

Adirondack Mountain Club Laurentian Chapter  
Executive Committee Meeting March 18, 2010  
Minutes

The Chapter meeting was held Thursday March 18, at 7 PM, in the Barben Room B, Cheel Campus Center, Clarkson University

**Executive Committee Members Present:** John Barron, Blair Madore, Ellie Menz, Geri Ames, Marianne Hebert

**Appointed Members present:** Carolyn Kaczka, John Omohundro

**Absent:** Peter O'Shea, David Trithart, Hollis Easter

**Guest:** Neil Woodworth, Executive Director of the Adirondack Mountain Club

### **Agenda**

1. Approval of Agenda: B. Madore moved, E. Menz seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Approval of the Minutes of Last Meeting: G. Ames moved, E. Menz seconded. The minutes of the Jan. 28, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Use of Jamieson Fund – Neil Woodworth gave a brief history of the fund that was established to further Paul's Jamieson's work. The Laurentian Chapter created the fund in 1984 and contributed money over the years. Currently, there is \$45,000 to assist the purchase of real property or easements for hiking access. The Adirondack Mountain Club is proposing to use money from the Jamieson fund to offset legal costs in a case regarding the wilderness classification for the waters on Lows Lake in the Five Pond wilderness area. The wilderness designation will disallow use of float planes and motorized boats on the lake. Currently there are debates as to whether the existing laws pertain to the water or just land surrounding the lake. During proceedings of the lawsuit in the Spring of 2009 the State was committed to classifying the lake as wilderness. In November, the vote was reversed. Local government protested the proposal, as they want to restore float planes and motor boats. The Adirondack Mountain Club believes this court case is very important and will be influential for future designations of Adirondack wilderness areas. Little Tupper Lake is in a similar situation, in that the State claims that Little Tupper is unclassified. If the case is won, the State will have to classify Little Tupper as wilderness.

During a vote at a recent meeting of the Adirondack Mountain Club's Trails Committee, the Committee voted thirteen in favor of supporting funding for the lawsuit, with five members voting no. Woodworth distributed two handouts: "Resolution on the Use of Paul Jamieson Fund to finance litigation regarding classification of Low's Lake/Bog River Flow as Wilderness" and "Proposed Amendment to Resolution Establishing Jamieson Fund (initially passed by BG, 11-17-84).

It is anticipated that expenses for the court case will be around \$20,000. Roughly half of the funds needed are being donated by the Protect the Adirondacks group. If the Adirondack Mountain Club wins the case, costs may or may not be reimbursed.

J. Barron asked: How else would the Jamieson Fund be used? J. Omohundro reported on his conversations with the DEC to fix up easements. A list of the proposed projects was attached to the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 minutes. Project needs would amount to a few thousand dollars.

N. Woodworth pointed out that we would need permission of Adirondack Park Agency as well as DEC for such projects. Easement proposals need to be included in the Park Agency unit management plans, before we can proceed. J. Omohundro will ask John Wood of the DEC about getting the projects included in the unit management plans.

E. Menz asked if the true purpose of case is not to prevent float planes, but to set a precedent on the classification of the lake as wilderness. N. Woodworth confirmed.

J. Barron asked C. Kaczka about the vote by the ADK's Trails Committee. C. Kaczka replied that the five nay votes were not so much negative votes, but a desire for the Adirondack Mountain Club to consult to consult with the Laurentian Chapter, Paul Jamieson's 'home chapter,' and long time supporter of the Jamieson Fund.

B. Madore made the following motion: The Laurentian Chapter supports the use of up to \$12,500 of the Paul Jamieson Fund for legal fees and expenses incurred in Adirondack Mountain Club's participation in the legal case: Adirondack Mountain Club vs N.Y.S Department of Environmental Conservation and the Adirondack Park Agency. G Ames seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Officer Reports

**Vice-Chair, Education** – B. Madore

Camp Colby award winners are registered. Madore has one youth interested in the Teen Trail maintenance weekend this Summer. No one has called B. Madore or Rose Rivezzi to lead new hiker hikes. J. Barron reported that he has an idea in mind. M. Hebert will try to put a geocache hike together. B. Madore would like to have at least one new hiker event per month. Hikes have to be suitable for young children, and patches are available for kids. Blair suggested patches for the Red Sandstone trail.

**Archivist – C. Kaczka**

She has received two crates from Betty Peckham. The Archivist position for the chapter was initiated by Bob Patterson in 1991. Betty, a chapter charter member, was able to gather materials dating back to the chapter's founding in 1972.

**Treasurer – E. Menz**

E. Menz distributed handouts of her financial reports (attached). Contributions have been received from B. Madore and R. Rivezzi for the Camp Colby Awards. \$100 was made to the Friends of Higley Flow State Park.

**Vice–Chair, Membership – G. Ames**

The Adirondack Mountain Club has stopped sending total membership report, just updates. This makes it difficult to compile a master list. G. Ames sends welcome notices to new members. She also sends reminders to members who are 30–90 days overdue for their renewals.

**North Wind – J. Omohundro**

No report. J. Omohundro distributed copies of the latest newsletter. He will send a copy to David Katz. J. Barron made a recommendation that we should collectively try to attain the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month deadline. J. Omohundro stated that June 1<sup>st</sup> is next deadline for submissions to the newsletter. He will send out a reminder in May. G. Ames gave kudos to H. Easter for his effective process for coordinating the trip schedule.

**Secretary – M. Hebert**

No report

**Vice Chair, Outings – H. Easter**

J. Barron reported for H. Easter. He reported that the leadership appreciates Easter's draft trip schedule process.

**Vice–Chair Conservation – Peter O'Shea**

The conservation report is in the newsletter.

**Director – D. Trithart**

The report is in the newsletter.

## **Chair – J. Barron**

J. Barron reported on his attendance at the Morristown Central School wellness fair. It was a community event, dominated by parents and children. They had demos of new purchases from grants, e.g. fitness video games. J. Barron coordinated the ADK Laurentian Chapter table, including a computer and Photo Contest slide show and four brochures. Organizers had asked him for trails information. He brought copies of the trails information from the Chapter website; copies of a preliminary outing schedule for March and April; and some outdoor gear to demonstrate.

J. Barron raised the question of a Trip Leader kit, and what it should contain (e.g. permission release form, trip report form, how to be a leader, several membership forms). He asked what would be the best way to get kits to leaders? B. Madore suggested they could be handed out at pot lucks, even to just potential leaders. E. Menz suggested email. Omohundro said membership application forms should be prepared with Laurentian Chapter designation already completed. B. Madore suggested the kits should include the newsletter. M. Hebert suggested kits could be downloaded from the web. G. Ames offered to do mailings. H. Easter is looking into having business cards made. There was some discussion about submission of backtrack reports. B. Madore stated he used to email his reports to Armond Spencer.

5. Expenses for Bridges on Grasse River Tributaries below Lampson Falls – \$500 has been allocated for a cooperative project with DEC. We may apply for Jamieson funds for the project. It is anticipated only a few hundred dollars will be needed for lumber.
6. Expenses Grant to Northern Forest Canoe Trail for Presentation at Spring Pot Luck – The current budget includes mileage reimbursement for the presenter.
7. Proposal to Offer Low-Cost ADK Memberships to Members of University Outdoor Clubs – This is a complex issue. D. Trithart will report on this at our next meeting.
8. Chapter Basket for A Black Fly Affair – May 21<sup>st</sup> is the date of the Affair – E. Menz says Betsy Tisdale made the baskets from stuff she had collected. B. Madore volunteered his wife to compile and arrange the basket. J. Barron will send out an email soliciting contributions of a basket, contents or organization. He will ask volunteers to bring things to the potluck. It was suggested that the request for volunteers be put on the website.

9. Nominating Committee – Request for Suggestions for Members – The nominating committee should be set by our next meeting in May. We need volunteers. J. Barron indicated that appointed officers can serve on the nominating committee. B. Madore suggested Vasily Cateforis. It was pointed out that a master membership list would be handy to help identify potential candidates. Board members who have suggestions should email J. Barron. John will send an email to Board members to solicit suggestions.

10. Bylaws Committee

J. Barron reported that a photocopy of our bylaws has been posted to the website. The bylaws need to be reviewed every five years. B. Madore and H. Easter have volunteered to serve on the committee. J. Barron indicated that appointed officers can serve on the nominating committee. The bylaws issues is not urgent, but we need to make progress. J. Barron distributed copies of the bylaws. He asked Executive Committee members to look them over, and send comments and suggestions to the Bylaws Committee.

Next Meeting: Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup>.

B. Madore made a motion to adjourn, G. Ames seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marianne Hebert  
Secretary

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03/19/10  
Cash Basis

**Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter  
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual  
January 1 through March 15, 2010**

	<u>Jan 1 - Mar 15, 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Advertising Income	50.00	200.00
Interest Income	0.49	125.00
Membership Dues Received	933.90	4,300.00
Product Sales	24.95	250.00
Other Income	325.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,334.34</u>	<u>4,875.00</u>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
Purchases for Resale	0.00	185.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>185.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	1,334.34	4,690.00
<b>Expense</b>		
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00
ADK General Fund Contribution	0.00	1,000.00
Campership	975.00	650.00
Friends of Higley Donation	100.00	100.00
ADK H.S. Vol Trail Program	0.00	500.00
General Expense		
Business Cards	0.00	75.00
Cooperation with DEC	0.00	500.00
Publicity Flyers	0.00	50.00
Director	0.00	315.00
Website Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Prizes and Awards	0.00	120.00
Hospitality Committee	0.00	125.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	100.00
General Expense - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total General Expense</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,285.00</u>
Local Trail Maintenance		
Red Sandstone Maintenance	0.00	250.00
Stone Valley Maintenance	0.00	250.00
Local Trail Maintenance - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Local Trail Maintenance</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Newsletter		
Newsletters & Brochures	107.50	580.00
Postage	0.00	780.00
Newsletter - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Newsletter</b>	<u>107.50</u>	<u>1,360.00</u>
Offices		
Chair	0.00	75.00
Conservation	0.00	50.00
Education	0.00	50.00
Membership	36.39	90.00
Newsletter Editor	0.00	50.00
Outings	0.00	75.00
Publicity	0.00	25.00
Secretary	0.00	25.00
Treasurer	0.00	25.00
Offices - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Offices</b>	<u>36.39</u>	<u>465.00</u>

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**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
January 1 through March 15, 2010

	<u>Jan 1 - Mar 15, 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Programs</b>		
Outdoor-Indoor Programs	30.00	55.00
Potlucks	85.00	300.00
Programs - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Programs</b>	<u>115.00</u>	<u>355.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>1,333.89</u>	<u>6,215.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>0.45</u></u>	<u><u>-1,525.00</u></u>

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**Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of March 15, 2010

	<u>Mar 15, 10</u>	<u>Mar 15, 09</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
North Country Savings-Checking	1,754.29	1,793.16
SeaComm Federal Credit Union CD	3,000.00	0.00
SeaComm FCU-Regular Shares	5.00	0.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>4,759.29</u>	<u>1,793.16</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
North Country Savings-Money Mkt	1,571.09	1,174.98
North Country Savings CD	0.00	3,332.37
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>1,571.09</u>	<u>4,507.35</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>6,330.38</u>	<u>6,300.51</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>6,330.38</b></u>	<u><b>6,300.51</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Other Current Liabilities		
Sales Tax Payable	29.13	2.81
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>29.13</u>	<u>2.81</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>29.13</u>	<u>2.81</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	29.13	2.81
<b>Equity</b>		
Fund Balance	6,075.55	6,075.55
Retained Earnings	225.25	0.00
Net Income	0.45	222.15
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>6,301.25</u>	<u>6,297.70</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>6,330.38</b></u>	<u><b>6,300.51</b></u>