

**Minutes of the April 3, 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, Paul Dietershagen, Tom Ellis, Thomas Khairallah, Lisa Lehman, Jeff Mans, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Mo Coutant, seconded by Wayne Richter.

There was no **Treasurer's report** because Steve Mackey is away. He has promised to submit a written report soon.

Kim gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**, and reported on the **Annual Dinner** in the absence of Anne Paolano. The best option cost-wise would be in Saratoga Springs, but that would make it two years in a row there, instead of alternating with the Glens Falls area, as has usually been done. Anne will provide more information soon.

Conservation Co-chair Paul Dietershagen said that the *Times Union* and *Adirondack Explorer* will be presenting a panel discussion on environmental legislation in May. He might attend.

Fire Tower Challenge Committee member Jim Schneider reported that the updated FTC 2.0 program will focus on encouraging stewardship, and will be run through the Main Club's IMIS software. Kathi Noble now has the new completer certificates. The annual costs of the program are now estimated to be about \$900. Jim discussed future budgets and how the new program is expected to work. It will allow for additional donations to be made to the FTC and to individual fire tower support groups. Mo Coutant recommended that the Chapter track FTC funds separately from its other funds, similar to the Banff funds, perhaps in a separate account.

Membership Chair Ray Ross was absent, but the written report shows that membership was down by 15 voting members from December to January.

Newsletter Chair Lisa Lehman said that she is working on the next edition. She will circulate the draft for comments on the new format. She is going to get bids from other printers for the print version.

Trails Co-Chair Tom Ellis reported that Steve Mackey will lead the trail work this spring, in late April or early May. The date will be posted on the website.

Member-at-Large Jeff Mans reported that Michael Barrett has confirmed that the Main Club's insurance does cover volunteers for the performance of their volunteer roles.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter said that some of the Chapter's leaders are taking the necessary training from the Main Club to become certified leaders, but there are still problems with the program. The upcoming schedule of outings is light.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by John Caffry, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Several members remained online to discuss the Main Club's new IMIS software system.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary