

ADK Laurentian Chapter Executive Committee
Meeting via Zoom
Minutes, Apr 12, 2023

Called to order: 7:00 pm

Attending: Marianne Hebert, Ellie Menz, Mary MacKinnon, Holly Woodworth, Tom Ortmeyer, Blair Madore, Tom Vande Water, David Katz

Minutes: Feb 8, 2023 minutes - adopted unanimously.

Chair report:

- Waiver forms - Club requires copies of outing waiver forms to be scanned and sent to the club.
- Member privacy – discussion of how widely member contact information may be shared. It's okay to share contact info if there is a reason. For instance, contact info for outing participants can be shared among participants. Otherwise, contact info should not be shared.
- Club Membership Department vacancies - there is nobody in the membership department at the club at the moment. Virginia Etu is covering, but membership questions may be answered a bit slowly.
- Adirondack Loon count The Laurentian Chapter is signed up to do the loon count at Higley Flow State Park 8 – 9 am July 15. This will be publicized as a chapter outing that will accommodate 6-ish canoes.
- Northern Forest grant proposal was not approved. Discussion of whether to apply again next year, whether to seek money from RRAC. Consensus was to try RRAC. Marianne will contact them by May 1.
- Stone Valley signs update - designs are looking good. Committee will meet next week to discuss the structural aspects of the signs (number of posts, type of material for posts, orientation of signs, etc)
- Budget for 2024 due in Sept – will need a budget meeting in August

New business:

- Photo contest 2023 (\$175 allocated) - Tom O will coordinate and send announcement to David and Marianne for website and facebook.
- Discussion of details of annual picnic July 16 at Sandstoner Park:
 - Will there be outings? No bike outing due to insurance cost.
 - Ask Tom and Eileen Wheeler to lead a birding outing? Participants who sight 10+ bird species can get a birding patch from NYS.
 - Will need to send post cards in May and email invitations
 - Mary made, Holly seconded, a motion to approve \$50 for summer picnic to make kayaks and paddleboards available at the picnic. Passed unanimously.
 - Marianne will ask Greg Smith & Cindy Grover about leading a paddle outing.

- Outings at 2pm, people can come early to hang out at the beach, 5pm picnic.
- Tom O will lead a hike.
- Marianne will send out details for review.
- Andy Rawdon has stepped down as newsletter editor. Marianne will continue to put out the North Wind until a new editor is found. Mary Cabral was hit is recovering from a car accident.
- Nominations committee - Marianne does not want to be reelected Chair but would continue to edit the North Wind and manage the Facebook page. Blair does not want to run again if his term is up, just wants to work on Red Sandstone trail. David will figure out whose term is up and who is eligible to run again. Need ideas for who should serve on Nominating Committee. Jeff Miller, Neal Woodworth, Eileen Wheeler might be good Nominating Committee members. Tom VDW volunteers for Nominating Committee
- Back up web master - maybe Greg Smith? Jeff Miller? David will contact.
- Stone Valley cleanup – David said there are volunteers waiting to help clean up. Marianne will contact Mark Simon about organizing a work day and will cc David.
- New brochure – Marianne is finalizing design and will find out pricing.

Officer reports:

Outings (Holly)– good response from outings leaders. Q: any progress on the Advisory Committee’s outings guidelines? (Tom O addressed this later in the meeting)

Education (Blair)– no applications for complimentary memberships

Red Sandstone (Blair)– probably doing a lot of work in June and again in August

Conservation (Tom VDW)– nothing new. We need to set conservation priorities about water quality, local food, etc.

Membership (Mary) – 3 new members since last EC. Only 2 overdue chapter renewals. Q: club membership staff positions being vacant, how are new members being added, and how do we get info about new members? A: Virginia Etu is trying to cover membership for the time being.

Advisory Council Trustee (Tom O) – Staff revisions of Outings Leader Guide are complete. Tom O is reviewing it for the AC. He sees deficiencies. He is trying to address the deficiencies but is not getting very far very fast. Organizational meeting at Cascade May 13 for AC and chapter chairs. No info on schedule for filling membership department vacancies.

Next meeting – June 7, 6:00 pm at Holly Woodworth’s house

Adjourned – 8:12 pm