

New York Chapter ADK Meeting Minutes

Date: December 8, 2019, 74 Lafayette Ave, Suffern

In attendance: Lisa North, Guy Lingley, Susanne Flower, Suzanne Rocheleau, Diane Booth, Marty Kellerman, Teri Gabel, Eve Mancuso,

Call In: Mark Fedow, Bill Burns

Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes Oct. 16, 2019

Motion: offered by Diane Booth, second by Susanne Flower, Vote: All in favor - unanimous

Meeting Minutes Nov. 6, 2019

Motion: offered by Marty Kellerman, second Diane Booth, Vote: All in favor unanimous

Secretary Report – Eve Mancuso

The Annual Appeal was sent out to all Nawakwans by USPS mail. Marty Kellerman asked that the verbiage be clarified as to the “stamped” envelope enclosed. As a clarification, the return address is stamped on an enclosed envelope for convenience but a postage stamp is not affixed to the envelope due to the added cost to the club. The letter will be amended for clarification for year 2020 Appeal.

Website Update– Brandon Hunt is having a bit of difficulty with .net v .org. Eve Mancuso recruited help and will resolve. All Board members to review web site, send comments/corrections to Eve M or Brandon Hunt in anticipation of going live ASAP.

Moving forward – Paul Bartlett or Deidre Tourin may be available to help out.

Treasurer Report- Suzanne Rocheleau

Tax exempt status was utilized to purchase in fill mesh for. Suzanne Rocheleau processed paperwork. The last rent check was submitted to PIPC and the MCI amount was deducted. The MCI included the Mesh, railing, gravel and stain/brushes in the amount of approx. \$ 3,000.

Motion: to send \$50 contribution for 2020 to NY NJ Trail Conference. Motion offered by Marty Kellerman, seconded by Diane Booth. Vote: All in favor - unanimous. This Motion vote was amended to \$75 by e mail vote (12/9/19).

Currently the account balances are -Checking Account \$ 33,000, Vanguard Income Fund \$ 69,000, Money Market Fund \$ 22,300.

Susser Estate - \$ 50 k has been received and \$ 85 k more is anticipated.

Investment options were discussed in detail. Suzanne Rocheleau will transfer a portion of the Vanguard income fund, \$ 35,000, to Vanguard Muni Funds and also transfer the Money Market Fund, \$ 22,300, to the Vanguard Muni Fund.

Suzanne Rocheleau will share info with Guy Lingley so he can assist with investigation of investment options for the club.

As a means of receiving additional income, Lisa North will pursue the procedure for obtaining filming permission from the PIPC and having this approval in place for future use. We would like to have this in

place as when the filming requests are received a very fast turn-around time for making a commitment is required.

Environmental Committee- Marty Kellerman

The Green Amendment - Phone conference scheduled with the Riverkeeper, ADK and potentially ACA to develop strategies to get the message out and inform people of the Green Amendment.

Camp Chair Report – Don Gabel

Boat launch update- Don Gabel will compile information to send to the board for discussion. Everyone is in favor of new boat launch area. The Board agreed enhancing safe access would be beneficial for all members and increase usage.

Discussion followed regarding the access to boats, boat rack modifications to the locking system and potentially purchasing additional kayaks.

Discussion followed regarding roof replacement. Teri G. will follow up with PIPC and go to a top level person to expedite this project.

Lisa North and Don Gabel will reach out to PIPC to discuss filming opportunities and offer the proceeds to offset the cost of the roof replacement as an incentive to get the funds in place for the roof work to be performed.

Trail Maintenance Committee - Bill Burns

Bill Burns presented his report and gave an update. Work will be performed on the Long Path and AT.

Porch Railing Project – Guy Lingley-

Guy Lingley gave an update on the status of the project. Suzanne Rocheleau will send checks and coordinate payment.

Guy Lingley will accept delivery at his place of business as it is being delivered via common carrier. He will have it unloaded and bring it to camp. Guy Lingley is hoping to get it built ASAP weather permitting. He will need assistance to install the infill mesh.

Discussion followed regarding the condition of the handrails up to cabins and repairing the existing trail and rails.

Don Gabel has this project on his list of projects to be completed. More volunteers are needed for this type of work.

Chair Report – Lisa North

Winter Social:

It was decided to again have the same menu as last year as it appeared to be the best option for all. The cost is approx. \$ 42 plus tax and tip. Lisa North will confirm with the restaurant and provide the copy of the menu to Ray Kozma to post in the next Trail Marker.

There was some discussion regarding accident on site and potential insurance claim. Discussed off season use of camp and permit process. There appears to be a need to remind Members of the off season protocol and permit requirements.

Lisa North will have a notice posted in the Trail Marker advising them of the need to acquire a permit. Don Gabel has volunteered to also be a contact. The deadline for requesting a permit will be the

Wednesday preceding the weekend to enable Lisa North or Don Gabel to process the request through PIPC.

Discussion Items:

Ray Kozma provided a letter to the Board with various suggestions for improvements and projects throughout the camp.

Guy Lingley voiced a concern regarding using all of the funds. He suggested we develop a prioritized project list.

Guy Lingley will work with Don Gabel to review and or expand the existing project list with potentially adding "to do" items.

Anniversary Celebration:

We will plan to have a celebration. There will be an ad hoc committee formed. Susanne Flower volunteered to head the committee. A notice will be sent in the Trail Marker to "save the date" for September 2022 for an Anniversary Party.

Winter Camp Use –an issue has arisen regarding the need for winterization of drains to prevent traps from freezing. Teri Gabel will make up signs for the sinks reminding people to winterize each drain – the kitchen sink drains, and washroom(s) drains. The anti- freeze and designated cup will be left in plain sight in the kitchen sink area so members have a visible reminder.

Guest Policy – a member in good standing may bring up to four guests. More than four guests requires additional prior host approval for hosted periods.

Motion: offered by Diane Booth, seconded by Suzanne Rocheleau. Vote: – in favor, Lisa North, Guy Lingley, Susanne Flower, Suzanne Rocheleau, Diane Booth, Mark Fedow, Teri Gabel, Mart Kellerman, Eve Mancuso. Vote: – against – Bill Burns.

Lake Sebago Dam

Concern was voiced regarding the condition of the Lake Sebago Dam and needed repairs to safeguard the downstream properties.

Tentative Meeting Schedule 2020

Jan 16 teleconference, Jan 26 winter social

Feb 23 holiday lunch – place to be determined.

March 29 mtg at Susanne Flowers home.

April 26 mtg at Susanne Flowers home.

The Board thanked Diane Booth for all of her time and efforts over the course of many years. We look forward to her remaining an active member and supporting the various committee efforts as the need arises.

Meeting adjourned.



Respectfully Submitted,

Eve Mancuso, Board Secretary