

**NY Chapter - Teleconference
October 12, 2017 @ 7:41 p.m.**

Present: Ray Kozma, Steve Barre, Suzanne Rocheleau, Janet Sibarium, Diane Booth, Bill Burns, Lewis Ports, Lisa North

Excused: Mark Fedow

1. Approval of Sept. 10 2017 Minutes: Approved
Move (Bill), Seconded (Suzanne)

2. Chapter Chair Report:

Saturday: 41 Key-holders

Sunday: 20 NY Chapter Members (most being Key-holders, with four or five non-Key-holder members. Two of the women guests signed up to become Applicants)

Sunday catering was from Rhodes Tavern. As it became clear that there would be a reduced number of participants than first estimated, Ray was able to cut back on some of the food from Rhodes and was able to cancel the order that was placed at Haywood's deli.

First estimate is that the Anniversary Weekend went over budget, but some monies are still outstanding.

At the Annual Fall BBQ, John Lipsett was given the Spruce Cone award for his work as a Trail Maintainer for the Chapter.

On Saturday night of the Anniversary weekend, the White Birch Award was given to former Camp Chair, Kim Waldhauer and Spruce Cone Awards were presented to other Trail Maintainers (awards for any Trail Maintainers not in attendance will be sent to them.) (Cost of the awards: \$250 total) Our Archivist, Ellen King, made a special presentation giving an overview of developments in the Chapter over its history.

3. Secretary/Host Chair Report: Janet

Hosts through October 21 - 22nd- Have not asked for additional hosts after the water is shut off.

The Camp Season ends October 15th, after which permission from the Park will be required to go to camp. A reminder of the need for a permit to access and use camp off-season will be sent to all Key-holders.

4. Treasurer Report: Suzanne Rocheleau

Anniversary Weekend: Attendance Saturday (42 including the hosts, and one no-show, and one child). Fell short about \$130. Expenses ran \$1170, and income was \$1040. Dinner cost was \$20, but it was later realized that an additional \$5 should have been charged. Camp fees were waived for the weekend.

5. Main Club Rep: Mary Hilley

New Development Director, Lynn Shanks, was hired.

Two important Proposals on the Ballot for upcoming election:

*Proposal #1, Constitutional Convention; ...*The current State Constitution keeps our State Forest Preserves “Forever Wild”. If those protections are weakened, developers and energy companies could be allowed to build on lands reserved for forest and wildlife conservation. **Main Club recommends voting No.**

3rd Proposal Authorizing the Use of Forest Preserve Land for Specified Purposes:

Putting together a 250 acre of land where the community can have a say.

Main Club recommends voting Yes.

6. Membership Report: Jerry Flower

George Kantor: Move (Lisa), Second (Suzanne): Approved Unanimously

7. Camp Maintenance Committee: Steve Barre

Broken window in Cabin broke/came apart...it's in the basement near the refrigerator. Kim offered to repair it (new caulking needed) and Steve offered to assist her. Steve Adams helped chop wood that was previously felled by Don Gabel. Renting a wood splitter was nixed. A chain saw is needed. Bill Burns reminded Steve that a chainsaw operator needs to be certified when using it in the Park.

8. Upcoming Elections: October 28th at Sloatsburg Library

The Library is open from 10:00 – 5:00. Voting will take place from 11:00 – 3:00 and Tallying immediately after. Poll workers have been selected to help members sign in and vote (no Board member will be a poll worker).

John Caffry, our lawyer, clarified that this is a meeting of the members, not a Board meeting, so a quorum is not needed. As a result, no Board activity can be conducted at this meeting.

9. Other Business:

Hikes: There was no report from the Hiking Chair.

More hikes need to be offered for new Applicants. Questions were raised about how to bring that about and it was agreed to discuss at future meeting.

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 12th: Meeting place changed to Janet's at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Sibarium, Secretary