

Adirondack Mountain Club Laurentian Chapter
Executive Committee Meeting July 22, 2010
Minutes

The Chapter meeting was held at 7:00pm on Thursday, July 22, 2010 at Blair Madore's house, 19-1/2 Cherry Street, Potsdam.

Officers Attending: John Barron, Hollis Easter, Marianne Hebert, Blair Madore, Geri Ames, David Trithart.

Appointed Positions Attending: Carolyn Kaczka, John Omohundro.

Agenda: G. Ames moved to approve the agenda. H. Easter 2nd the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes from May 20th Executive Committee Meeting: G. Ames moved to approve the minutes. H. Easter 2nd the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

Archives – C. Kaczka
No report.

Outings – H. Easter

Outings seem to be attracting hikers. H. Easter reported he was receiving more backtracks. There was brief discussion on what to do with the liability waiver forms that hikers sign. J. Omohundro suggested they should be kept for three years. J. Barron suggested keeping them one year for potential leaders. It was decided that the Outings Vice-Chair will keep them for three years.

Director – D. Trithart

D. Trithart reported that he attended the June 19th ADK Directors meeting. ADK awards and recognition was a topic of discussion. The ADK is eager to recognize people who do chapter level work. J. Barron has list of the awards. ADK is looking for information from chapters about members who may qualify for ADK awards.

The next issue of the Adirondac magazine will focus on State parks.

D. Trithart reported on the ADK's recent decision on the NY State constitutional amendment for land exchange. Access to the Cathead Mountain trail was closed since the landowner no longer allows access to motorized vehicles. The Conservation Committee of ADK voted to not support the and exchange proposal as the proposal would set a bad precedent as it mostly benefit a private hunting club and provide less benefits to the general public.

ADK has been fighting for the State parks. It appears that the State is not closing any State parks at this time.

The John Brooks Lodge Master plan was adopted with a few corrections.

The ADK budget is doing OK. They are operating with a three-year deficit budget. Revenues are down, but so are expenditures. Memberships are doing pretty well.

North Wind – J. Omohundro

Newsletter deadline is early September. The last issue of the North Wind was printed on the wrong color, yellow instead of blue.

J. Omoundro displayed a poster for Racquette River Awareness Week. He noted the Blueway Corridor logo is very nice.

Omohundro reported on his attendance at the latest the Racquette River Advisory Council meeting. The Racquette River Blueway Corridor Committee requested \$9500 for a kiosk at Sunday Rock in South Colton. The request has not been approved yet. Omohundro will receive more details about specifications. There was brief discussion about Chapter kiosks at places like Lampson Falls.

Omohundro reported on the Red Sandstone Trail trail work. Two bridges were built for \$258.71. YCC did the work. There is more work still to be done including trail cutting. Some areas are overgrown.

H. Easter suggested we could do an Outdoors/Indoors event on trail maintenance ethics and procedures to equip members to do minor trail work as they hike. J. Omohundro welcomed the opportunity to do such a talk. Other suggestions to help educate chapter members on trail maintenance included: creation of a brochure, news box in the North Wind, urge volunteers at potluck, create before and after videos of trail work and upload them to YouTube.

G. Ames – Membership

Membership is doing OK. G. Ames reported on possible Membership slip-ups at ADK Headquarters. At least 3 cases have been reported where members sent renewal checks that were cashed, but their memberships weren't renewed. J. Barron thinks all errors have been corrected. Apparently there was a death at ADK, and membership processing fell behind.

Secretary – M. Hebert

No report

Education – B. Madore

B. Madore reported the New Hiker series is underway. The first one had great attendance. The Chapter will offer at least one in October. Several hikes are planned for Racquette River Awareness week. The Racquette River Blueway Corridor Committee were happy to have our cooperation.

B. Madore reported he is on a Potsdam village committee to look at developing a waterway between Potsdam and Norwood. They are looking to make portages around dams easier. The owner of the pulp and paper mill is willing to give rights for portage on the right side of bank.

H. Easter suggested a winter new hikers series to encourage attendees from summer new hikers. We would need to advertise safety and appropriate attire.

C. Kaczka suggested we contact Heidi Kretser, a noted moose expert for an Outdoors/Indoors event. J. Barron suggested she would be good for the Fall meeting. The idea was enthusiastically endorsed. J. Barron will contact her to see if she can come in November. The board was amenable to pay an honorarium and travel expenses. H. Easter suggested we solicit a donated gift certificate from local merchants. H. Easter will explore possibilities.

J. Barron reported Duncan Cutter had seven hikers for his Colton Country day outing.

Chair's report – J. Barron

J. Barron reported the Chapter has received a thank you letter from ADK Neil Woodworth for the Chapter's donation of \$500 for National Trails Day. The Chapter also received a thank you letter from Deb Zack for the Chapter's basket for the Black Fly Affair.

