

Adirondack Mountain Club Laurentian Chapter  
Executive Committee Meeting May 18, 2011  
Minutes

The Executive meeting was held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at the residence of David Trithart, Barclay Street, Potsdam.

**Officers Attending:** John Barron, Hollis Easter, Marianne Hebert, Bill Mueller, David Trithart, Blair Madore.

**Appointed Positions Attending:** Carolyn Kaczka, Dick Mooers, Tom Ortmeyer.

**Guests:** Mark Martin

## AGENDA

### **Educational Affiliate Program**

J. Barron reported on the Adirondack Mountain Club Educational Affiliate Program. John Gilewicz is launching a program to encourage college outing clubs to become ADK members. Colleges do not pay student costs, but the colleges can collect the membership fees and forward them to the Club. Affiliate membership is \$25 per year (normal cost is \$40 for students). The program would have an appointed organizer at the college, and the Chapter would have an appointed Mentor and Social Networking Coordinator.

C. Kaczka raised concerns about the commitment by the Chapter, and the resources that would be needed to have separate outings, to develop courses, etc. J. Barron stated the Chapter may tailor the program as they choose. It was suggested that the Associated Colleges could use the Affiliate program as a recruitment tool. There was some discussion about the need to grow new young members. C. Kaczka suggested the Chapter doesn't need to get involved. M. Martin suggested we target young professionals and families not students who leave within 4 years. It was also noted that the Associated Colleges all have active outing clubs.

J. Barron reported that he has contacted three of the four Associated Colleges. He reported that Marc Simon from SUNY Potsdam is in favor of the program and is willing to participate. H. Easter noted that after students take a backpacking or paddling course, there isn't a way for them to pursue the activity. He also suggested that \$25 is good sell, and would pay for parking at the Loj, 3 times. D. Trithart suggested that students would prefer to hike with their age group. There was some discussion of the logistics of running parallel outings. H. Easter asked whether the Chapter received any of the Affiliate member dues, and whether student members would be full members. It was suggested that 30% of the Affiliate dues would not cover costs for newsletters, postage, etc.

D. Trithart suggested the Chapter start by focusing on one college as a trial. It was agreed that the Chapter approach SUNY Potsdam and Mark Simon. C. Kaczka suggested the initiative needs a vote. B. Madore made a motion that J. Barron should approach SUNY Potsdam to set up an Affiliate program with J. Barron as mentor. H. Easter made a friendly amendment that the program be tried for 1 year. B. Mueller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Spring Outing 2013**

J. Barron raised the question as to whether the Chapter should host the Spring Outing in 2013. He suggested that Potsdam–Canton has more potential than Cranberry Lake. There is enough time to plan and think about possibilities. The Spring Outing could be held in late May or June after graduations. T. Ortmeyer volunteered to talk to people at Clarkson. M. Hebert volunteered to talk to Conference services at SUNY Potsdam. B. Madore queried as to what kind of manpower would be needed. The event would require organizers, leaders for outings, volunteers for registration, brochures, mailings, and coordinators for housing, food, etc. Last Fall, the Club had 150 attendees at the Fall Outing. Spring Outing happens less frequently, about ½ the time. Ken Kaufman is Chair of Club Outings and would be a good resource. There is an operational notebook for the outings. The Spring Outing typically includes: 2 meals per day, box lunch options, evening events (Saturday social and Sunday banquets), social hour, music, and accommodations. We could expect 100–150 people. Prices usually are around \$120 per attendee.

### **Nominating Committee**

J. Barron reported on the progress of the Nominating Committee. He has two volunteers to serve on the Committee, T. Ortmeyer and B. Madore. He is still looking for volunteer to take on the Education Chair role. There are four offices up for election: Chair, Director, Education Vice Chair and Secretary. J. Barron is willing to run for Chair for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

### **Trail Projects**

J. Barron reported on communications from Susan Omohundro regarding flooding on the Red Sandstone Trail. Several bridges are out. John Omohundro will be contacting trail crews to do trail work. There is no news from Mark Simon on the Stone Valley trail.

