

Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club
Executive Committee Meeting July 18.2013

Meeting held at Canton Free Library

Officers attending: John Barron, Bill Mueller, Dana Chudzinski, Dave Trithart
Appointed positions attending: Marianne Hebert, Carolyn Kaczka, Dick Mooers

Approval of minutes and agenda of May 10th meeting moved to next meeting

Agenda Items

1) Nominating Committee Report

- reported that Lila Hunnewell has agreed to accept the nomination for vice-chair of membership
- also John Omohundro has agreed to stand for vice chair of conservation
- members attending discussed possible replacements for position of treasurer
- was stated that Bill Mueller has agreed to stand for a second term of vice-chair of outings
- all above mentioned has agreed to accept position if voted in
- a short bio has been requested of each person running to appear in the next issue of the Northwind

2) Proposal to sponsor student for the Johns Brook Valley Teen Adventure

- proposal was made for the chapter to sponsor a student, Conner Hardiman, for the teen adventure in the amount of between 50 and 100 dollars
- discussion took place on the need for the chapter to sponsor such a program
- point was made that a sponsorship such as this may be good publicity for the chapter
- after discussion the member decided a contribution of \$50.00 is in order
- members proposed the check be sent directly to the ADK
- B. Tisdale moved to approve, D. Trithard 2nd, passed unanimously

3) Participation of non-members on outings

- discussion took place on advantages and disadvantages of including non-members on outings
- overall view after discussion was that it is up to the leader to determine to include non-members on outings
- it was proposed that the chapter have a "leaders night" so that leaders could get together and share experiences and ideas
- idea of leadership training was discussed and it was determined the chapter should do more research into such a program

4) Car pooling gas money

- members shared views on how to handle the situation of gas money contributions
- it was pointed out that a mandatory "charge" for gas may get the chapter into assumed liability issues
- proposed it be mentioned through the Northwind and the e-newsletter that gas contributions are appreciated

5) Update on spring outing 2013

- stated the Snell Hall was reserved for the concert
- room reservation for 50-80 rooms have been confirmed
- a recommendation that Thatcher dining hall be used for all meals was made to cut down of confusion
- talk took place on the possibility of a picnic in Leaman Park
- determined that classrooms for speaking outings be reserved a.s.a.p
- members decided to confirm Thatcher at this point
- stated that the St. Lawrence Historical Society has offered to provide speakers for outing and offered their facility for and outing
- determined that all outings should be planned to have group back by 5:00 p.m
- stated that Jeff Miller is booked to do a astronomy presentation

- stated that ADK will have a table at event to sell merchandise
- chapter has plans to sell chapter merchandise at event
- TAUNY has been contacted and offered a table to sell merchandise at event, no response yet
- suggestion was made that an outing to the antique boot museum would be a good idea
- idea of planning a sandstone house tour was discussed
- M. Hebert offered to do a plein air painting outing
- the idea of having a fire ring will have to be looked into
- stated that T.Ortmyer is working on brochure designs

Round Table

D.Trithart

- stated two amendments, one involving land dispute and one involving a land swap, both passed
- stated details are covered in his report in the Northwind
- stated he was waiting for software for the newsletter

B.Mueller

- stated summer schedule is good
- total of 20 outings
- outings included a good mix of bike, paddle, and hikes including 4 high peaks
- stated 18 out of 29 spring outings were completed

D.Chudzinski

- no report

M.Hebert

- stated one new member on facebook

C Kaczka

- no report

D.Moores

- stated 2 Yakama rack systems were given to chapter for chapter garage sale
- stated Wear On Earth gave chapter a kayak and articles of clothing for the sale
- stated there were a good mix of items

J.Barron

- provided financial report from E Menz
- stated Mark Simmon has been contacted asking him what his needs are with the expectation of funds collected in the name of Betty Weeks will be used for maintenance of the Stone Valley Trail
- stated J.Omahundro stated the Red Sandstone Trail will benefit from the St. Law Youth Conservation Corp. concerning trail maintenance
- stated J. Omohundro would like a short bio from the nominating committee candidates for the next Northwind

Announcements

- official opening of the portage at Seveys corners will be open soon
- Raquette River Awareness Week is July 28-Aug 4
- Mary Koffin will be featured speaker at next potluck
- next potluck is Nov 18th in Canton
- Raquette River Experience film is out

Next meeting Oct 11th at M.Heberts house