

**Revised Minutes of the October 2, 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, Jessica Krause, Lisa Lehman, Steve Mackey, Jeff Mans, Anne Paolano, Wayne Richter, George Sammons, and Gretchen Steen.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

The minutes of the September 4, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Jeff Mans.

Treasurer Steve Mackey presented the September 30th Treasurer's Report. Revenues included \$613 in annual dinner deposits, and \$190 in Fire Tower Challenge (FTC) fees and donations. There was \$50 in FTC expenses. Total assets are \$24,543. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by John Caffry, seconded by Gretchen Steen.

In her **Chapter Chair's Report**, Kim discussed the Main Club's executive director search, as reported in a memo from Jim Schneider.

Reporting for the for the **Nominating Committee**, in the absence of Chair Pat Desbiens, Kim said that Pat reported that the slate of nominees was ready to go.

A written report was submitted in advance of the meeting by **Publicity Chair Deb Balliet**. She has been posting on social media, is seeking 2 additional committee members, and is asking outings leaders to send her photos and trip descriptions that she can post.

Mo Coutant, Chair of the Ad Hoc Banff Mountain Film Festival Special Committee, reported that there were no changes to the contract for 2025, so she has signed it. All of the prior sponsors will be sponsors again, and the Crossroads store in Brant Lake will be a new sponsor. She is now working on publicity. Tickets will be \$23 again. The dates are 1/31/25 to 2/2/25.

Programs Chair Ann Paolano said that the next program will be about Seneca Ray Stoddard. Currently there are 31 people registered for the annual dinner. We need 50 to meet the minimum number of paid dinners for the venue and also for a quorum for voting. Kim said that she will invite the new ADK president to attend the dinner, and also to attend an Executive Committee meeting.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown reported for the **Membership Committee**, due to the vacancy in the chair position. She said that Chair Ray Ross has resigned. Website Chair George Sammons has been working to get up-to-date rosters from the Main Club and is also helping it to fix the problems that have caused the problems with the rosters. She has been sending out the new member letters since Ray resigned.

Newsletter Chair Lisa Lehman gave an update on the status of the current editions. She is also trying to work out the aforesaid tech issues with the Main Club.

Conservation Chair Paul Dietershagen reported that he had attended the Saratoga County trails committee meeting, where he learned about a new SPDES general permit that could affect trail work statewide. He will reach out to Cathy Pedler at the Main Club about this.

Trustee Mo Coutant discussed the Main Club Advisory Committee's ongoing work on the problems with the outings leader certification program. Outings Chair Wayne Richter expressed concerns about liability risks due to poor management of this by the Main Club. Kim will follow up with the Main Club.

Outings Chair Wayne Richter reported that, like our chapter, the Albany Chapter is having a lot fewer outings than it used to, especially harder ones.

Website Chair George Sammons discussed the ongoing problems with the Main Club's IMIS system and chapter membership rosters. Jeff Mans expressed concerns about a possible lack of security in the system. Kim will follow up with the Main Club.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown led a discussion of this year's annual meeting voting process. She said that we need 50 members for a quorum, but so far only about 30 have signed up for the annual dinner. A motion by Brian Coville, which was seconded by Steve Mackey, and unanimously approved, authorized reaching out to the members about the opportunity to request absentee ballots. Brian and John Caffry will work on this and Thomas Khairallah will be asked to send it out in an e-mail blast. It was also reported that Brian has been nominated for a Member at Large position on the Ex. Comm. by 13 members, which meets the requirements of the by-laws, so he will be on the ballot at the annual meeting.

Chapter Chair Kim Brown began a discussion about **face-to-face meetings** of the Ex. Comm. She suggested doing this two times a year, and said that some people do not like hybrid meetings, so we should try some face-to-face meetings, which would be in addition to the in-person annual potluck dinner in December. It was agreed that we would try to plan one for March 2025 at the Common Roots brewery.

Kim recommended signing up for a table at the March 2025 **Adirondack Sports Summer Expo**. She said that the Albany Chapter is likely to split this with us. On a motion by Steve Mackey, seconded by Mo Coutant, this was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by Gretchen Steen, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary