

Adk Laurentian Chapter Executive Committee  
Minutes, August 6, 2024, home of Tom Wheeler

Called to order 7:12 pm

**Attending:** Tom Wheeler, Tom Ortmeyer, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Brenda Curley, Ellie Menz, David Katz

**Minutes:** minutes of May 8, 2024, on motion by Tom O, seconded by Kathleen, passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** Ellie reports that if we actually spend our whole budget (unlikely), we will run out of cash by the end of the year. This is an effect of the club's chapter budgeting process, which doesn't take into account expenditures in the last 4 months of each year when calculating the next year's starting balance. The club will presumably fill our coffers if needed, but the mechanism is not clear.

Brenda will talk to Marianne about how to communicate to trip leaders about the training they need and how to get reimbursed for taking the training.

Discussed line items for the 2025 budget. Ellie will track down missing line items and prepare a draft budget.

We have lots of Adk patches. We will start giving them to new members.

David moved that we get rid of our sales tax authority, Ellie seconded. Tabled until a future meeting.

RRAC reimbursement – will happen sometime.

**Bylaws Committee** – Tom O, John Barren, and Holly will look at needed changes to the bylaws.

**Advisory Council** (Tom O) – Michael Barrett's separation from the club apparently went smoothly. Staff turnover has been high. Search committee is considering hiring for a search firm to look for a new ED. AC will recognize Virginia Etu on her retirement.

**Education** – Brenda will start working on getting chapter trip leaders to leadership trainings and will work on providing trainings locally if there is sufficient interest.

**Membership** – Kathleen talked to the membership person at the club. Things are still not up to date. Tom W confirmed that the recently received chapter membership lists are not accurate.

**iMIS** – Tom O reports that it is not going smoothly. The contractor has finished work, but there is lots left to do.

**Chair** -Nominating Committee should be constituted shortly. (List of officers whose terms are up appears below.) Discussion of last month's chapter picnic. Attendance at pre-picnic events was zero. Attendance at picnic was 30-ish.

**Next meeting:** Thursday October 10, 7:00 pm, Tom Ortmeyer's house, 15 Lawrence Ave, Potsdam

**Adjourned:** 8:57 pm

Officers and re-election status:

Office	Officer	Started	Term ends Dec 31,	Status
Chair	Tom Wheeler	2024	2025	Mid-term
Outings	Holly Woodworth	2023	2024	Not running
Education	Brenda Curley	2024	2025	Mid-term
Membership	Kathleen Fitzgerald	2023 (appointed)	2024	Not running
Conservation	Tom vande Water	2023	2024	Eligible
Secretary	David Katz	2022	2025	Mid-term
Treasurer	Ellie Menz	2021	2024	Not eligible

