

Minutes for Adirondack Mountain Club, September 30, 2020

1. Minutes. David will circulate and we will recheck at the end of the meeting. That never happened so we will approve at the next meeting?
2. Treasurer's Report. Only transaction in two months were donations for Kids on the Trail Patches. The club has not sent us our usual share of dues, but the club has now said we will receive something by the end of the year. Given our healthy balance we do not anticipate problems.
3. Blair reports he will be leading some hikes over Columbus Day weekend for the Potsdam Public Library. He will inquire about insurance and as to whether we should require all participants to sign the usual club waiver.
4. Blair is submitting a request to RRAC for funding for bridge project, trail signs, and trail registers. Will check with Mark Simon to see what signs Mark needs and request them at the same time.
5. David & Rose – A new brochure for the Kids on the Trail challenge is coming soon. They also want to order 500 new patches. Estimate of \$370 from Stadri. \$300 was approved in our budget for this. May order less.
6. Holly – The director's meeting is coming up. David asked if new business can be added. The curious email from the board promising to make changes about how people are elected was not distributed to everyone. Discussion ensued about what will happen if the current bylaw vote passes or not, and how we got to this point in the first place. The large size of the board was brought up as a problem. Some board members are elected but not committed to attending, leading to problems with quorum. It was also mentioned that when applying for grants it is important to be able to say all board members contribute to the operation.
7. Marianne reports 363 members in 240 households.
8. Tom reports that he continues to emphasize local places for conservation. He has attended a lot of events (including one this evening).
9. Motion by Blair to increase approved funding for Kids on the Trail Patches to \$370. Seconded by Marie. All in favor.
10. We had a long discussion of how to do voting. Blair as Secretary is responsible for this, though David Katz is willing to send emails, David Trithart is willing to send snail mail, and Marianne will create a google form for voting. We are planning to send one communication in snail mail with a list of candidates and a chance to send in further nominations. At a later date voting will open electronically with an option to request a paper ballot.
11. Ideas for Indoors Outdoors speakers are needed. Can be done in person or over Zoom.
12. The Loony Loop challenge is ready to launch, after much hard work by John Barron and Marianne Hebert. Jim Burdick was checking into patches, we want a new circle patch with our Loon in the center. Marianne has agreed to be the person who will receive all requests for a patch. The club will buy patches and not charge for those completing the challenge.
13. Blair agreed to get started on the oral history project. Some names of people to interview mentioned were the Omohundros and the Kaczkas. Marianne will send Blair a list of some of our older members. David Trithart and Rose Rivezzi agreed to be the first people interviewed.
13. Next meeting, Wednesday December 9, 2020 at 7:30pm.