

NEW YORK CHAPTER ADK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TIME AND PLACE- Teleconference, May 10, 2018, 7:30 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Ray Kozma, Diane Booth, Mary Hilley, Bill Burns, Marty Kellerman, Teri Gabel. Lisa North, Suzanne Rocheleau, Eve Mancuso. Mark Fedow – excused.

AGENDA

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

1. Minutes from April 15 accepted as revised. Motion offered to accept meeting minutes with minor revisions as noted by Mary H; seconded by Suzanne. All in favor – Unanimous vote.

2. Chapter Chair Update: Ray Kozma

Ray suggested that:

- a. The Annual Open Board Meeting held at Nawakwa be set on the Saturday after Labor Day (this year that would be September 8th). Moving it out of August, when a lot of people are on vacation, might allow more members to be in attendance.
- b. Elections should be at a separate meeting of the general membership, with Ray suggesting that the third Thursday of October (this year October 20th) be established as the day for elections. There are five positions up for election, but three current Board members (Bill B, Suzanne R, and Mark F.) have offered to run for re-election. The Chapter Chair and one Director positions are open positions.

Motion was offered by Ray K to schedule the Annual Meeting the Saturday after Labor Day which this year will be September 8, 2018, to be held at Camp Nawakwa at 11:00 am. Seconded by Diane B – All in favor – Unanimous vote.

Motion was offered by Bill B to schedule the meeting for elections to the Board of Directors for the third Saturday in October which this year will be October 20, 2018, to be held in the Sloatsburg library at 12 noon until 3 pm. Seconded by Mary H. All in favor - Unanimous vote. Eve M. to call library to reserve room.

Discussion followed regarding establishing a Nominations Committee. There should be three people. Those who were on the Nominating Committee last year will be asked if they could do so again this year. Other potential Nominating Committee members can be approached as needed.

Discussion followed regarding establishing a Tallying Committee. There should be three people. Those who worked last year on this will be asked again, and other members will be approached as needed.

The Nominating Committee should be in place by the July meeting of the Board of Directors. A Nominations form will be placed in the August Trail marker.

The Nominations Committee should consider approaching some newer members for interest in running for the Board.

3. Secretary – Eve Mancuso – Nothing new to report
4. Treasurer – Suzanne Rocheleau- report submitted

- a. On April 30, 2018, the required annual filing of Form 990 was performed.
 - b. The NY Chapter received a \$ 25 donation from Kevin Elford to be utilized towards Camp maintenance.
 - c. The Chase account signatory card was changed. Outgoing members Steve B. and Janet S were removed and in-coming elected Board members Eve M. and Teri G. were added. As the current Treasurer, Suzanne R. remains a signatory.
5. Website Report- Giacomo Servetti
The next issue of the Trailmarker will be posted to the website shortly.
6. Discussion Topics:
- a. Annual Dues-System Proposal: Discussion took place regarding the proposal to move towards an annual Key-Holder dues system to replace the Key-Holder Day-fee system. Board reviewed a draft survey prepared by Marty. Discussion followed and questions were presented: How many people would potentially sign up? How many do we need for this move to be financially viable? At this time there are approx. 50 passports sold each year. How many would potentially be in favor of a dues system? We will send out a survey to the members to learn of their opinions. We will finalize the language of survey at the June meeting. The survey will be sent out by e mail and hopefully a large percentage of the membership will respond quickly.
 - b. There was discussion regarding an applicant, Stephanie Lai, whose application was lost in the mail. Should the applicant be able to earn credit for the work weekend? A second application was immediately mailed to replace the first lost application. It was determined the applicant proceeded in good faith.

Motion was offered by Lisa seconded by Marty to allow the applicant to receive credit for the work weekend. All in favor – vote unanimous.
7. Main Club Report – Mary Hilley

Main Club meeting was attended by Mark F. as Mary could not attend. A report was previously submitted was distributed for the Board to read.
8. Membership- Jerry Flower – no report
9. Camp Nawakwa Committee -
- a. Camp Committee: Work weekend went very well, with a lot of enthusiasm and cooperation. Thirty-five members, including six Applicants, took part. Ray will write up an article for the Trailmarker. Don has many projects he would like to get done.

Discussion regarding Don coordinating work on Cabin 4 stairs which have come unfastened from the cabin and are unstable. EM to send out email to members who signed up for this weekend to potentially work on these stairs.
 - b. Hosting Committee- Mary sent out list with dates available. Will continue to solicit weekend hosts. Develop caretaker host list and a co-host list. June 9/10 open, July 7/8 open. List will be posted in trailmarker. Mary/MaryAnn will continue to send out blurb each Monday.

- c. Activities committee – discussion took place regarding a clarification- is it up to the weekend host to agree to or suggest an activity or should it be assigned? It was determined the Hosts will be contacted to see if they are interested. There are various options. The Trail Conference has speakers, members may put on their own program. Another suggestion was a trail safety class or Sailing lesson. Saturdays, between 3 and 4 PM could be used for an event time so that the special event would be completed before the start of the weekend.

10. Trails- Bill Burns

Maintenance is being performed. There were a lot of blow downs that required clearing. Work is proceeding. Kim, June, Herb and Bill worked diligently on maintenance.

Thru hikers on AT should be up in our region by June, so Bill wanted the trail work to be completed by then.

11. Conservation

Don said that with last year's projects we were allowed to use the Trail Conference's GPS unit, but it will no longer be available for our use. Don suggested that the Chapter purchase its own GPS unit, as well as a spray tank, for this and future conservation projects.

Motion was offered by Ray K to approve up to \$ 250 per the purchase of two GPS units and spray tank for use by the conservation committee on their projects. Seconded by Lisa N. All in favor- Unanimous vote.

The next Board meeting will be on June 9, 2018 at Rhodes Tavern at 10:30 am.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eve Mancuso, Board Secretary