

Adirondack Mountain Club Laurentian Chapter  
Executive Committee Meeting Sept 22, 2011  
Minutes

The Executive Committee meeting was held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, Sept 22, 2011, at the Canton Free Library

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

**Appointed Positions Attending:** John Omohundro.

**Guests:** Dana Chudzinski

**AGENDA**

**Approval of Agenda** – H. Easter moved, D. Trithart 2<sup>nd</sup>. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**Approval of the July 20 Minutes** – J. Barron moved, D. Trithart 2<sup>nd</sup>. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Report of Nominating Committee** – Committee members were unable to attend the meeting. J. Barron reported on their behalf. D. Chudzinski is considering volunteering for the open Secretary position. D. Trithart has volunteered to continue as Director, and J. Barron as Chair. The nominating Committee is still seeking candidates for the Vice Chair of Education position. H. Easter suggested we write better descriptions for officer positions, and that we query the membership for volunteers to serve.

**Spring Outing 2013 - Decision whether to Hold**

J. Barron has been in contact with the ADK Outings Committee about having the Chapter host the 2013 Spring Outing. Based on his exchanges with the ADK Outings Committee, he has solicited volunteers for the four ADK recommended offices for the outing planning,

- Overall coordinator - J. Barron
- Outings - B. Mueller
- Registration and Facilities Organizer - M. Hebert
- Publicity - T. Ortmeyer and David Katz. ADK Headquarters has publicity facilities and a graphic designer.

Dates of the proposed Spring Outing: June 14-16 2013

H. Easter asked about potential disadvantages to hosting the Spring Outing. Will it cost the Chapter? J. Barron replied that we will try to run a small profit. All profits will go to the Chapter. Will the Chapter need liability insurance? Yes. M. Hebert reported that SUNY Potsdam will require that the Club supply a certificate of insurance.

J. Barron moved to have the Chapter host the Spring Outing. D. Trithart 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was approved unanimously. J. Barron indicated that E. Menz had previously provided her proxy vote in favor of the proposal.

M. Hebert agreed to ask the SUNY Potsdam Conference Office about how much flexibility we will have regarding the number of attendees, and when the Chapter will need to know the cap. H. Easter suggested we ask SUNY Potsdam Alumni Association to publicize the event, as alumni might be interested in attending. M. Hebert will make reservations for the event and get any agreement forms to be signed.

J. Barron suggested a potential theme/title could be: "Spring in the North Country"

### **GPS Special Interest Group - Track Data, Perhaps Other**

The Onondaga Chapter is seeking ADK members who use GPS tracking data who would be willing to share the tracking data. The Onondaga Chapter is thinking of creating a GPS special interest group. D. Trithart suggested we put the invitation in the Chapter newsletter. He also suggested Chapter members might be interested in a GPS workshop. It was agreed the Chapter will try to publicize the GPS tracking initiative on the web and in the newsletter, and possibly in the E-letter. It was suggested this would be good venue to exchange track files on "bushwack hikes" and to include photos and geocodes.

### **Where to hold New Year's Day Party 2012**

J. Barron reported the annual New Year's Day Party will cost \$125 to hold it at Clarkson. J. Barron noted that Joanne Ferris is researching area churches and community centers, for alternate sites, but has nothing concrete to report as yet. Catamount Lodge is not an option. J. Barron will book Clarkson for now.

### **Educational Affiliate Program - Possible Interest from Other Schools**

J. Barron reported on his recent meeting with participants interested in the Educational Affiliates Program (EAP), held at SUNY Potsdam on Sept. 21. He noted that the meeting went well. There were ~15 students, including students from Clarkson, St. Lawrence and Canton. Mark Simon has made arrangements for EAP fee payments at SUNY Potsdam for students who want to participate. The SUNY Potsdam Student Government Association (SGA) has agreed to administer the payments. Oct. 15 is the tentative deadline for students to submit their membership forms, as the Club would like the EAP memberships to be submitted in batch.

J. Barron noted he encouraged students to participate on Chapter trips. Students expressed interest in workshops or courses on the following topics: Leave-no-Trace, Wilderness First-aid, and Outdoor Leadership. Workshops and Trail Maintenance events was the most popular topic.

