

Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter
Executive Committee Meeting, 10/23/2025

Called to order at 7:06 pm.

Attending: Tom Wheeler, Ellie Menz, Tom Ortmeier, Dana Chudzinski, Tom vande Water, David Katz

Minutes of Sept 11, 2025, meeting – Ellie moved we adopt the minutes as prepared, Tom O seconded, passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report – No spending since last meeting. Third and fourth quarter allocation has been received from the club. Checking account balance is \$6458.14.

Reports

- Advisory Council Trustee, Tom Ortmeier – AC will meet in November. Agenda includes new website needs, trip leader requirements. Brookfield is going to require new agreements, and the agreement with ADK will need to be signed by the club, not the chapter. Question: does the chapter still want to name the trail coordinators? Tom O, with others as needed, will look into trail issues. In the meantime, we can't do any trailwork. Marianne Hebert has agreed to be RRAC representative.
- Conservation, Tom Vandewater – Forestry practices on easement lands appear to be overly extractive and not sustainable. Is there a way for the chapter to be involved in making sure the landowners follow the easement agreements? - Tom will do so preliminary research. Tom O suggests talking to Kathy Pedlar at the club.
- Outings, Dana Chudzinski – email from John Omohundro with info about next year's fall outing – approx. \$200 for basic accommodations, approx. \$50 for registration, trip leaders would get reduced registration fee, wants to have list of outing and leaders in place by spring, trips to be near Saranac Lake. Needs leaders with level 2 & above certification. Email from Rich at Cold River Chapter suggested moving the schedule up. Dana will look into whether we can offer the course locally. Trip leader survey results have been received; 33 pages long. Dana will email it to EC and trip leaders; David will put it on the website and include a link in the December newsletter. Tom O reports that Black River chapter is having an overnight winter outing at Massawepie Scout Camp. He will see whether Black River might want some Laurentian chapter members to participate.
- Education, Brenda Curley – Tom W reported that Brenda had inquired about scheduling a wilderness first aid certification course in November. Tom W recommends putting it off until spring. Various ideas were discussed. Tom W will discuss with Brenda.
- Membership (vacant)
- Secretary/webmaster, David Katz – He will stay on as webmaster after his term as Secretary ends at the end of the year.
- Chair, Tom Wheeler – the first book discussion group met. A small (3 people) but lively discussion on the origins of the Adirondack Park took place. Next discussion is about Bob Marshall on Nov 12.

Procedures for reimbursement of expenditures. The chapter does not have any policy about procedures for getting reimbursed for expenditures, or how to pay expenses as they occur. Tom W, Ellie, and David will work on this.

Fall potluck - Nov 16. Discussion about whether non-members are invited. It was determined that non-members are welcome to attend.

Next meeting – Dec 4, 7:00 pm at Ellie Menz's house

Adjourned at 8:38 pm.