

Laurentian Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club Executive Committee Meeting April 23,2013

Meeting held at the home of Carolyn Kaczka at 7:00 p.m

Officers attending: John Barron, Mary Jane Watson, Bill Mueller, John Omohundro, Dana Chudzinski, David Trithart, Lila Hunnewell

Appointed positions attending: Carolyn Kaczka, Joann Ferris, Dick Mooers, Marianne Hebert, Tom Ortmeyer

Approval of minutes and agenda

-Agenda approved my consensus

-J.Omohundro moved to approve minutes of Feb. 5th 2013 and B.Mueller 2nd, passed unanimously

(1)Endorsement of nominating committee

-group nominated Carolyn Kaczka, Ann Spencer, and Neal Burdick to be on the nominating committee

VOTE

-D.Trithart moved to approve the above members of the nominating committee, B.Tisdale 2nd, passed unanimously

(2)Amendment of 2013 Budget to raise Camp Colby allotment from \$650 to \$700

VOTE

-raising Camp Colby allotment from \$650 to \$700 passed by consensus

-Red Sandstone trail fund will also be raised to \$400 as per minutes of last meeting, passed by consensus

(3)Educational Grants-Camp Colby, High School Volunteer Trails

-at this time the chapter has budgeted \$500 for Volunteer Trails Program which covers 2 students

-chapter has 4 students at this time that are interested in the trails program

-school counselors from Colton Pierrepont and Canton Central have each given a name of student interested in the program at Camp Colby

-discussed that due to the undated in registration procedures, all fund must be received before applications for program are accepted

-discussed that 4 students are interested in the trails program this year, 2 returning students and 2 new

-discussed whether chapter should increase budget to allow all 4 to attend

-after discussion was decided to ask returning student to contribute \$100 and new student \$0

VOTE

-J.Omohundro moved to ask returning students to contribute \$100 raising the budget from \$500 to \$800, D.Trithart 2nd, passed unanimously

(4) Proposed O'Malley Brook Trail Adjacent To The Stone Valley Trail

-propose trail would be mainly on county property and would be a general purpose trail primarily used by mountain bikes

-Mark Simon is working with county forester on details on trails

-the YCC may take part in helping build the trail

- local bike clubs have offered to help in the maintenance of the trail
 - M.Simon is asking chapter for approval to bring plans of the trail to the county for approval
- VOTE**
- J.Omohundro moved to approve Mark's trail plans,M.Watson 2nd,passed unanimously

(5)AANR Update

- discussed that the DEC is working on a new version of an AANR
- new name given for the program is the Volunteer Steward Program
- discussed the fact that the chapter should leave the option open to get involved in the program
- discussed that if an agreement is ever drawn up the chapter can decide what work they are willing to do
- chapter will revisit the question of such program with suggested sites being Lampson Falls,Moody Falls,and Jamestown Falls

(6)Venturer Sponsorship

- brief description of program was given

VOTE

- L.Hunniwell moved not to sponsor a Venturer Program,D.Trithart 2nd,passed Unanimously

(7) Round Table

M.Watson

- chapter currently has \$1,600 in checking account
- chapter currently has \$3,100 in CDs
- total assets for the chapter are currently \$6,700
- up to this date,chapter has been paying sales tax on all purchases
- will do more research on the mater of if chapter is tax exempt
- \$113 spent on trail maintenance
- \$529 spent on mailing expense
- \$85 spent for room rental for pot lucks
- membership dues collected to date for year are \$1.019
- will check is \$100 sent to Higley Flow Friends was for 2012 or 2013

D.Trithart

- ADK is having budget problems
- ADK has cut staff by 2
- ADK outsourcing more of there publications
- ADK offering digital copy of Adirondac
- DEC has come up with plan for all Finch Pruyn lands with stipulations put on Essex Chain of Lakes
- ADK has received matching funds to work on the H.P.I.C
- ADK website has been re designed
- upcoming events are the Black Fly Affair,Idieride,National Trails Days
- new brochure out for the Northville Placid chapter

J.Ferris

- could use more help at pot lucks

B.Tisdale

- had 4 good outdoors/indoors program
- total of 60 attended

C.Kaczka

-sales of Loon shirts slow

T.Ortmeyer

- parts of the Cross County Trail System may be open by end of year
- county board looking at opening 5 reforestation area for trail
- details of trail still being worked out
- main use of trail will be for ATVs
- many towns have already opened up roads in anticipation of trail

M.Hebert

- spring outing going well
- 59 signed up to date
- 34 double rooms reserved
- 9 single rooms reserved
- 2 Friday outings full

B.Mueller

- 15 winter outings scheduled/11 took place
- 15 spring outings planed
- good variety of outings
- determined outdoors/indoor events should be listed in outings

L.Hunniwell

- 4 new members for March
- 2 re-joining members
- 401 total members
- will contact expired membership members via email

D.Mooers

- 2 unsubscribed to newsletter
- 83 total subscribers
- will not be having chapter garage sale this year

J.Omohundro

- first draft of Stone Valley CO-OP Agreement is being brawn up and should be done sometime in May
- more and more groups getting involved in agreement
- possible camping being talked about
- St.Regis River Advisory Council is in need of a member and Blair Madore may be the chapters rep

J.Barron

- internet vote was held and it was agreed that the Stone Valley Trail be considered a "natural area"
- still looking for person to run merchandise sales
- J.Barron is now on the ADK nominating committee
- looking for a pot luck speaker

next meeting will be June 4th at B.Muellers house