

ADK Laurentian Meeting 7/25/19
Tom Ortmeyer's house
15 Lawrence Avenue, Potsdam

Attending: David Katz, Jeanna Matthews, Marie Fernandez de Alaiza, Marianne Hebert, Tom Ortmeyer, Mary Mackinnon.

Agenda items

1. Notifying membership of John's situation
 - Marianne agreed to use the membership roster to identify members friends who would be most concerned about John's situation. She will send them an email with an update, and an address on where to send cards.
 - Mary Mackinnon offered to buy flowers on behalf of the Executive Board, and to bring them to John and Jean next week. It was agreed she would save the receipt and get reimbursed from the Chapter.

2. Identifying Chair Tasks:
 - Alternate Director – Tom suggested that we don't need to designate an alternate at this time
 - Speaker for pot-luck (Nov. 10th 4:00-9:00pm) – Marianne will contact John to see if he has made any contacts yet. Brainstorming ideas for the Fall Potluck and/or Spring Outdoors-Indoors included: Judy Fuhr (suggested by Joan Trivilino); Heather Sullivan Caitlyn for her work with students on sustainable communities; Elephant Project and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (movie from Cinema 10); Eileen and Tom Wheeler birding trips, Marianne Hebert Hiking in the Cotswolds (assuming her Sept trip is successful).
 - Nominating committee (Mary MacKinnon (chair), Neal Burdick, and Jeff Miller)
Up for election: Chair, Vice-Chair Education, Secretary, Director and Alternate Directors. The Board agreed to wait a few weeks to see how John's recovery progresses before asking him how he feels about continuing as Chair.

Brainstorming candidates: Chair: Tom Wheeler, David Katz; Conservation: Tom VandeWaters, Jim Burdick; Education: Jim Burdick; Secretary: Xiaoli Wang; Other names suggested to see if they might be interested in assuming a role: Danielle Jerry, Bob Platt, Blair Madore. Mary will bring the suggested candidates back to the Nominating Committee to begin inquiries.

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- EAP Leadership training Sept 1st – Marianne will reach out to find a co-leader (Tom or Blair?) to help run the workshop
- EAP Information meeting Sept 4th – we should probably cancel?

- Publicity – Marianne agreed to reach out to John for the list of venues that he usually targets to announce outings schedules and back tracks, (e.g. NCPR and NC Now). Joan Trivillino might be able to take this role on?
- New Year Day – Massena Nicandri Center has been reserved. It was note that both the potluck and New Year’s Day event will need to be included in the Outings Schedule for the newsletter.
- Interim Chair: David Katz volunteered to serve as Interim Chair until John is able to resume responsibilities or step down. David moved to be appointed as Interim Chair, Jeanna seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Regular Business

- Bear Canister – Jeanna has the label from the Club, and will bring the canister to Potsdam Public Library next week
- Newsletter transition to online – Marianne agreed to contact Club Membership Megan McLaughlin, along with David Katz and David Trithart, to try to coordinate the opt-out members so they won’t be included in the address labels sent to David Trithart.
- Digitizing the North Wind – it was suggested that we contact past newsletter editors to see if .pdfs were available before embarking on a digitization project. Using students was suggested, we would just need a way to supervise them so that archival copies of newsletters don’t go missing.

Next meeting: Wed. Sept 4th 5:00 pm. Marianne Hebert’s house (9 Spring Street, Potsdam)