J. Barron reported that the Racquette River Information Center has requested that a Laurentian chapter representative attend their July 31st opening event. The location is uncertain, maybe Colton. The event is being sponsored by Racquette River Blueway Corridor Committee.

J. Barron reported that the DEC is opening conservation easements for recreational purposes. He is exploring easements with T. Ortemeyer via bicycle. They are planning to lead a chapter trip to the Grass River Recreation Easement on Dean road, near Lampson falls.

Treasurer's Report– Ellie Menz

J. Barron sent the Treasurer's report via email prior to the meeting. It is attached to the end of these minutes.

Bylaws Committee

No report. J. Barron reminded the Committee that the proposed bylaws changes need to be ready by September. The definition of a quorum has been a concern. Bylaws changes need to be voted on at a general member meeting with at least 10% of members. A mail vote is also possible, but would be expensive. Proposed changes have to be submitted to members four weeks in advance.

Nominating Committee – G. Ames

E. Menz agreed to another 2-year term as Treasurer. The Nominating Committee is looking for suggestions for potential candidates for Outings Vice-Chair. They have a nominee for Membership (Hollis Easter), and a candidate for Conservation Vice-Chair (Peter O'Shea).

ADK Award Nominations

J. Barron has a list of awards from the ADK list. The Chapter needs to submit nominees for awards such as:

- Distinguished Volunteer Award – for lifetime of activity
- President's award – to recognize the achievements of an individual

John will send the award list via email and include past recipients.

Laurentian Chapter Distinguished Volunteer Award – C. Kaczka

C. Kaczka distributed copies of the Guidelines from 1997. Any chapter member can nominate a worthy individual. The nomination document needs to be substantive. It is required that the vote is unanimous by executive committee, and is to be kept secret until recognition is made at the Fall or Spring meeting. C. Kaczka and Kathie Batson are working on

nominations for two deserving members. C. Kaczka will send the nominations to J. Barron for distribution and voting.

Other

H. Easter suggested we set up a blog with .rss feeds to include outings and pictures. He suggested it be low key and frequent. Easter volunteers to set up a trial blog. M. Hebert suggested the Chapter create a Facebook group. M. Hebert volunteered to create a Facebook group. B. Madore announced he puts outing photos on Flickr so outing participants can download images.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Blair suggested that we revisit the policy for dogs on outings for next exec meeting agenda

Next meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010

8:53 AM
07/11/10
Cash Basis

Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter
Balance Sheet
As of July 11, 2010

	<u>Jul 11, 10</u>	<u>Jul 11, 09</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
North Country Savings-Checking	1,637.67	2,171.86
SeaComm Federal Credit Union CD	3,042.38	0.00
SeaComm FCU-Regular Shares	5.00	0.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>4,685.05</u>	<u>2,171.86</u>
Other Current Assets		
North Country Savings-Money Mkt	1,571.09	1,174.98
North Country Savings CD	0.00	3,332.37
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,571.09</u>	<u>4,507.35</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>6,256.14</u>	<u>6,679.21</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>6,256.14</u>	<u>6,679.21</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Sales Tax Payable	12.76	24.26
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>12.76</u>	<u>24.26</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>12.76</u>	<u>24.26</u>
Total Liabilities	12.76	24.26
Equity		
Fund Balance	6,300.80	6,075.55
Net Income	-57.42	579.40
Total Equity	<u>6,243.38</u>	<u>6,654.95</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>6,256.14</u>	<u>6,679.21</u>

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**Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter
 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January 1 through July 11, 2010**

	<u>Jan 1 - Jul 11, 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Advertising Income	175.00	200.00
Interest Income	43.61	125.00
Membership Dues Received	2,353.00	4,300.00
Product Sales	207.19	250.00
Other Income	330.59	0.00
Total Income	<u>3,109.39</u>	<u>4,875.00</u>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Purchases for Resale	0.00	185.00
Total COGS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>185.00</u>
Gross Profit	3,109.39	4,690.00
Expense		
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00
ADK General Fund Contribution	500.00	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	251.99	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
Total General Expense	<u>251.99</u>	<u>1,285.00</u>
Local Trail Maintenance		
Red Sandstone Maintenance	257.57	250.00
Stone Valley Maintenance	0.00	250.00
Local Trail Maintenance - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Local Trail Maintenance	<u>257.57</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Newsletter		
Newsletters & Brochures	355.50	580.00
Postage	441.16	780.00
Newsletter - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Newsletter	<u>796.66</u>	<u>1,360.00</u>
Offices		
Chair	0.00	75.00
Conservation	5.02	50.00
Education	0.00	50.00
Membership	53.99	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
Total Offices	<u>59.01</u>	<u>465.00</u>

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	<u>Jan 1 - Jul 11, 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Programs		
Outdoor-Indoor Programs	41.58	55.00
Potlucks	185.00	300.00
Programs - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Programs	<u>226.58</u>	<u>355.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,166.81</u>	<u>6,215.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-57.42</u></u>	<u><u>-1,525.00</u></u>