M. Martin reported on a proposed mountain bike trail on the west side of Stone Valley. Flagged portions of the proposed trail are out in the field. Brookfield representative (property owner) has yet to give their OK. The proposal is for a beginners–intermediate trail to draw bikers away from river trail. It is not clear if there will be a connection to north side of trail. They will try to keep hikers and mountain bikes separate. There are expert level trails on the east side.

Postwood Park also has potential for a mountain bike trail. Terrain features lend themselves to beginner–intermediate trails on the East side of River road. It is drier and there are rolling hills. Mark is interested in taking on the Postwood

Park project, and is working with Dawn Howard, the County Forest agent on the proposed trails. B. Madore suggested that the mountain bike trails should be maintained in the winter as x-country ski trails. M. Martin expressed concerns about the logging schedule. The west side of River Road has been extensively logged, and the trails are ruined.

Mark Lowell is looking for volunteers to work on the St. Lawrence University campus trail project.

J. Barron reported on the survey of Sevey's Corners done by Armond Spenser and John Wood. Peter O'Shea is advocating for better access on such easements. There is a complex of trails, an old DEC portage, a camping site and easement access. J. Barron thinks they may have looked at the wrong site. B. Madore reported that the satellite maps suggests there may be an access road at Sevey's Corners. B. Madore has a Boy Scout in his troop looking for an Eagle Scout project. He suggested the Moody Falls to Moose Head Falls trail at Sevey's corner might be a good project. There are three separate access roads.

It was noted that the Chapter want to advance use of conservation easements. D. Trithart suggested we have enough damaged trails that need our attention.

J. Barron reported on Copper Rock Falls as a possible trail project. He reported that John Woods says there is no Unit Management Plan for Copper Rock Falls, and therefore it is off limits. J. Barron stated that, three years ago the site was identified by John Woods as needing some work. T. Ortmeyer questioned whether a new Unit Management Plan was in the works.

It was agreed that for the short term the Chapter needed to work on existing trails, and we can continue to scout other easement access trails. Boy Scout projects will need logistical help, and expertise in designing a project.

J. Barron stated the next priority is to identify the best trail project at Sevey's Corners. The main purpose is for canoe access and portage along the falls. He suggested a trails meeting may be in order.

### **Awards – Request for Suggestions**

J. Barron distributed a handout on Chapter Awards. Nominations are welcome.

### **Request for volunteer to monitor trail registers in Stone Valley, also to report trail conditions there**

J. Barron reported that he had a request from Mark Simon for a volunteer to monitor the sign registers at Stone Valley. There are four sign registers at each point of access. Brookfield power would like to use the information. Mark Martin volunteered.

### **Garage sale of outdoor gear to raise funds for the chapter**

D. Mooers volunteered to host a Chapter garage sale in Spring of 2012. He queried as to whether the Chapter's finances needed a sale. J. Barron stated that with additional funds, we could do bigger trail projects and scholarships. There was a lot of enthusiasm for a scholarship-based sale. B. Madore reported that the Clarkson and St. Lawrence University outing clubs do this, but they haven't been very robust in the past few years. It was suggested the second Saturday in May (May 12<sup>th</sup>) would be a good date.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Chair – J. Barron**

J. Barron gave an update on the Raquette River Blueway Corridor. Various groups are interested in promoting the Raquette as a resource for tourism and recreation. The theme this year is Fishing. 25 people attended the last meeting. \$4000 has been raised to build kiosks. Mark Simon is assisting J. Barron with providing information for the kiosk, flyers, and handouts, which will include information about Stone Valley, Higley Flow for skiing, bike trails, etc. The first kiosk prototype will be in Colton (not Sunday Rock as was previously announced).

J. Barron and T. Ortmeyer reported on developments concerning a multi-use cross county trail proposal for St Lawrence County. A draft [DEC impact statement](#) is out for public comment until mid-June. Comments can be sent to Bill Dashnaw. The generic environmental impact statement covers the cross-county multi-use trails (an initiative driven by ATVerS). There is a half-million dollar grant from the Empire state development fund (NYS) to improve signage and provide trail maintenance for bridges, gates, etc. The proposed trail is largely on roads.

