

**NY Chapter – ADK  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Sunday, April 30, 2017 – 12:00 p.m.  
Rhodes North Tavern**

**Present:** Ray Kozma, Steve Barre, Diane Booth, Bill Burns, Mark Fedow, Mary Hilley, Lewis Ports, Suzanne Rocheleau, Janet Sibarium,

**Excused:** Lisa North

**Others Present:** Carol Burns

**1. Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting of March 4, 2017.** Unanimously approved (with provision that Kim must check/edit the Camp Chair's Report).

**2. Chapter Chair Report: Ray Kozma**

1. We are working with our lawyer, John Caffry, to bring our bylaws into conformity with our Certificate of Incorporation. John has been busy with lawsuit work on behalf of the Adirondack Park, along with the Main Club, but hopes to have more time soon to finish the NY Chapter's work. One question to be determined: If term limits for Board members are proposed, do these go into the Bylaws or just into P&P?
2. At end of the meeting (at Main Club), Ray, Suzanne and Mary were informed by ADK President, John Gilewitz, that ADK has plans to start a new chapter in the NYC area, in hopes of appealing to Millennials.
3. We are developing hard copies of NY Chapter records (membership names, addresses, and category of membership; minutes of Board meetings; financial statements) as per NYS law for non-profits. Janet and Suzanne will spearhead this work.

**3. Secretary/Hosting Report: Janet Sibarium**

All midweeks have midweek hosts. Still need weekend hosts for few August weekends. Janet will make photocopied of host packets to bring to camp next weekend. (Spring Clean Up Weekend.)

**4. Treasurer Report: Suzanne Rocheleau**

- Suzanne filed annual Form 990N with IRS required to maintain our **non-profit** status
- Our (Vanguard) Wellesley Income Fund has grown approximately \$1500 since December 2016 to \$66,676
- Suzanne will be opening up a new business checking account with Chase Manhattan Bank due to the fraud incurred with our TD Bank checking account in February 2017.

**5. Main Club Report: Mary Hilley**

Mary will write a column for the Trail Marker. Most chapters have the same challenges as the NY Chapter: Getting new members and getting volunteers, and attracting younger members.

**Genesee** Chapter has with some success with manuals for hike leaders, etc.

John **Gilewicz'** mantra is getting new members.

New membership committee head is looking for corporation support.

## **6. Camp Chair Report: Kim Waldhauer**

Waiting for quotes for cabin 3. There is a leak over water heater. Shower will be done on work weekend.

Kim has one roof quote for Cabin 3. After 3 cancellations, (one rain event and 2 snowstorms) . She has shown the cabin to Roofer #2, and am waiting for the quote, called the office to remind them to send it. Roofer #3 has agreed to give a quote based on photos and descriptions. Kim tried to send Roofer #3 pics and complete description, but their website is temporarily broken and no pics can be sent. She'll try again.

There is a leak over the water heater. Kim set up an umbrella over the water heater. It needs to stay dry. Now that the water is on, Steve Gibbon has seen said umbrella.

Kim turned the hot water heater back on for the season. The shower may have to wait for work day, but if possible, she'll set it up sooner.

If Kim can find the time, she'll change the oil in the revered ancient mower before work day.

She put up the few remaining signs that we had made some time ago.

Kim plans on buying a new cordless drill. Battery technology has improved, and we can have one that is lighter and stronger. About \$120.

## **7. Membership Committee Report: Jerry Flower: (No report)**

### **8. Trails Committee Report: Bill Burns**

Rich DeCoursey had a few blow-downs.

Steve Zubarik will take care of it.

White Bar Trail is now 40 feet wide! Herb Coles e-mailed Bill. It seems the company that maintains the buried underground cables came in and cleared the area.

### **9. Website/Newletter Committee: Giaco Servetti**

Next Deadline: May 19<sup>th</sup>

### **10. Discussion Topics: (See Handouts)**

1. Revisions to Application Process
2. Hosting Handbook development and review
3. Camp Nawakwa Committee development up-date

Suggestions/ideas discussed:

#### **1. Application/Sponsor revisions:**

- a. Before the board votes on membership, each applicant must e-mail Jerry proof that he/she is an ADK member.
- b. A few modifications will be made to the NY Chapter ADK Nawakwa Application Form: 1) eliminate Gender, 2) Add any special skills, talents you may volunteer (and give examples: carpentry, cooking, fund raising,

hike leader, organizational, etc.) 3) Change Hiking information to Outdoor Pursuits and Interests, 4) Remove "Referrals". Keep \$25 Applicant Fee.

- c. A Sponsor may be any key-holder in good standing, who has been a key-holder for at least one year.
- d. A Sponsor may sign for only one event.
- e. Letter to Applicants will be shortened and information consolidated.
- f. Sponsor meetings will have "Topics Discussed" added to the form.

**MOTION: Applicants will receive credit for only one qualifying event per weekend.  
Mary Offered: Steve Seconded: Unanimously approved**

**2. Hosting Handbook:**

- a. A read-through of the "Hosting Handbook" was done, with comments made. Mary Hilley is working to consolidate and pull together everything into a uniform whole.

**3. Camp Nawakwa Committee** - Ray pointed out that among the "Standing Committees" listed in our By-laws is the "Nawakwa Committee." Ray presented for discussion a formulation of a revitalized "Camp Nawakwa Committee," to take effect next year, that would have three components:

- 1. Camp Committee - with Camp Chair, Kim Waldhauer - is charged with the over-all repairs, maintenance and good operation of camp. Under the Camp Committee would be the Grounds Maintenance Sub-Committee that was started last year (and for which we need a coordinator).
- 2. Hosting-Coordinating Committee - Maryann Poris and Mary Hilley have volunteered to be the co-chairs - is charged with ensuring all that is necessary for the optimum running of camp during the official camp season.
- 3. Activities Committee - chaired by Lisa North - will endeavor to organize and schedule various activities and programs of interest to members during hosted weekends and mid-weeks as appropriate.

Coming Events:

May 5 - Spring Clean Up Weekend

Teleconference: Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.

Trail Marker Deadline: May 19<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned: 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Sibarium

Secretary