

Laurentian Chapter, Adirondack Mountain Club
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2022, meeting via zoom

Attending: Marianne Hebert, Blair Madore, Joan Trivilino, Tom vande Water, Mary MacKinnon, Ellie Menz, David Katz, Tom Ortmeyer

Minutes – Joan moved, Tom V seconded. Passed unanimously.

High School Scholarships – Should we develop a scholarship fund for HS students headed to college in the appropriate majors? How do we publicize, who is eligible, how do we pick winners, will the club allow us to budget it? This probably won't happen this year. Problems were noted. Other ideas for how to support HS students were discussed. Matter tabled for now.

Complimentary memberships – only one applicant so far – Debra Mitchell. Ellie will send Debra's membership application with check to the club. Mentors: Tom VDW, John B, Marianne. Marianne has reached out to several potential leaders and encourages us to reach out to possible applicants. [Later in the meeting Blair received a second application.]

Leadership training on April 30 – most of the EC will be attending as “bad hikers”.

Marianne's report:

1. Blair will be representing the club on the Oswegatchie RAC.
2. Ellie & Marianne are now the signatories on the bank accounts.
3. Club outings calendar upgrades designed to allow individual chapters to directly upload their outing schedules are not happening yet. The club will (maybe) continue to copy outings from chapter websites to the club's calendar.
4. The chapter's Merchandise Coordinator and Hospitality Coordinator positions are open. Marianne requests recommendations. Blair suggests Jeff and Cheryl Miller.
5. Road walks – Marianne is compiling a list of road walks to be put on the website so that people have alternatives to muddy trails during mud season. Please send ideas for road walks of 2 – 5 miles to Marianne. Tom V suggests the end of Orebed Rd in Colton and White Rd in Clare.
6. 50th anniversary committee – is working on post card invitation, items to put on website, kids' activities, outings, music. DK will ask Josh Barkley to put together a duo or trio. Marianne in coordination with Ellie is authorized to spend up to the 50th anniversary budget.

Nominating committee – Marianne will figure out who is up for reelection and start looking for nominating committee members.

Fall meeting – Shall we try to do it in person? Marianne will reserve Potsdam Presbyterian Church. Send ideas for speakers to Marianne.

Bylaws Committee – Tom O reports that changes at the club level need to be completed before we can address chapter bylaw changes.

Reports:

Ellie – DK has backup checks and will give them to Marianne.

Tom O – review of chapter budgets will be done by an Advisory Council subcommittee. Tom O will be a member of the committee. Bike insurance – he requested a quote and will share it when it comes in. 14 people have signed up for bicycle outing.

Blair – canoe training – DK will help him with the paperwork to reserve the indoor space for the training. Red Sandstone trail is in surprisingly good shape and is dry.

Tom V – May 10 DEC hearing about climate change at the Wild Center

Next meeting: Thursday June 2, 6:00 pm at Blair's house

Adjourned at 7:06 pm