

ADK Laurentian Chapter Executive Committee  
Minutes, Meeting via Zoom, Sept 27, 2023

Called to order: 6:00 pm

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

**Minutes**

- June 7, 2023 – Approved unanimously on motion by Holly, seconded by Eleanor
- August 2, 2023 – Approved unanimously on motion by David, seconded by Blair
- email vote to adopt 2024 budget – Approved unanimously on motion by David, seconded by Tom O (7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions).
- email vote to amend 2024 budget to add \$150 expenditure to send Chapter Chair to the annual Club Advisory Council Trustees’ meeting at Cascade Center. Approved unanimously on motion by David, seconded by Blair (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions).

**Nominating Committee:** Received and discussed Nominating Committee report. Marianne will prepare election material and set up the voting website.

Discussed whether the chapter Trustee should be appointed by EC or elected by chapter members. Bylaws Committee was re-activated and will address this question. (AC charter says Trustee can be appointed or elected.) In the meantime, approved unanimously a motion by David, seconded by Holly, to appoint Tom O Trustee for 3 years.

**Newsletter:** Neal Burdick has agreed to prepare content, and Marianne will do layout and markup. On motion by David, seconded by Mary, Neal and Marianne are unanimously appointed.

**Membership:** Mary MacKinnon is stepping down as VC Membership. EC members will send Marianne ideas for replacement to be appointed for the remainder of Mary’s term (through 2024). Discussion of need to get new people involved. Several names were suggested.

Chapter members, September 2023:

Adult 61, Family 44, Senior 58, Senior family 43, Family 3, Student 4

Total households 215, Spouses/Partners 89, Children 27, Total Members. 331, Voting members 304.

Chapter has a total of 25 lapsed members, 5 due in August, 20 due in September. 3 new Members joined in August. Laurentian Chapter seems to have a better renewal rate than other chapters.

**Stone Valley Interpretive Signs:** Signs are laid out. Marianne, Tom VDW, and maybe Blair will walk through Stone Valley to determine exactly where the signs will be placed and what will be used for posts. Signs may not actually be installed until next year. No commentary from RRAC about plans. Marianne will update RRAC on status and plans.

**Surveys** for Outings Leader Guide and iMIS questionnaire – discussion of the Leave No Trace training. It needs to be adjusted for Adirondack-specific conditions. Sexual harassment training was too focused on employer-employee relations and nothing about the specific conditions that might be faced on outings. Map & compass relies on Chapter Chair for deciding who is qualified, which is unreasonable.

**Adirondack Voices:** We agreed to send \$100 to Adirondack Voices. It is a project of the Advisory Council. Tom is not that positive about it because they were not interested in the work that Blair has done in gathering oral histories. Questions: Do we want to participate? No. We will send check in January 2024.

**Outings:** Holly will compile outings data as requested by Club. Holly will send notices to outings leaders that they need to take the trainings by Jan if they want to keep leading.

**Advisory Council** (Tom O reporting): Next AC meeting Oct 8. Current issues: leaders' guide and implementation of software. Other items are backburnered. Connecticut chapter is doing some new things that we might want to try that Tom will share with us.

**Financials:** \$7402 in bank. Most of budget is underspent. Blair will send receipts for trailwork for reimbursement to Eleanor.

**Red Sandstone Trail:** Blair reports that people worked the last 5 Sundays, trail clearing & prep work done. 9/16 20 SUNY and Clarkson students participated, getting a lot of work done. 9/23 Clarkson Outing Club students built a bog bridge, finished previous week's work, cleaned up. Potential for more the next couple of weeks SUNY Wilderness Ed group will help. Blair will send photos to Marianne.

**Next meeting:** December 7, 6pm, zoom or place TBD.

**Adjourned** 7:19 (Eleanor moved, Mary seconded, unanimous)