by John Caffry and approved unanimously.

Conservation Co-Chair Paul Dietershagen reported that he participated in trail work on Snake Hill with Saratoga PLAN. He has discussed future management issues for the property with that group.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown reported for the **Education Committee**, due to the vacancy in the Chair position. There are now four campers signed up.

FTC Chair Tim Noble said that the Committee met with the Main Club staff to discuss how the FTC would be integrated into the Club's new IMIS system. FTC Correspondent Kathi Noble said that the new completer certificates need to be finished, but the staffer who was doing that has left ADK. Lisa Lehman offered to help with the certificates.

Membership Chair Ray Ross reported that he has volunteers lined up for the Adirondack Sports Expo, but could use more. Membership was down by 5 in January. He will be working on sending out new member letters and patches. The Chapter may need to order more patches. John Caffry asked why the Loj Chapter is suddenly almost as big as the GF-S Chapter. Mo Coutant and Jim Schneider said that it was because of the large number of people who join at Cascade to get free skiing. John suggested that the Main Club should try to steer them to joining

a chapter in their home area, which would be in the Club's best interests. Mo will discuss this with the Advisory Council.

Newsletter Chair Lisa Lehman said that her goal is to update and modernize the newsletter. She said she would eventually like to get rid of the print version, but recognizes that this is not up to her. A discussion of options for e-mail ensued.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that there are only a few outings coming up. The poor winter weather has been a problem.

Programs Chair Anne Paolano discussed the upcoming programs. She is looking for locations to hold programs in the Glens Falls area, but many venues charge a fee for use of their rooms.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown reported for the **Publicity Committee**, in the absence of the Chair. She said that committee member Aimee Rutledge has been having problems with the Chapter's Facebook account. People offered advice on how to fix it.

Website Chair George Sammons discussed his review of the Main Club's new IMIS system. He said that it will be a big job to transfer the Chapter's website's functions onto that, and it may not be able to do as much as ours does, so it may be necessary to keep our own website. He will attend a webinar on the new system.

The proposed GF-S Chapter **Outings Leader Reimbursement Guide** for mandated training expenses was presented. This is not a Main Club policy document - it was prepared by the Chapter for use by its members. After some minor edits were approved, on a motion by John Caffry and seconded by Wayne Richter, the Guide was unanimously approved. Wayne will distribute it to the outings leaders.

Jim Schneider discussed the **Buck Mountain Trailhead Stewards** program. He will be looking to recruit additional stewards from other chapters. The training program will be in May.

Kathi Noble discussed her research into venues for in-person and online **hybrid Ex. Comm. meetings**. The Wesley health care facility's conference room, where we met pre-Covid, is available, but it requires that masks be worn. The Common Roots brewery's function rooms are available, but they charge a fee. She will continue to look into this.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Gretchen Steen and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary