

Adirondack Mountain Club Laurentian Chapter
Executive Committee Meeting May 20, 2010
Minutes DRAFT

The Chapter meeting was held Thursday May 20, at 7 PM, in the Barben Room B, Cheel Campus Center, Clarkson University

Officers Attending: John Barron, Hollis Easter, Marianne Hebert, Blair Madore.

Appointed Positions Attending: Dick Moors, Geri Ames, John Omohundro.

Approval of agenda and minutes of last meeting – J. Barron noted that his list of changes was inadvertently omitted. M. Hebert will include them in the final draft. Madore moved, G. Ames 2nd. The minutes with pending amendments were approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

Chair – John Barron

J. Barron reported that the Genesee Valley Chapter was planning an Outdoor Day on June 12th at Menden Pond Park. Information is available on their web site. J. Barron attended the Raquette River Blue Way Corridor event held at the Wild Center. The purpose of the event was to generate public interest in the Raquette River.

J. Barron reported that the Conservation Committee voted down the proposal to use Jamison Funds for the legal fees for the defense of Lows Lake. It was felt there were better projects for the use of the Jamison Funds. The Committee is pursuing other sources of funding for the defense of Lows Lake.

J. Barron noted that there was some confusion about a proposal to add trails at Lampson Falls. There is not a Chapter proposal to add trails. Steve Papsn from Saint Lawrence University has been bringing student crews to work at Lampson Falls and has proposed additional trails. However, the DEC unit management plan for Lampspn Falls is being delayed due to lack of funding. It was noted that there are Chapter members who are opposed to additional trails, and would like to keep the Falls wild.

J. Barron announced he is looking for trip leaders. The Blue Way Corridor has asked the Chapter to lead Stone Valley trips on July 17th for the

Colton Country Days event. Trips should be suitable for kids. They are also looking for trip leaders for the Raquette River awareness week, July 31 – August 8. H. Easter will try to include the events in the Outing schedule.

Vice Chair Outings – Hollis Easter

H. Easter announced he was getting good reports back from outing leaders. He will be sending an email tonight soliciting leaders for the new outing schedule. There was some discussion about backtrack reports. Not all trip leaders are sending in their reports. B. Madore questioned what leaders should be doing with the liability forms. It was noted the liability forms are a photo release form. J. Omohundro stated he thinks the release forms used to be forwarded to the archivist.

Vice Chair Education – Blair Madore

B. Madore announced he is trying to get together a new hiker hikes. He has several leaders and ideas lined up. He will get the descriptions to H. Easter by the end of the month. B. Madore also has compiled a basket for the ADK Black Fly Affair auction. The basket theme is “The Friendly Border.” The flyer for the basket is appended to the minutes. J. Barron is planning to attend the Black Fly Affair, and will bring the basket.

Vice Chair Membership – Geri Ames

G. Ames reported we currently have 439 members. Membership is down slightly. She also reported there seems to be administrative problems with membership renewals and new members. Several members have reported sending renewal checks to ADK, but the renewals aren’t going through.

Vice Chair Conservation – Peter O’Shea

No report

Treasurer – Ellie Menz

J. Barron emailed the Treasure’s report with the meeting agenda on May 17. It is appended to the minutes.

Director – David Trithart

No report.

Archivist – Carolyn Kaczka

No report.

Publicity – Tom Ortemeyer

T. Ortemeyer reported he attended the meeting on May 26th for the Saint Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is working on compiling a bike atlas.

Secretary – Marianne Hebert
No report.

E-Letter Editor – Dick Mooers

D. Mooers reported he has not getting any feedback on the e-letter. He questioned whether the e-letter has any utility. He uses the e-letter to send reminders, and occasional announcements. After brief discussion, the Board agreed that the e-letter should be continued. It was suggested that we try to get a full membership list from ADK and use the email addresses to invite members to subscribe to the list.

North Wind / Red Sandstone Trail Coordinator– John Omohundro

J. Omohundro announce the upcoming Lampson Falls outing Saturday on May 29th with John Wood from the DEC. The day will include the usual cleanup and some trail work, including the building of four bridges. Materials cost \$252. Omohundro will need several volunteers to carry materials.

Should we sponsor a trail for National Trails Day?

J. Barron asked the Board if the Chapter should sponsor a trail for National Trails Day on June 5th. Chapters are invite to make a donation for the ADK National Trails Day. A list of projects is on the ADK web site. <http://www.adk.org/trails/National-Trails-Day.aspx>. The money will not necessarily be used for the trail we sponsor. It was noted that we have budgeted \$1000 for such events, and it would be good publicity for the Chapter. H. Easter made a motion to have the Chapter sponsor a trail for \$500. B. Madore 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously. It was agreed that the donation would go to the “Northville–Placid Trail (BRWA): A series of foot bridges will be assembled on a section of the reroute that was built last season.” If that trail project is not available, it was agreed that the ADK could decide which project to fund.

Should we apply for a Jamieson Fund grant for the trail costs?

J. Omohundro stated we have several trail projects that could be candidates for the Jamieson Fund. B. Madore suggested we have sufficient Chapter funds for projects like Lampson Falls. H. Easter suggested the Jamieson Funds could be better used for new trails, but not to repair old trails. It was noted there isn’t enough funds available to purchase land. It was agreed that we won’t apply for a grant for Lampson Falls, but will keep and eye out for other projects that may qualify.

Bylaws Committee

The Committee hasn't met yet. Armand Spencer has agreed to serve. The by-laws changes need to be ready by the November meeting. J. Barron would like to change the requirement for quorums--from a majority to at least half of the elected board members. B. Madore asked D. Mooers to send e-letter soliciting input from membership regarding by-laws changes. J. Barron requested that J. Omohundro include a similar request in the next issue of the North Wind.

Nominating Committee

J. Barron noted that we have to appoint a nominating committee of at least three members. Appointed officers can serve. Officers who are up for re-election should not serve. Slate needs to be assembled by September or October. Elections are done at the Fall meeting. Open offices include Outings, Membership (G. Ames cannot serve as membership chair again), Treasurer and Conservation.

G. Ames volunteered to serve as Chair the Nominating Committee. She will solicit names for others to serve with her. It was agreed that the terms of office should be included on the web site.

The next meeting will be July 22nd or 29th. B. Madore offered to host it at his house.

B. Madore made the motion to adjourn. H. Easter 2nd. The meeting adjourned at 9:05