

Adk Laurentian Chapter Executive Committee
Minutes, May 8, 2024, home of Tom Wheeler

Called to order 7:08 pm

Attending: Tom Wheeler, Tom Ortmeyer, Tom vande Water, Marianne Hebert, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Brenda Curley, Holly Woodworth, Ellie Menz, David Katz

Minutes: minutes of March 13, 2024, on motion by Tom V, seconded by Brenda, passed unanimously.

Chair: Tom W reports that:

- Trail meeting with club via zoom introduced the club's 2 new trails people; adopt-a-leanto and adopt-a-trail programs are not functioning this year due to data management problems; a list of Professional Trail Crew projects was presented; working on National Trails Day and September's 100th anniversary of the Northville-Placid Trail. All of the club's National Trails Day activities are full.

A discussion of trails in St Lawrence County that might benefit from Pro Crew help followed. The Yellow Lake SF trail was suggested. **Send other suggestions to Tom vande Water**, who will follow up with DEC and/or Adk.

-Picnic: the Sandstoner Park Pavilion in Potsdam has been reserved for Saturday, July 27. Discussion of possible outings and picnic details followed, with no definite decisions made.

Advisory Council: Tom O reports that the AC held an in-person meeting last Saturday. Chapters seem to have a lot of common ground. Some chapters use MeetUp or social media for hike signup. These methods seem to attract a younger demographic. The club may require signup via iMIS. There were concerns among the chapters about the club's migration to iMIS, the plan for chapter websites to move to iMIS, and the state of the leaders' guide.

Treasurer: Treasurer's report was received on motion by Tom V, seconded by David. Ellie reports that 2 checks have been written so far this year. If we spend our whole budget, we will run out of cash, although RRAC reimbursements will make up much of it. The Club is supposed to make up any shortfall, but the method for getting this in a timely fashion is not clear.

Outings: for July-August-September are due June 10.

Northwind: deadline is June 7, but earlier submissions would be appreciated.

Conservation: Tom V is working on figuring out how to make a canoe launch on the Oswegatchie near Oxbow happen, possibly via conservation easement. This led to a general discussion of access to easement lands. Tom Ortmeyer has a booklet on St Lawrence County easements prepared by the county planning office that he will share.

Education: Brenda and Tom V are working on ways to do conservation education. Meeting with Nature Up North to talk about collaborating. Brenda also plans to talk to Canton Free Library and Canton farmers' market. Marianne will make sure there are enough chapter and club brochures. A map showing local hikes would be useful.

Membership: There have been no membership reports from the club for April or May because of the challenges of moving the membership system to iMIS and due to staffing shortages. Kathleen will nudge the club.

Website: The club is planning to have all chapter websites moved to the iMIS platform by the end of the year. Given the difficulties in getting iMIS up and running, this is ambitious. David will handle the chapter's part of the transition and will report when it is ready for other EC (or chapter) members to be involved.

Nominating Committee: David will report to Tom W which offices are open.

Next meeting: Wednesday July 31, 7:00 pm, home of Tom Wheeler

Adjourned: 8:30 pm