

Executive Committee Minutes 4/24/2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Present: Tom Wheeler

Tom Ortmeyer

Tom Vandewater

Dana Chudzinski

Brenda Curley (absent because of death in family)

David Katz (absent conflict)

Lila Hunnewell (attempted attending but had difficulty finding location)

Eleanor Menz was unable to attend and submitted financial information

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed. Dana moved that they be approved. Tom V. seconded. Unanimously approved.

Tom W. indicated that he attended a zoom meeting concerning ADK teen trail project at Stone Valley. Attending from the chapter were Blair Madore and Mark Simon. Mark is working on the O'Malley Brook bridge. Julia indicated that ADK felt that it was a little risky for the teen trail crew. Discussion followed and an alternative involving smaller bridges was agreed upon. This is on the calendar for ADK in July. It was decided that ADK submit a grant proposal to RRAC and ADK followed up by preparing a proposal within a week of the meeting. The amount discussed was in the neighborhood of \$5000.00

Summer date for picnic up in the air as the Potsdam Rec Director has recently left his position.

Tom Ortmeyer discussed the appointment of a new Executive Director. She apparently has a background which includes development and not for profit organizations. Julia Goren did very well as acting director and it is somewhat disappointing that she did not get the position. Both Julia Goren and Seth are leaving ADK. Julia has obtained a position with an organization supporting rail trails.

There are as yet no programs for training chapter officers and this appears not to be a priority for the main club. There is discussion concerning certifying trail work leaders. There are liability issues which are driving this.

Tom O indicated that although we designated three people to have privileges with respect to the club information system, apparently only one person is given privileges to make edits. The club indicated that this was Tom Wheeler. Tom W. suggested that it should be someone else and after discussion a motion was made (Tom V., second Dana C.) that Tom Ortmeyer be designated as the chapter member to have this authority.

Dana indicated that the outing schedule appears to be going well and included a good mix of event. The Tooley Pond waterfall outing was very well attended. He will be working on the summer schedule soon. He is tryin to ensure that trip reports are timely submitted and filed with the main club.

Tom V. indicated that access to the Oswegatchie Oxbow is making progress. He is exploring having a regular discussion group about wilderness issues, perhaps starting with a program on Bob Marshall. This could bring in a number of members who might not wish to participate in outings. The members present thought this was an excellent idea.

The next meeting will be on Friday June 6th at 7 pm at Tom Ortmeyers residence.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m

Respectfully submitted

Tom Wheeler