

Laurentian Chapter, Adirondack Mountain Club
Annual Meeting, November 10, 2019
Canton Presbyterian Church

Meeting called to order at 6:25 by Acting Chair David Katz

Announcements

- Chapter Chair John Barron could not attend due to health issues
- Welcomed visitors from neighboring Adk Chapters
- Thanks to Mary MacKinnon for organizing and hosting
- Brief overview of transition to electronic distribution of North Wind

Annual Report (appended below)

Election of officers - Jeff Miller on behalf of Nominating Committee (Chair Mary MacKinnon, Neil Burdick, Jeff) introduced the candidates (Holly Woodworth, Director; David Katz, Chair; Jim Burdick, Education; Blair Madore, Secretary). Vote was unanimous in favor.

Formal meeting adjourned at 6:45, followed immediately by photo contest results and guest talk by Neil Woodworth.

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Outings and other events: The Laurentian chapter scheduled 34 outings over the last 12 months. A few were cancelled due to challenging weather, but most of them happened as planned. The chapter also sponsored trail maintenance days on the Red Sandstone and Stone Valley trails. And in June, chapter members John Barron and Tom Ortmeyer coordinated the all-club bicycle outing based in Potsdam. Participation at events ranged from 2 to about 20, so if you have been hesitating about going on an outing because you thought the group would be too large or too small, we have an outing that is just right for you.

Education: Last winter the chapter hosted three guest speakers in our Outdoors-Indoors events, and two more guest speakers at our spring and fall potlucks.

At the request of the Saratoga Springs Public Library, we sponsored a “Let's Go Hiking” daypack for the library to lend to new hikers. The daypack contains “Kids on the Trail: Hiking With Children in the Adirondacks” written by chapter members Rose Rivezzi and David Trithart, a compass, head lamp, whistle, maps and a New York Empire Park Pass. If you think your local library might be interested in having a “Let's Go Hiking” backpack to lend out, please let us know.

This year we also donated a bear canister for the Potsdam Public Library to lend out. Again, if you think your local library might like to add a bear canister to their collection, please let us know.

Conservation: It has been a relatively quiet year locally. The DEC and APA have not been considering any local land classifications that we felt we needed to comment on, and we have not been involved in other local issues, either.

Financial results: In 2018 the chapter received \$3600 as our portion of Adk membership dues. Our expenses for the year came in under budget, so we were able to donate \$500 back to the club and end the year with a \$300 surplus. So far in 2019, income and expenses look similar to last year, so I am reasonably confident that we will end this year with a small surplus as well. You can find financial reports on the Reports page of the chapter website if you would like to look at the details.