### **Facebook – Social Media Coordinator appointive position**

M. Hebert has volunteered to serve as a Social Media Coordinator. She has created Facebook and Twitter accounts for the Chapter. There was some discussion about codifying guidelines for posting events and news. It was agreed that the social media content would follow the spirit of the discussions for other publicity content. H. Easter moved to appoint M. Hebert to the position. D. Trithart 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was approved unanimously. M. Hebert announced that H. Easter has been added as an administrator to the Facebook Account. She will add Hollis to the Twitter account as well.

### **Reports of Officers**

#### **Director – D. Trithart**

D. Trithart announced he missed the last Club meeting due to illness. ADK Club Trail Work Day in response to Hurricane Irene is scheduled for Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. There are eight projects scheduled. J. Barron has four student volunteers.

T. Ortmeyer has 4-5 volunteers lined up.

D. Trithart reported that the Club has been very involved with hydrofracking issues and has been taking the lead statewide. The Club is also keeping an eye on Lows Lake and Tupper Lake developments. Trithart also noted the Club's Publication division has been losing money steadily. They need to figure out a solution to the deficit. Sales of trail guides has gone down, but expenses have also gone down as

they are doing smaller runs. The Club is working on cooperative projects with National Geographic for maps and single trail guides.

Trithart reported there will also be a loss of revenue from Johns Brook Lodge and the Loj facilities closing due to Hurricane Irene.

#### **Outings – Bill Mueller**

The Outings Report is appended to these minutes.

B. Mueller also reported he and J. Omohundro scoped out the proposed mountain bike trail on the west side of Stone Valley. The survey went well. The proposed trail is up on the ledge, not near the hiking trail. There are quite a few ravines. Overall, Bill and John approve of the proposed trail.

#### **Red Sandstone Trail Coordinator - J. Omohundro**

J. Omohundro reported on the trail work progress for the Red Sandstone Trail. There is an upcoming Trail Work Day, and work opportunities are available at every level. Some work was done over the Summer. He has receipts for ~\$16 for the Treasurer. J. Omohundro reported he has trail work volunteers from SUNY Potsdam, Chapter volunteers, and Youth Conservation Corps.

#### **North Wind - J. Omohundro**

Omohundro reported he has extra copies of North Wind. He also reported the Chapter postage permit is out of date. The Chapter can save \$37 per issue if we change the permit.

#### **Membership – H. Easter**

H. Easter reported on the latest membership reports from Laurie Schweighardt, ADK Membership Director. The Summary report, and New Members reports are appended to these minutes. Currently we have 77 adults, 88 families, 246 households, 369 voting members, 411 total members. H. Easter reported that there are difficulties validating households (spouses, children, etc.). As children age over 18, they will be dropped from household. He noted that as households are validated, we are likely to see a drop in member numbers but not revenues.

#### **Chair – John Barron**

J. Barron reported he had received acknowledgment letters from the Club from Deb Zack and Neil Woodworth, thanking the Chapter for our \$750 donation for the high school volunteer trail sponsorships. John noted that the ADK ask that future donations be sent to development office at ADK headquarters.

Barron also reported for Mark Simon regarding Stone Valley Trail maintenance. Simon is recruiting crew leaders. The proposed mountain bike trail is on hold pending approval by Brookfield power.

#### **Treasurer - E. Menz**

J. Barron reported E. Menz had sent the financial report to him and M. Hebert. J. Barron noted that the Chapter's cash position is lower than last year by \$1000, but \$1000 is what we gave to ADK to last year. He is not concerned about our finances, and noted we are tracking as we ought to. The Treasurers report is appended to these minutes.

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

B. Madore reported that he received a report from the DEC that one of the Camp Colby kids did not show up for camp. He is not sure why at this point. Money the Chapter paid for the scholarship cannot be recovered.

Madore submitted the following report via email on Sept. 22, 2011 reported on the Moody Falls – Seveys Corner trail. [Pat Wheelan etc. came up with a plan. Land owner to facilitate. Plans for DEC in spring to do roads. See email.]

"I put October 16 on the schedule as a work day. Our DEC contacts were a little concerned because we do not yet have a green light to go ahead with work. But they quickly arranged for a meeting with the landowner, Lyme Timber. Today, September 22, I visited the site with Pat Whalen, John Wood and Peter D'Luhosch from the DEC. Additionally the DEC road work person was there and Michael Gersten of Lyme Timber. There was general agreement on a parking area along the existing road at a clearing - about 100 yards from the river. Parking area not to exceed 6 cars - probably 4. Barriers to prevent 4 wheelers proceeding past that spot will be erected. Road work and parking area will happen next year along with a discreet sign at the road. Landowner and DEC wants to keep this area as a primitive river access spot - maintaining the character of the place and keeping the landowner happy.

We scouted a fairly direct path through the woods to a decent spot on the river. It will be a primitive landing (no improvements - just clear brush). The path through the woods passes over a wet spot. John Wood will contact Blanche Town to ensure that the wet spot is small enough to not need further approval from APA. Once that approval is given John wood and I will return to flag EXACT trail path and measure for a bridge over the wet spot. Expect a future request for funds (possibly \$100 - \$200) for materials for the trail work. Hopefully this can happen before October 16 - if not trail work will be postponed until spring. After trail work is done, John Wood will mark with DEC canoe trail markers.

The landowner is concerned about the potential for people to dump garbage in this area. I assured him (without making promises) that our club has a good record of doing annual cleanup at sites we help develop and maintain. He was pleased with this.

What else will happen at Moody Falls? There is an existing herd path along the river to the top of the falls. There is an existing path over a hill to the bottom of the falls. Neither can be developed further without changing UMP (John Woods to double check UMP).

Boy Scout Cliff Reilly wants to fix up the carry trail below the falls. That project should be able to proceed.

Longer term - a change in the UMP may allow for improved canoe carry trail around the falls, and possibly a small hiking loop including existing paths and canoe carries."

**Date of Next Meeting.** Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 2011

J. Omohundo volunteered to host the meeting at his home in Hannawa.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm

ADK-Laurentian Outings-September 19, 2001

**Summer Outings**-We had 23 events scheduled for the period July-September. Two are yet to go, but of the 21 trips behind us, 18 were completed, for a success rate of  $18/23=78\%$ . This summer we have been blessed with good weather. Three trips were cancelled; one each for weather, no-takers and last-minute family emergency of the TL. In general, there was a good turn-out for each trip, although for four of the outings only one other person was present with the trip leader.

**Fall Outings**-We have 15 Outings scheduled for Fall Quarter, October-December, including the Fall potluck on November 6. Four of these are trail work days, 1 bicycle trip, 6 mountain climbs, and 4 trail explorations from mild to strenuous (Leary Trail, Long Pond Loop, and snowshoes at Higley and Indian Creek Nature Center).

I owe much thanks to trip leaders and their generosity in giving their time and energy on behalf of the Laurentian chapter. Thank you!

Bill Mueller-Outings

Membership Summary by Chapter													
August 2011													
Chapter	Adult	Family	Senior	Senior Family	Life	Life Family	Student	Staff	Total Households	Spouses/ Partners	Total Voting	Children	Total Members
Adirondak Loj	128	191	33	31	19		9		411	222	633	130	763
Albany	685	531	157	63	20		19		1475	594	2,069	306	2,375
Algonquin	90	89	50	31	7		2		269	120	389	40	429
Binghamton	54	39	14	8	1		2		118	47	165	18	183
Black River	58	59	23	6			3		149	65	214	33	247
Cold River	41	65	23	47	1				177	112	289	21	310
Finger Lakes	79	95	26	15	6		1		222	110	332	46	378
Foothills	34	34	12	3			2		85	37	122	14	136
Genesee Valley	441	408	126	92	14		13		1094	500	1,594	250	1,844
Glens Falls-Saratoga	514	572	142	111	19		16		1374	683	2,057	366	2,423
Hurricane Mountain	57	94	44	63	6		1		265	157	422	45	467
Iroquois	123	91	43	25	3		3		288	116	404	49	453
Keene Valley	88	125	37	27	11		2		290	152	442	84	526
Lake Placid	41	67	14	7	3		2		134	74	208	40	248
Laurentian	77	88	40	35	3		3		246	123	369	42	411
Long Island	211	128	63	29	7		1		439	157	596	77	673
Member-at-Large	1975	1838	403	283	80		38	86	4703	2121	6,824	805	7,629
Mid-Hudson	177	148	104	44	8		3		484	192	676	72	748
Mohican	119	110	60	23	10		2		324	133	457	64	521
New York	248	178	138	46	22	1	10		643	225	868	99	967
Niagara Frontier	266	203	82	47	5		38		641	250	891	107	998
North Jersey Ramapo	214	171	123	51	18		1		578	222	800	112	912
North Woods	60	90	35	55	5		3		248	145	393	45	438
NPTraill	7	8	1	2			2		20	10	30	4	34
Onondaga	333	283	106	75	7		9		813	358	1,171	153	1,324
Schenectady	168	209	91	75	10		3		556	284	840	141	981
Shatagee Woods	9	19	16	11	1				56	30	86	14	100
Susquehanna	35	54	42	37	1		1		170	91	261	28	289
<b>July 2011 Totals</b>	<b>6,332</b>	<b>5,987</b>	<b>2,048</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>16,272</b>	<b>7,330</b>	<b>23,602</b>	<b>3,205</b>	<b>26,807</b>
<p><b>Note:</b> In our continuing effort to improve the information in our database, we have been validating and correcting the number of <b>Spouses/Partners</b> and <b>Children</b>. This impacts <b>Total Voting</b> and <b>Total Members</b>.</p>													

Laurentian New Member Report for August 2011

Laurentian

Category	Count	Total Collected	Chapter Share (30%)
Adult	7	\$350.00	\$105.00
Family	7	\$420.00	\$126.00
Senior	2	\$80.00	\$24.00
Senior Family	2	\$100.00	\$30.00
Student	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 Year Adult	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 Year Family	1	\$60.00	\$18.00
2 Year Senior	1	\$40.00	\$12.00
2 Year Senior Family	1	\$50.00	\$15.00
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	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
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>21</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>

Laurentian total chapter share for the month of August is: \$330.00

12:29 PM  
09/16/11  
Cash Basis

**Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of September 16, 2011

	<u>Sep 16, 11</u>	<u>Sep 16, 10</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
North Country Savings-Checking	1,420.86	2,013.37
SeaComm FCU CD 12/15/11 1.34%	3,106.32	3,084.75
SeaComm FCU-Regular Shares	5.00	5.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>4,532.18</u>	<u>5,103.12</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
North Country Savings-Money Mkt	1,077.89	1,571.09
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>1,077.89</u>	<u>1,571.09</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>5,610.07</u>	<u>6,674.21</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>5,610.07</b></u>	<u><b>6,674.21</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>		
Sales Tax Payable	2.24	13.22
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>2.24</u>	<u>13.22</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>2.24</u>	<u>13.22</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	2.24	13.22
<b>Equity</b>		
Fund Balance	5,319.28	6,300.80
Net Income	288.55	360.19
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>5,607.83</u>	<u>6,660.99</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>5,610.07</b></u>	<u><b>6,674.21</b></u>

12:29 PM  
09/16/11  
Cash Basis

**Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter  
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual  
January 1 through September 16, 2011**

	<u>Jan 1 - Sep 16, 11</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Advertising Income	300.00	200.00
Interest Income	1.01	125.00
Membership Dues Received	2,186.40	3,500.00
Product Sales	31.91	250.00
Other Income	530.20	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>3,049.52</u>	<u>4,075.00</u>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
Purchases for Resale	38.85	185.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	<u>38.85</u>	<u>185.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	3,010.67	3,890.00
<b>Expense</b>		
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00
ADK General Fund Contribution	0.00	500.00
Campsership	700.00	650.00
Friends of Higley Donation	0.00	100.00
ADK H.S. Vol Trail Program	750.00	500.00
General Expense		
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>
Local Trail Maintenance		
Red Sandstone Maintenance	17.50	200.00
Stone Valley Maintenance	0.00	200.00
Local Trail Maintenance - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Local Trail Maintenance</b>	<u>17.50</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Newsletter		
Newsletters & Brochures	482.59	580.00
Postage	502.00	780.00
Newsletter - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Newsletter</b>	<u>984.59</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>

12:29 PM  
09/16/11  
Cash Basis

**Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
January 1 through September 16, 2011

	<u>Jan 1 - Sep 16, 11</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Programs		
Outdoor-Indoor Programs	20.00	55.00
Potlucks	250.03	400.00
Programs - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Programs</b>	<u>270.03</u>	<u>455.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>2,722.12</u>	<u>5,220.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>288.55</b></u>	<u><b>-1,330.00</b></u>