

## Minutes for ADK Executive Meeting December 5, 2019

Attendance: David Trithart, Tom Ortmeyer, Jim Burdick, David Katz, Marianne Hebert, Blair Madore, Holly Burdick, Jeana Matthews, Marie Fernandez de Alaiza

1. David Trithart is seeking articles for North Wind Newsletter. David proposes a cover story about trails at Higley and Nicandri Nature Center. There will also be regular reports. Jeanna suggested getting a report from Dasheng Hu about Indoors-Outdoors speakers. Blair submitted a report about bridge work on RSST.
2. We discussed the Photo Contest for 2020. A limit of 20 per person was suggested. Tom also asked for advice about the location of the photos – the judges exercised strong opinions about ADK vs non ADK photos. We also decided to try and make a 2021 Calendar with the photos from the 2019 contest. That way they would be available for sale at the next Fall Potluck.
3. Marianne moved: To appoint BM and RW to RRAC and WBSRRAC advisory committees. Second Holly. All in favor. Blair asked about advisory councils for other rivers in the area.
4. Year End Grant. We have already donated money to ADK in the amount of \$700. John Barron suggested we donate \$100 to Friends of Higley Flow. We have about \$2000 in checking and \$3300 in savings. Tom Ortmeyer moved to “donate \$400 to the main club general, as long as we have at least \$400 in surplus at the close of the year”. Passed 7-1.
5. We talked about money we spent in past bringing kids to Camp Colby and our past frustrations on getting students there. Jeana suggested we might put suggestions on our website of things we might consider funding – Camp Colby, camping equipment at a library, etc. We also talked about the bear barrels and items we put at local libraries. Jim said we would follow up to see if they are used. Jeanna advocates to spending more money in our local area instead of just sending it back to the main club.
6. Jeana moved “to give \$100 to the Friends of Higley Flow.” Marianne seconded. All in favor.
7. Budget discussion. RRAC reimbursement changed to \$0. RSST \$0. Stone Valley \$0. Local Trail \$0. Resulted in a budget of -\$300. Tom moved to accept the budget as amended. Holly seconded. We discussed merchandise expense. All in favor.
8. Tom Ortmeyer reported on ADK director meetings. Vote coming on : WiFi will now be available at Heart Lake for lodge/campground guests and a public hotspot as well. Vote coming on : Policy of taking undirected bequests and using it the following year for spending on only special projects (e.g. events tent at Heart Lake) will change to set aside some of the money for the endowment and the rest will be available for general use, including special projects. At next meeting will recognize Neil Burdick and John Gilewicz.

9. Blair reported about his work with the Clarkson Timber Bridge team to build a bridge on the RSST at the tip of Sugar Island in October.

#### 10. Marianne Membership Report

Latest membership reports from Megan McLaughlin were received on 11/8/19. Five new members joined Sept-October.

Adult	70
Family	66
Senior	48
Senior Family	39
Life	3
Life Family	
Student	13
Staff	
Total Households	239

Spouses/Partners	105
Total Voting	344
Children	25

#### 11. Marianne EAP Report

ADK College weekend

I was unable to coordinate payment processes for College Weekend through SGA, and couldn't identify student participants in the short time we had since the event was announced. I hope to work closer with the Club to get earlier notice of the event for next year.

#### 12. Wilderness Ed Changes

Mark Simon is no longer teaching in the Wilderness Ed program at SUNY Potsdam (but he will continue his role in the ADK and coordinator of Stone Valley). I will be meeting with Adam Wheeler (Wilderness Ed) and Cindy Aumell (SGA) to assist with planning for EAP and training of student leaders for Venture Outdoors, as we continue to tweak the EAP program.

#### 13. Social Media report

203 Facebook members

14. David noted we have ADK distinguished volunteer pins. We agreed to find the list of past recipients and discuss at the next meeting. In past members of the executive has made nominations.