J. Barron asked if maps of the cross county trail were available, and what was the extent of the trails. The map included with the impact statement is not clear.

H. Easter asked if there were a position Chapter members should take in responding to the impact statement. T. Ortmeyer reported he is in favor of the cross-country trail, but has questions about the laws regarding ATVs on county roads (as opposed to state roads). The proposal is mostly on town and county roads,

There were other concerns expressed about ATVs going off the designated county trail onto hiking trails and whether signs will make it clear that ATVs are not allowed. It was pointed out that ATV trails are not good for mountain biking.

J. Barron suggested there should be separate trails for ATVs and non-motorized vehicles. The mountain bike community would support ATV trails as long as the ATVs stay on the motorize trails. Enforcement of abuse is still a question.

J. Barron reported that D. Katz has asked for a volunteer to serve as backup to the webmaster. D. Trithart volunteered. D. Trithart will meet with D. Katz in the near future to learn how the site is configured and domain name is preserved

J. Barron reported that Raquette River Blueway Corridor is hosting its annual Awareness Week, July 30 to August 6th, and they are looking for the Chapter to sponsor outings. Last year the Chapter sponsored three trips. The outings should feature the Raquette in some way. It was suggested that the outings feature the history of commercial ventures on the Raquette River, along Stone Valley (i.e. logging, leather, mining, railroads). Several local historians were named as potential trip leaders: (1) Jim Carl, (2) Evelyn Riehl, (3) J. and S. Omohundro, or Art Johnson. The outings should be added to the chapter outings.

#### **Vice-Chair, Membership – H. Easter**

H. Easter reported on the membership summary for March (attached). The Chapter currently has 408 total members. J. Barron queried, whether had received the names of new members. H. Easter said he has received just one in February. The Club is still ironing out wrinkles. Member names for mailing lists go directly to J. Omohundro for the newsletter distribution.

#### **Director – D. Trithart**

D. Trithart reported on the policy changes regarding chapter outings being developed by the Club. He communicated Chapter concerns to Virginia Etu at the ADK reception. He will be bringing the concerns to the next director's meeting. He also reported briefly on the Club budget. Details are reported in the Adirondack newsletter.

#### **Publicity – T. Ortmeyer**

T Ortmeyer reported that publicity is going well. NCPR request to include exact times and meeting places of outings has been resolved. The photo-contest is progressing well and he is looking for judges. B. Madore volunteered to serve as contest judge.

#### **E-Newsletter Editor – D. Mooers**

D. Mooers reported he recently forwarded a message from the Club regarding hydrofracking legislation to the e-newsletter.

#### **Archivist – C. Kaczka**

No report.

#### **Vice-Chair, Outings – B. Mueller**

B. Mueller reported that Spring outings are going well. Two outings were cancelled (Algonquin and Map & Compass) due to no registrations. A few outings were cancelled due to poor weather.

#### **Vice-Chair, Education – B. Madore**

B. Madore reported he has four teens signed up for the ADK High School Trails program. Three are being sponsored by the Chapter, the forth by donation. He

hasn't received confirmation on the fourth student yet. The other three are confirmed. The two Indoor/Outdoor events went well.

**Treasurer - Ellie Menz**

J. Barron reported that the finance report (appended to these minutes) was emailed to the Executive Board. The Chapter finances are on track.

**Other**

B. Madore queried whether the Chapter should make a donation to the fund raising campaign for a ski cabin at Higley Flow. It was noted that the Chapter already does an annual donation to the Higley Friends. D. Trithart reported he is involved in the Higley project. They are working on identifying lead donors.

**Next meeting**

C. Kaczka volunteered to host the next meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> of July. She suggested a 3:00pm paddle, 5:30pm picnic, with a board meeting at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

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**Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of May 14, 2011

	<u>May 14, 11</u>	<u>May 14, 10</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
North Country Savings-Checking	1,056.69	1,790.00
SeaComm FCU CD 12/15/11 1.34%	3,085.59	3,020.88
SeaComm FCU-Regular Shares	5.00	5.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>4,147.28</u>	<u>4,815.88</u>
Other Current Assets		
North Country Savings-Money Mkt	1,077.89	1,571.09
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,077.89</u>	<u>1,571.09</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>5,225.17</u>	<u>6,386.97</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>5,225.17</b></u>	<u><b>6,386.97</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Sales Tax Payable	2.24	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>2.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>2.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	2.24	0.00
Equity		
Fund Balance	5,626.46	6,300.80
Net Income	-403.53	86.17
Total Equity	<u>5,222.93</u>	<u>6,386.97</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>5,225.17</b></u>	<u><b>6,386.97</b></u>

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**Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter  
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual  
January 1 through May 14, 2011**

	<u>Jan 1 - May 14, 11</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Advertising Income	150.00	200.00
Interest Income	0.42	125.00
Membership Dues Received	929.00	3,500.00
Product Sales	0.00	250.00
Other Income	400.85	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,480.27</u>	<u>4,075.00</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>	1,480.27	3,890.00
<b>Expense</b>		
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00
ADK General Fund Contribution	0.00	500.00
Campership	700.00	650.00
Friends of Higley Donation	0.00	100.00
ADK H.S. Vol Trail Program	750.00	500.00
<b>General Expense</b>		
Business Cards	0.00	0.00
Cooperation with DEC	0.00	250.00
Publicity Flyers	0.00	50.00
Director	0.00	330.00
Website Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Prizes and Awards	0.00	160.00
Hospitality Committee	0.00	125.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
General Expense - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total General Expense</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>915.00</u>
<b>Local Trail Maintenance</b>		
Red Sandstone Maintenance	0.00	200.00
Stone Valley Maintenance	0.00	200.00
Local Trail Maintenance - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Local Trail Maintenance</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
<b>Newsletter</b>		
Newsletters & Brochures	321.27	580.00
Postage	0.00	780.00
Newsletter - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Newsletter</b>	<u>321.27</u>	<u>1,360.00</u>
<b>Offices</b>		
Chair	0.00	75.00
Conservation	0.00	0.00
Education	0.00	50.00
Membership	0.00	90.00
Newsletter Editor	0.00	0.00
Outings	0.00	75.00
Publicity	0.00	25.00
Secretary	0.00	0.00
Treasurer	0.00	25.00
Offices - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Offices</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>340.00</u>

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**Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
January 1 through May 14, 2011

	<u>Jan 1 - May 14, 11</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Programs</b>		
Outdoor-Indoor Programs	20.00	55.00
Potlucks	92.53	400.00
Programs - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Programs</b>	<u>112.53</u>	<u>455.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>1,883.80</u>	<u>5,220.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-403.53</u></u>	<u><u>-1,330.00</u></u>

Laurentian New Member Report for March 2011

Laurentian

Category	Count	Total Collected	Chapter Share (30%)
Adult	7	\$290.00	\$87.00
Family	9	\$540.00	\$162.00
Senior	2	\$90.00	\$27.00
Senior Family	3	\$150.00	\$45.00
Student	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 Year Adult	1	\$50.00	\$15.00
2 Year Family	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 Year Senior	1	\$40.00	\$12.00
2 Year Senior Family	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 Year Student	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
3 Year Adult	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
3 Year Family	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
3 Year Senior	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
3 Year Senior Family	1	\$50.00	\$15.00
3 Year Student	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Intro Adult	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Intro Family	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life FAmily	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Affiliates	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$1,210.00</b>	<b>\$363.00</b>

Laurentian total chapter share for the month of March is: \$363.00

**ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB**  
**MARCH 2011 AFFILIATE COUNT**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Count</b>
Adirondak Loj	43
Albany	52
Algonquin	9
Binghamton	2
Black River	8
Cold River	18
Finger Lakes	2
Foothills	6
Genesee Valley	14
Glens Falls-Saratoga	55
Hurricane Mountain	35
Iroquois	10
Keene Valley	23
Lake Placid	3
Laurentian	10
Long Island	6
Mid-Hudson	12
Mohican	8
New York	13
Niagara Frontier	2
North Jersey Ramapo	20
North Woods	25
NPTrail	1
Onondaga	24
Schenectady	59
Shatagee Woods	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>467</b>