

Adirondack Mountain Club Laurentian Chapter  
Executive Committee Meeting Nov. 10, 2010  
Minutes

The Executive meeting was held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Colton residence of Chapter Treasurer, Ellie Menz.

**Officers Attending:** John Barron, Ellie Menz, Marianne Hebert

**Appointed positions Attending:** Dick Mooers, John Omohundro, Carolyn Kaczka

**Guests Attending:** Bill Mueller

There was not a quorum of officers present to vote on business, however, reports and discussions were held.

A computer problem resulted in the notes taken on November 10 being unreadable. These are reconstructed from memory by Marianne Hebert and John Barron.

**Outcome of meeting about outing problems, membership, and publicity**

J. Barron gave an update on the Oct. 19, 2010 ad hoc meeting held to discuss concerns over declines in membership and the number of non-members who participate on outings. Barron reported it was a productive meeting and the participants had several recommendations to increase membership and resolve outings problems. A record of that meeting will be circulated.

**Financial situation and possible grant to ADK - Treasurer's Report**

There was discussion as to whether the Chapter had sufficient resources in the treasury to remain fiscally sound, and whether the Chapter had sufficient funds to donate an extra \$500 grant to the Club. It was agreed that while the 2010 budget was tight, as long as there were no unanticipated expenses for the remainder of the year, the budget was sound.

There was considerable discussion as to whether the Executive Committee needed to vote on allocating funds for an additional grant to the Club. Some suggestions were made about how to handle this.

E. Menz reported she has been in contact with the Club Treasurer Jeff Lacy. She discovered she is supposed to submit an annual report to the Club each year. She does not envision that this will be a problem, and will do so at the end of the year.

Copies of the financial statements are appended to these minutes.

**Officer Reports**

**Chair** – John Barron

J. Barron reported he has written a letter to Larry Patzwald, Colton Town Supervisor, on behalf of the Chapter to support a grant submission by the Town of

Colton to build signs and kiosks for the Stone Valley trail. A copy of the letter is appended to these minutes.

**Northwind** – J. Omohundro.

**Red Sandstone Trail** – J. Omohundro

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

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**Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of November 7, 2010

	<u>Nov 7, 10</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
North Country Savings-Checking	1,395.49
SeaComm Federal Credit Union CD	3,064.02
SeaComm FCU-Regular Shares	5.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>4,464.51</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
North Country Savings-Money Mkt	1,571.09
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>1,571.09</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>6,035.60</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>6,035.60</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Other Current Liabilities	
Sales Tax Payable	13.22
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>13.22</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>13.22</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	13.22
<b>Equity</b>	
Fund Balance	6,300.80
Net Income	-278.42
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>6,022.38</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>6,035.60</u></b>

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**Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 January 1 through November 7, 2010

	Jan 1 - Nov 7, 10	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Advertising Income	175.00	200.00
Interest Income	66.08	125.00
Membership Dues Received	2,949.10	4,300.00
Product Sales	213.69	250.00
Other Income	330.63	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,734.50</b>	<b>4,875.00</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
Purchases for Resale	0.00	185.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>185.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>3,734.50</b>	<b>4,690.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
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
<b>General Expense</b>		
Business Cards	0.00	75.00
Cooperation with DEC	251.99	500.00
Publicity Flyers	384.00	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>	<b>635.99</b>	<b>1,285.00</b>
<b>Local Trail Maintenance</b>		
Red Sandstone Maintenance	497.72	250.00
Stone Valley Maintenance	0.00	250.00
Local Trail Maintenance - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Local Trail Maintenance</b>	<b>497.72</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>		
Newsletters & Brochures	509.86	580.00
Postage	455.16	780.00
Newsletter - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Newsletter</b>	<b>965.02</b>	<b>1,360.00</b>
<b>Offices</b>		
Chair	0.00	75.00
Conservation	5.02	50.00
Education	0.00	50.00
Membership	71.59	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>	<b>76.61</b>	<b>465.00</b>

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**Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
January 1 through November 7, 2010

	<u>Jan 1 - Nov 7, 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Programs</b>		
Outdoor-Indoor Programs	41.58	55.00
Potlucks	221.00	300.00
Programs - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Programs</b>	<u>262.58</u>	<u>355.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>4,012.92</u>	<u>6,215.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-278.42</u></u>	<u><u>-1,525.00</u></u>

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November 3, 2010

Mr. Larry Patzwald  
Supervisor, Town of Colton  
94 Main Street  
Colton, New York 13625

Dear Mr. Patzwald –

I am writing on behalf of the Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) to indicate our group's support of a grant application by the Town of Colton under the SAFETEA-LU program.

The Laurentian Chapter is the local branch of the ADK. We have about 400 members, of whom all but about 20 live in St. Lawrence County. Most of the remainder live in nearby areas of New York, Ontario, and Quebec, and a few farther afield. We share the ADK's mission of advocacy in support of wilderness; education of the public in safe and responsible enjoyment of wild lands; and responsible outdoor recreation. Some of our chapter's activities include organizing and running a program of outdoor trips on which the public is welcome to participate; maintaining the Stone Valley and Red Sandstone trails; and running a series of presentations on various topics for members and the public. The chapter represents outdoor interests on the Raquette River Advisory Council (RRAC), which makes grants in support of recreational activities as a condition of power generation licensing. These grants have been instrumental in establishing and maintaining some important trails along the Raquette, including the Red Sandstone and Stone Valley.

The chapter has been the lead organizer of volunteer trail maintenance in Stone Valley for many years; besides much effort of its own it also plans and manages input from others, including university outdoor clubs, the Youth Conservation Corps, and others. We also do what we can to support longer trails, including sending delegations of volunteers to maintain trails in other parts of the State on National Trails Day. We also support trails financially, and made a contribution in support of the Northville Placid Trail earlier this year. These trails have the potential to be linked into a cohesive network, and we applaud the Raquette River Blueway Corridor group's thinking in this regard.

We have been specifically thinking along the lines of establishing information kiosks in various parts of the St. Lawrence County, as a way to educate the public about the self-propelled outdoor activities available to them and the areas in which they can be practiced. In January of this year we discussed this with representatives of the Potsdam office of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and we could not be happier than to find that in certain areas others with the same goals as ours are out in front of us. The information that the originators of this proposal plan to present to the users of the trail system by way of the kiosks includes the principles of "Leave No Trace", which are espoused and taught by the ADK.

We would expect the public at large to experience enhanced awareness and enhanced enjoyment of this trail system in many different disciplines because of this proposal. They include hiking, snowshoeing, skiing, on-road cycling, and in areas where environmental considerations make it feasible, mountain biking. Canoeing and kayaking can be practiced on flat water nearby, and extreme kayaking is available in Stone Valley to those with the equipment and skills required.

In summary, we at the Laurentian Chapter endorse and support this proposal. It will be of great benefit to all in our region who enjoy self-propelled outdoor recreation, whether they are members of the ADK or not.

Sincerely,

John Barron  
Chair, Laurentian Chapter  
Adirondack Mountain Club  
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