

Minutes, Laurentian Chapter Executive Committee
May 7, 2019

The meeting was held at Tom Ortmeyer's residence, 15 Lawrence Avenue, Potsdam.

Attendance: David Katz, Joan Trivilino, Marianne Hebert, Marie Fernandez de Alaiza, Tom Ortmeyer, John Barron

Blair Madore couldn't attend, so John Barron took notes.

1. John Barron calls the meeting to order. Moved by Joan Trivilino, seconded by Marianne Hebert, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting, incorporating amendments as discussed. Carried by consensus.
2. Chapter Loon Patches. It was decided that each member is entitled upon request to one free Loon Patch, to be presented in person at one of the pot luck meetings. It will be on the honor system and will not be tracked. Jim Burdick will obtain quotes for 100 or 200 patches, will make a judgment call which quantity is more beneficial, and will order them.
3. Slack Meetings. These are the all-Club meetings organized by Jules Greiner. Joan Trivilino attended the Young Members meeting.

ADK HQ is reviewing the policy on roped climbing. It may become an approved activity.

It was suggested to try to identify a Young Members group and hold a meet-and-greet.

A joint event with other groups like St Lawrence Mountain Bike Assoc or Nature Up North

Table at Summer Fest (Joan willing to help with this). Could let people join on the spot.

Meet-Up Groups were discussed and could be considered. Meet-Up is active locally.

On-Line sign up for outings as is used in the EAP may be beneficial.

4. Nominating Committee. John Barron proposed that the 2019 nominating committee be comprised of Mary MacKinnon (chair), Neal Burdick, and Jeff Miller. All have agreed to serve. This was approved by consensus. Marianne met Mark Lowell who just might be interested in serving on the executive committee. Blair indicated he's willing to do a second term as Secretary, or alternatively may take on the Outdoors/Indoors if someone else is willing to be Secretary. It was suggested to put a call out in the North Wind for people who'd like to serve.
5. Outings (Joan Trivilino). Joan is happy with the schedule and the variety. Not many reports in yet.
6. Membership (Marianne Hebert). Report has been circulated before the meeting. Marianne is sending welcome messages by E-Mail only, not post.

7. Treasurer (Marie Fernandez de Alaiza). Report circulated before the meeting.
8. Conservation (David Katz). An upcoming Slack meeting will concern conservation. Both David K and John Omohundro plan to take part.
9. Director (Tom Ortmeyer).

Conservation: The State is trying to control crowds in the High Peaks. Concern is may impact lodging.

Executive Search: Top candidate couldn't come to terms. The search continues.

March financial statements are on plan.

The Club-level nominating committee is working. John Gilewicz is timing out.

It is hoped to get additional fibre-optic capacity to Heart Lake.

10. EAP (John Barron). Cindy Aumell has succeeded Maureen Taylor as Educational Affiliate Representative, and she plans to continue the EAP. There is difficulty to overcome regarding transportation because of insurance requirements and College policies regarding whether students can drive independently on outings. Solutions are being sought. The EAP Leadership Clinic will be run right at the start of term this year, on September 1. The annual kickoff meeting will take place on September 4, and will be designed for students in general who will participate on trips, not primarily for leaders from Wilderness Education.
11. Merchandise (John Barron on behalf of Jim Burdick). There was too little response to support the order from Custom Ink, so the few orders there were had to be cancelled. Jim hopes for better luck with Great Northern Printing in future.
12. Next meeting was set for Thursday July 18 - NOTE - REVISED TO JULY 11 - at John Barron's residence, 23 Leeming Drive, Ottawa.