

Laurentian Chapter Executive Committee Meeting
Oct 12, 2022, 6:08 pm
at the home of Marianne Hebert, 9 Spring St, Potsdam, and via Zoom

Attending: Blair Madore, Marianne Hebert, Mary MacKinnon, Ellie Menz, David Katz

Approval of minutes from June 2 (Blair, Ellie, unanimous) and August 18 (Ellie, Mary, unanimous)

Chair report:

- budget was approved by club. We don't expect any money from the club; we will just spend down our balance.
- Outdoors-Indoors – we will ask Daqing to set up in-person, zoom, or hybrid meetings, as the speakers may prefer.
- Bylaws committee will continue to work on new bylaws, based on the Advisory Council's input.
- Nominating committee / fall officer elections – because we are again not holding an in-person meeting, voting will be online and by mail. See committee report and proposed voting procedure below. Motion to accept procedure as outlined below, moved by David and seconded by Blair, passes unanimously. If fall meetings are going to continue to be a problem, should we move the annual meeting to summer? Decided to wait a year and revisit.
- We decided to hold a summer potluck at Sandstoner Park either July 16 or 9. Marianne will reserve pavilion, kayaks, SUPs. Outings at 2, picnic at 5.
- We decided to hold a spring potluck at either Potsdam Presbyterian church or Sandstoner park, depending on weather, either April 23 or April 30.

Officer reports:

Blair:

- Blair does not feel he has been putting enough time into education and offered to step down and let someone else take over. He will contemplate who might be his replacement.
- He has planned 4 joint outings with Potsdam Public Library Outdoors. Blair will send links to Marianne & David for videos of past events
- Red Sandstone trail work has been happening – Potsdam Wilderness Ed class will rebuild the structures through the gulch, 20 Clarkson students, 8 or 9 Potsdam College students have been doing trail work. There will be some expenses.
- Trail signs & brochures: John Omohundro has sent info to Blair & Marianne. Blair will send Marianne the information she will need to get trail markers for RSST & SVT. \$200 is allocated for these in the 2023 budget.
- T-shirts for trail volunteers will be ordered.
- RRAC is Wed 10/19/2022. Blair can't attend. Blair will send David contact info for the relevant person.
- WBStRRAC meets at the same time but isn't doing much
- ORAC hasn't constituted itself yet because we are the only group that has submitted the paperwork.

David is emailing monthly outings lists. Any news items, etc, that anyone wants to add can be added.

Treasurer: \$5400 expenditures in next year's budget. We have plenty of money to cover it and go over if necessary. Will finalize year-end donations at December meeting.

Membership – 347 members, 26 new members in 2022. Getting new members to volunteer – Mary will send suggest wording for letter to new members about volunteering.

Joan's report (in absentia) is the outings list.

Next meeting: Wed Dec 7, 6:00 pm, by Zoom

Adjourned at 7:03 pm on motion by Blair seconded by Mary

Submitted by David Katz, Treasurer

Nominating Committee Report

This year's nominating committee – John Barron, Eileen Wheeler, and Jeff Miller – are pleased to present the following nominations:

- Vice Chair, Conservation: Tom Van de Water
- Vice Chair, Membership: Mary MacKinnon
- Vice Chair, Outings: Holly Woodsworth
- Treasurer: Ellie Menz

Biographies of the nominees follow:

Tom Van de Water: Tom has taught Earth and Environmental Science at Canton High School for over 30 years and worked for the US Forest Service in Idaho summers for over 40 years. He is writing an environmental history of the Grass(e) River and has lived in the watershed most of his life. He and his wife Betsy Kepes are proud grandparents of future ADKer Sylvie Louise Van de Water, also a resident of Orebed Road.

Mary MacKinnon: Mary is originally from Britain and arrived in Potsdam with her husband in 2005 by way of Vermont and Canada. She has enjoyed the Adirondacks as a source of the physical and emotional well-being that nature and the outdoors have provided her since childhood and appreciates the ADK for providing friendship and guidance in exploring the area's wilderness. She has been an outing participant in all seasons and has taken on increasing leadership roles including several years as hospitality coordinator. Mary is currently Vice Chair, Membership on an appointed basis for close to a year

Holly Woodsworth: Holly has been a member of the Adirondack Mountain Club for over 40 years. She has led many outings and is a lean-to & trail adopter. She retired to Wanakena where she enjoys hiking, paddling, X-C skiing, and snowshoeing.

Ellie Menz: Eleanor (Ellie) Menz is the current Chapter treasurer. She likes to ski, bike, and hike and is a CPA who resides in Colton.

Voting procedure

- (1) email the Nominating Committee's report to chapter members immediately and ask for additional nominations by Oct 28 (2 weeks),
- (2) email ballots out immediately after Oct 28 with a due date of Nov 18 (3 weeks), and
- (3) announce the results as soon as practical.
- (4) communicate by post with the 24 chapter members for whom we lack email addresses. I have asked Virginia at headquarters to send me mailing labels for them. Hopefully these will arrive in a timely fashion, but we could adjust the due dates if needed.