

Laurentian Chapter, Adirondack Mountain Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2020, meeting by Zoom

Present: David Katz, Holly Woodworth, Marianne Hebert, Tom Van de Water, Joan Trivilino, Marie Fernandez de Alaiza, Jim Burdick

Action items are in **bold**.

1. Minutes from April 28, 2020 meeting - with corrections to the spelling of two names, moved by Marianne seconded by Marie passed unanimously.
2. Announcements
 1. Nominating Committee update – David read the Nominating Committee report from John Barron (copied below).
 2. Distinguished volunteers update – Neal Burdick plans to write an article for Adirondack about the John, Marianne, and the EAP. A brief discussion of the status of the EAP in the era of Covid-19 followed.
 3. David reported an email from the Hurricane Mountain chapter about their efforts to raise funds for the Hurricane Mt fire tower and summit steward. This effort will be **mentioned in the next newsletter** with a link to the Hurricane website.
 4. Dick Mooers held a gear and books sale that yielded \$139, of which he donated \$70 to the chapter.
3. Reports
 1. Director – Holly reported on the Club's recent BoD meeting. **Holly will send** notes to David for inclusion here. This included implementation of the new strategic plan and major changes to the club's bylaws. A lively discussion ensued.
 2. Treasurer – Marie reported two transactions since the last meeting – Dick Mooers' contribution and \$200 reimbursement to Mark Seymour for Stone Valley expenses. The Club is not (yet) distributing the chapter share of membership dues because of the tight financial situation caused by Covid-19.
 3. Membership - Marianne summarized the most recent membership reports from the club. This included several new members who took advantage of the club's offer of one year free membership for Essential Workers. A discussion of how to make it easier for people to opt out of the print newsletter followed.
4. Outings – discussion of whether and when to resume outings. Joan will contact outings leaders to determine how many people might be ready to lead outings. If leaders are interested, **Joan will put together an outings schedule** for this fall.
5. Looney Loop Challenge – Discussion of whether and how to move forward with this. **Marianne will coordinate** development of the list of hikes for the Looney Loop patch and will recruit people to write up hike descriptions.
6. Oral History project – discussion of Blair's outline for the project. The idea of getting Potsdam College history majors to work on this was brought up. **Blair will continue to coordinate.**
7. Fall potluck and annual meeting – discussion of the likelihood of being able to hold our traditional fall potluck resulted in a decision to skip the potluck for this year. That led to discussion of how to hold the annual meeting. Consensus was to send an email to all chapter members with information about the nominees and to hold the election electronically, probably using something like Survey Monkey. **David will follow up on this.** [Addendum after the meeting: we will need to accommodate members who don't deal with the electronic world, perhaps by mailing paper ballots.]

8. It was decided that, since we attempting to restart the outings program, we would book the Nicandri Nature Center for Sat, Jan 2, 2021. **David will do this.**
9. Discussion of a poetry “contest” and poetry-reading Outdoors-Indoors similar to the one held in 2014 led to the suggestion that Neal Burdick be asked to come up with a committee of 3 poets to coordinate something. Other names suggested were Betsy Tisdale, Dale Hobson, and other poets who contributed in 2014. **David will approach Neal.**
10. Newsletter – discussion of electronic and print newsletters led to the decision to put out an electronic-only newsletter with target publication date of September 1. Content should be submitted to David as it is ready. **(EC members - this means you.)**
11. Next meeting – Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 pm by Zoom.

Nominating Committee Report

We're pleased to nominate the following people for the elections being held in November, 2020:

Conservation: Tom Van de Water (first full term)
Membership: Marianne Hebert (second term)
Outings: Joan Trivilino (second term)
Treasurer: Ellie Menz (first term)

Tom, Marianne, and Joan are continuing into a new term. Ellie has served two terms as Laurentian Chapter Treasurer in the past and is active in the outdoors. We thank the candidates for accepting and wish them good success.

Tom Ortmeyer
Marie Fernandez de Alaiza
John Barron (chair)