

**Minutes of the March 5, 2025 Meeting of the Executive  
Committee of the Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter  
of Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., held via ZOOM**

**Present:** John Caffry, Brian Coville, Paul Dietershagen, Tom Ellis, Laura Fiske, Jessica Krause, Anne Paolano, Wayne Richter, Liz Rovers, Jim Schneider, and Gretchen Steen.

**Vice-Chair Laura Fiske**, in the absence of Chapter Chair Kim Brown, opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**The minutes** of the February 5, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Wayne Richter, seconded by Anne Paolano.

**Vice-Chair Laura Fiske** presented the **February Treasurer's Report** in the absence of Treasurer Steve Mackey. Income was \$101.83; expenses included special donations of \$1,200 and four camperships at \$1,400; total assets are \$21,272. The report was approved unanimously on a motion by Liz Rovers, seconded by Wayne Richter.

Laura gave the **Chapter Chair's Report** on behalf of Chapter Chair Kim Brown. She said that Kim reported that she is getting Ex. Comm. members set up on the Main Club's IMIS system, and that she attended Acting E.D. Julia Goren's online office hours. Wayne stated that he also attended this meeting, and the status of online LNT training for outings leaders was discussed.

**Anne Paolano** reported for the **Ad Hoc Banff Mountain Film Festival Special Committee**, in the absence of Chair Mo Coutant. She reported that the festival made about the same amount of money as the year before. The Committee is considering doing four showings next year instead of three. John Caffry said that Banff offers four packages, so the showings would all be different.

**Vice-Chair Laura Fiske** reported for the **Education Committee**, due to the vacancy in the chair position. She said that the Chapter paid for four camperships this year.

**Vice-Chair Laura Fiske** reported on the status of the **Newsletter Committee** and said that there may be someone interested in this role, who is familiar with the same software that the prior chair used.

**Membership Chair Liz Rovers** reported that there were 12 new members in February and 34 expired memberships. She will send the usual letters to the new members and is looking into how to best reach out to the expired members. This would be in addition to whatever outreach the Main Club does. Jessica Krause, who first reported the problems with renewing memberships, said that she finally got several renewal notices in the mail, some of which were months old. After multiple e-mails with the staff, she was able to renew online.

**Programs Chair Anne Paolano** reported that the programs are under control and discussed the upcoming schedule. She has a speaker lined up for the **Annual Dinner**. After some discussion,

it was agreed that the event will be held at the Holiday Inn in Lake George. There was also a discussion of holding other social events.

**Fire Tower Challenge Committee member Jim Schneider** reported for the FTC committee, in the absence of Chair Tim Noble. He said that they recently met with several Main Club staff members. There are still a lot of problems with the IMIS system. They will work out a MOU with the Main Club on the financial issues, and hope to do a big rollout on FTC 2.0 next year.

**Conservation Chair Paul Dietershagen** said that he attended meetings of the Saratoga County trails committee and the Graphite Range advisory board. SPDES permits for trailwork are a big issue.

**Trails Committee Co-Chair Jim Schneider** reported that the trailwork day will be April 26<sup>th</sup>. Training for the Buck Mountain trailhead stewards will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Pilot Knob fire station.

**Outings Chair Wayne Richter** said that outings are still limited in number.

**Vice-Chair Laura Fiske** presented the revised format of the **2025 Chapter budget** in the absence of Treasurer Steve Mackey. It was accepted without discussion.

**Jim Schneider** discussed his plans for a **book club** for outdoors books. He hopes to start small and then grow it.

**Liz Rovers** discussed upcoming **Membership** events. All of the time slots for staffing the table at the Adirondack Sports Expo are filled. She discussed possibly tabling at other upcoming events such as Raptorfest.

On a motion by Tom Ellis, seconded by John Caffry, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Caffry, Secretary