

**Minutes of the May 1, 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, Jessica Krause, Lisa Lehman, Steve Mackey, Anne Paolano, Wayne Richter, Ray Ross, Aimee Rutledge, George Sammons, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen.

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

The minutes of the April 3, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Mo Coutant, seconded by Wayne Richter; Laura Fiske abstained because she was not at the meeting.

Kim gave the **Chapter Chair's Report**, and complimented Lisa on her first issue as editor of the newsletter. She also thanked other volunteers.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown reported for the **Education Committee**, due to the vacancy in the Chair position. She said that there are two campers registered for Pack Forest. There are also two others that want to go to Camp Colby, but DEC is holding off on registrations there due to staff shortages.

Conservation Co-Chair Paul Dietershagen reported that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the Graphite Range trails. He has also helped with trail work on other Saratoga PLAN trails. He would like to get the Chapter more involved in that trail work. He and other Chapter members are also working with the Village of Lake George on improving the trail up the back side of Prospect Mountain.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the April Treasurer's Report. The Chapter has received \$4,818 from the Main Club, which was not expected. Total assets are \$21,145. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Mo Coutant, seconded by Brian Coville.

Programs Chair Anne Paolano discussed the recent and upcoming programs. She is looking for a program for September. The Annual Dinner will be on October 25th at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs. The speaker will be Meg Madden, a naturalist from Vermont, presenting a program on mushrooms. The total cost will be about \$1,000 to \$1,200. She also discussed the need to improve publicity for Chapter programs and outings.

Fire Tower Challenge Committee member Jim Schneider said that FTC 2.0 has still not yet launched. There is no word about this from the Main Club because the person who was supposed to be in charge of it has left ADK.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown reported that she had talked to the membership staff person at the Main Club, who is supposed to provide the monthly reports to the Chapter, but has not been able to do so because she is still learning the new IMIS program. **Membership Chair Ray Ross** said that he now has the new member contact information through February, so that he can send out the new member letters.

Newsletter Chair Lisa Lehman reported that she got a quote for printing the newsletter from a new printing company, which will do it for less, and in color instead of black and white. Mo Coutant said that the Chapter already uses this company for Banff film festival printing. There were no objections and it is within the budget. The deadline for the July issue is June 1st. With the new color option, Lisa is looking for more photos.

Trail Co-Chair Jim Schneider said that the Buck Mountain trailhead stewards training will happen soon. There are currently 20 people on the roster. He is working on getting shirts for the stewards.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter said that the status of the Main Club's communications with the outings leaders is not encouraging. Steve Mackey has been leading cycling outings.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown said that she sent the Chapter's list of questions about the new IMIS system and chapter websites to the Main Club, but has had no response. Website Chair George Sammons said that the Main Club's changeover to IMIS is not complete; he would like to know what its plans are.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown reported that a hydropower company is looking for opportunities to sponsor groups as a public relations thing. Mo Coutant said that the Banff festival does not need more sponsors, but it could be okay. She will follow up and see if it's appropriate for the Chapter.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown said that she will be appointing a chair for the **Nominating Committee**. She thinks that most of the current office holders will be willing to continue in their positions. Brain Coville and Laura Fiske agreed to be members of the Committee. Kim will look for a chair.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by John Caffry, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary