

Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club
Executive Committee Meeting Oct 11,2012

Meeting held at Marianne Heberts house at 7:00 p.m

Officers attending :Betsy Tisdale,David Trithart,Bill Mueller,Dana Chudzinski and John Barron

Appointed positions attending: John Omohundro, Tom Ortmeyer, Marianne Hebert, Mark Simon and Dick Mooers

Guests: Iggy Ferguson, Blair Madore and Deb Christy

Approval of agenda by consensus

B. Mueller moved to approve minutes of May 10th, 2012 meeting, B. Tisdale 2nd, passed unanimously

B. Mueller moved to approve minutes of July 18th, 2012 meeting, D. Trithart 2nd, passed unanimously

Request for suggestions of how to spend the proceed of Dick Mooers' garage sale

- statement was made that sale brought in a little over \$700.00 as well as the fact that the Betty Weeks fund has raised about the same to date
- discussion took place stating the fact that a member of the Weeks family thought it would be a good idea to spend the money in the Weeks fund
 - on the Stone Valley Trail in some way
- Mark Simon stated that he is working with the RRAC to get reimbursed for the money spent on tools for the Stone Valley Trail
- Mark also stated the RRAC gave him more helmets, safety glasses and work gloves
- Mark stated the next thing he would like to help in the trail building would be a storage shed that would be portable
- overall opinion of Mark is that no money is needed from the chapter at this time
- discussion took place of the need of a heavy duty weed whacker for the chapter
- discussed was the fact that if the RRAC would not pay for the weed whacker, or not all of it, the Weeks fund could make up the difference
- overall view is that the Weeks funds should be set aside at this point
- discussion took place that the funds from the Weeks fund be only for the Stone Valley Trail and should be set aside until needed
- discussed was that the funds from the garage sale be put aside at this point and determined what to spend it on be made later
- one purpose proposed would be to use it to send high school age kids to trail maintenance programs
- members thought it would be a good idea to look into more sponsorship of such programs
- determined at this point to create a line item in budget for both funds
- members thought a garage sale being an annual thing was a good idea

St. Law County Trails Coordinator Deb Christy

- question was asked by Deb on how the trails in the area became to be developed and discussion was made on the subject
- Deb asked members what type of land is used for the local trails
- discussion took place on the fact that trails are on a mix of private and public lands
- Deb commented on how useful the chapter website is
- question came up on if the chapter considered creating gps waypoints on the local trails
- discussion began on the fact that there are many external tools for just such a thing

- it was pointed out that the trails on the website are not owned by chapter but in fact the chapter are stewards of some
- question came up on if the chapter goes by any get guidelines for trail creation and maintenance
- Deb was told the chapter does not go by any get guidelines but tries to keep trails as narrow as possible and use of natural product is encouraged
- question was asked if chapter plans any new trails
- discussion took place on the possible expansion of existing trails and ideas for future mountain bike trails
- question was asked of Deb as far as what the county has planned for future trails
- Deb stated that a county wide trail multi use trail is in the works

Proposal that the chapter sponsor a Venturer group(scouting) with Blare Madore and Iggy Fergusson

- Iggy discussed the basics on how the program works inside scouting
- she stated the scouts have their own insurance and the fact that the program is open to boys and girls age 14-20
- discussed that everything owned by the group would go back to the sponsor in the event that the group dissolved
- stated big part of the group is the fact that the members are required to teach to others what they have learned
- stated that the only thing that the chapter has to provide to form a group would be a rep from the chapter
- idea was brought up of making it a requirement for members of the group to attend ADK teen trails program if chapter sponsors the program
- Iggy stated that members would be from a wide area
- discussion took place on if the chapter should sponsor a scouting program because of the scouts internal policies
- was determined the chapter should contact the Club to get their views
- Iggy stated one reason that she came to the chapter is for the fact she thought the chapter would be a good fit in teaching group how to lead outings

Round Table

B. Madore

- stated the DEC wants eagle scout prospect to make a trail at Moody Falls from the upper falls to the lower falls

D.Trithart

- would like more info on spring outing for the upcoming directors meeting
- software for the Northwind has been installed
- an ADK foundation has been proposed
- ADK budget is behind at this point
- upgrade under way on the ADK website
- ADK plans to post a master outings calendar on website
- ADK will continue to make high peaks and Northville placid maps and National Geographic if produce the rest
- ADK has applied for grant for improvements on the High Peaks Information Center
- Finch Pruyn land proposal going well

B.Mueller

- summer outings went well
- 27 outings so far for spring outing

M.Hebert

- went to fall outing in NorthCreek and did an announcement on chapters spring outing

M.Simon.....no report

T.Ortmeyer.....no report

B.Tisdale.....no report

D.Chudzinski.no report

J Omohundro

- need bios from nominating committee for North Wind

- mention of gas contribution already in North Wind

- YCC did not help with trail work this summer so little behind in that

- newsletter transition going well

J.Barron

- Geri Ames stepping down from merchandising position so replacement is needed

- spring outing plans going well

- description of the EAP on front page of North Wind

next meeting Dec 5th at D.Tritharts house