

Minutes for ADK Laurentian Chapter
September 11, 2019

Present: Marianne Hebert, David Katz, Blair Madore, Marie Fernandez de Alaiza

1. Received Nominating Committee report from Mary MacKinnon (and Neil Burdick and Jeff Miller). Information including bios will be sent to David Trithart to place in the Northwind. David asked whether we need to take any formal actions to keep him as Interim Chair while still Conservation officer. We agreed not to pursue anything like that, so we have a clean handover in January.
2. Jim Burdick agreed to run for Education Vice-Chair, and as such will give up his appointed position for merchandise. Mary will look after in the interim.
3. Dr. Hou and Dr. Wang have agreed to manage the Indoor-Outdoor series. John Barron has already advised them and David will follow up on the potential speakers we have lined up (Wheelers on Birds, Marianne on hiking trip, David Katz's friend on hiking the Pennsylvania mid-state trail). David Katz will contact Jim Burdick about his ideas for Education.
4. We will consider a budget item for Indoors Outdoors to purchase refreshments separate from the Education budget.
5. EAP report from Marianne. Ran workshop on September first successfully. Lots of changes afoot, partly due to low enrollment in Wilderness Ed program. Marianne is meeting with the Wilderness Ed Faculty regularly to bring more oversight to the student leaders.
6. Marianne moved to donate \$200 to the Neil Woodworth Fund being established by ADK. The fund will support Neil's going away party with the balance forming the new "Neil Woodworth Conservation Fund".
7. The outings offerings for fourth quarter is a little lighter than we might like but maybe in line with how active our members are (or aren't). Marianne suggested we consider recruiting new outings leaders. Perhaps a separate meeting just for this effort.
8. Blair talked about a planned submission to Racquette River Advisory Committee and received feedback about how to improve it.
9. Next Meeting December 5, 6pm, at 9 Spring St.