

NY Chapter ADK Board Meeting
Dec. 10, 2017
12:40 p.m.
Rhodes Tavern, Sloatsburg
Minutes

Present: Ray Kozma, Steve Barre, Suzanne Rocheleau, Mark Fedow, Mary Hilley, Lisa North, Janet Sibarium

Excused: Lewis Ports, Diane Booth, Bill Burns

- 1. Approval of November 19, 2017 Minutes** (Add on Camp Nawakwa Committee: Discussion to continue) and correct spelling in Treasurer's Report: Wellington Fund):
Unanimously Approved

- 2. Chapter Chair Update: Ray Kozma**

Nawakwa Committee: Still finalizing

Ray urged Steve to consider taking on some of the responsibilities of Camp Chair, while acknowledging the need for the Board to seek volunteers for various limited duties and perhaps a co-chair. Kim's continued assistance was recognized as a mitigating factor. The matter was left pending.

Although Kim Waldhauer resigned as Camp Chair, she is still helping with the camp facilities (winterizing, closing). For so many of the tasks, someone has to be at camp. Eve Mancuso previously agreed to be at camp for the inspections and some deliveries (propane), because she lives nearby. However, a Camp Chair is needed.

Mark suggested two more work weekends, to enlist more volunteers. Board agreed.

Future Events

Spring Work Weekend: May 5 – 6

First Summer Work Weekend: June 23 – 24th:

Late Summer Work Weekend: August.

Anniversary Weekend Oct. 6, 7, 8

Fall Work Weekend: Oct. 13 – 14

The additional work weekends will be qualifying events for service for applicants, and will also be geared to specific camp projects. Only volunteer workers would have camp fee waived.

3. Treasurer's Report Suzanne Rocheleau

Financial reports were given for the years 2016 – November 2017. Suzanne will wait for the April – June Trail Marker to post 2017 Financials because December financials aren't yet finalized.

Suzanne questioned if we could qualify for non-profit status for post office mailings to reduce mailing costs, although there is a 15-day delay with delivery.

(Note from the Secretary: Subsequently, Suzanne got an application from the US Post Office; unfortunately, from the list of eligible types of organizations, the NY Chapter does not qualify because the NY Chapter is a 501(c)7 non-profit organization, a "social and recreational club".)

4. Main Club Report: Mary Hilley

Coping with overuse in the Adirondack High Peaks has become a challenge. The larger number of climbers (over 100,000 in 2016) is accelerating the wear and tear on the hiking trails. In addition garbage and human waste are found on the most popular trails! Failure of unprepared hikers to bring essential items (such as maps, compass, flashlights, with over reliance on cell phones) has strained ranger force with search and rescue calls, which now average one a day, many in the High Peaks. Another serious aspect of the heavy use of High Peaks is dangerous parking on Route 73, after the established parking lots are full.

ADK and the ADK 46ers will work together to address the issue of high use in the High Peaks Wilderness. No Trace Workshops are gradually benefiting the trails.

Railroads and "Forever Wild" Forest Preserve: Obsolete oil tank cars are being stored in the Adirondack Park. ADK and other groups are challenging the railroad companies on the legality of storing the oil tankers there. This is against the Forever Wild Clause.

Update on building renovations: Hike Peaks Information Center was renovated. Wash House is being renovated. Camp Ground will be worked on in the spring.

ADK hired a new Development Director, Lynn Shanks, who is trying to outreach with younger members, and develop a new ADK NYC Chapter, geared for younger members. (Mark is concerned that the new NYC Chapter may siphon off potential applicants for Nawakwa.)

5. Membership – Jerry Flower (No report)

6. Trails: Bill Burns (No report)

7. Secretary/Host Chair: Janet Sibarium

Update on the transitioning to the new Secretary (Officer) and Hosting Committee:

After today's meeting, Janet will deliver detailed instructions and related documents (flash drive and printed copies) to the next Secretary, Eve Mancuso. Janet already met with the new Hosting Committee, Mary Hiley and Maryanne Poris, and gave them detailed instructions and related documents (flash drive and printed copies.)

Upcoming Hosted Presidents' Weekend, Feb. 17 – 19: New York Ramblers Invitational Holiday Weekend at Camp Nawakwa, hosted by Ingrid Strauch. (Park Permit will be required. A week prior to Presidents' Weekend, Ray will ask the Park for a permit.)

8. New Business:

Ray distributed our lawyer's suggestions on Policy on Compensation and Conflict of Interest Policy. Discussed. The 2018 New Board will review and vote. We will continue to use Marvin and Company who helped us this year to review our financials. The financials review will be performed every two years.

Ray thanked the outgoing "retiring" Board Members, Steve Barre, Lewis Ports, and Janet Sibarium. Steve, Janet and Lewis, will continue to be active with the NY Chapter and Camp Nawakwa in other capacities.

Upcoming Events:

Trail Marker Deadline: December 13, 2017 for January – March issue
March 1st: Calendar opens for host volunteers. (Mary will send out an email blast.)
Palm Sunday Hike: March 9th led by Ray
Next Board Meeting: 1st Meeting of 2018: tentatively January 6 – or 7th at the Sloatsburg Library.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Sibarium, Secretary