

NY CHAPER ADK

MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 23, 2020

In Attendance:

Board Members: Susanne Flower, Teri Gabel, Don Gabel, Guy Lingley, Lisa North, Bill Burns, Marty McDonald, Marty Kellerman, Mark Fedow, Suzanne Rocheleau, Eve Mancuso

Camp Committee Chair - Don Gabel

Approval of Meeting minutes from June 25, 2020 - Motion was offered by Susanne, second by Marty M
Vote: In favor - Unanimous

Chair Report - Lisa North

Thanked Don and Teri for preparing plan that allowed us access to camp Nawakwa.

Camp Chair Report – Don Gabel

Overall, things are going well though there is a fair amount of non-compliance. Not wearing masks in the lodge seems to be a recurring infraction.

There is also evidence of cooking and food preparation in the kitchen. There should be consequences for those not following the guidelines. They are jeopardizing the use of camp by all members. PIPC may retract number / reduce number of people allowed to be in camp if there is not compliance. To eliminate the food prep issue there can be more reminders posted. Carry in / Carry out, perhaps post local restaurants. Eve M to send note to Marty M. regarding local restaurants.

Additionally, add additional sign regarding "Clean all surfaces after your use". There is disinfectant/sanitizing spray readily available.

Discussion followed regarding trying to set up a Hosted weekend. Planned for on August 22/23. Don and Teri will host and plan a work weekend. Board members will participate and assist. Hosting will be offered by Board members only to assist applicants in meeting their requirements. The applicants have to be reminded to read the Applicants Handbook.

Discussion followed regarding qualifying hikes. Tatiana and Yajing planned for a hike on Friday. Coordinate through Glen N, then send to Marty M for posting on the website and e mail membership committee for the list so the Qualifying Hike and Hosted weekend information can be sent out to applicants.

A few boards on the dock need to be repaired. Don will speak to David Bourne – Lake Foreman to repair.

Fourth step on crib missing.

Main Club Report – Mark Fedow

The in person Main Club Meeting at Lake George did not take place due to predicted inclement weather.

Now that Neil Woodward has retired there are changes occurring.

A new Board of Directors is being planned. Currently there is one director from each of 37 chapters. That is intended to change under the new leadership; New Executive President Michael Barret – paid position, runs day to day business.

Tom Andrews is the elected President.

An outside consultant was retained by the Min Club to propose changes to grow the club. Michael B had his own ideas.

The major change to the Main Club Bylaws is to implement a new structure. The individual directors would not be elected by each chapter, they would be appointed by the Main Club directors. The new appointed directors would be major donors.

Chapters would be able to appoint Board advisors to make recommendations. Not sure how much “advisory” influence chapters will have.

Though NY Chapter and others voted against this, the majority of Chapters voted in favor of new structure.

As the NY Chapter has its own Bylaws and thus do not have to act under the Main Club Bylaws, we are not sure of the effect these changes will have on the NY Chapter.

This now has to go out for an ADK membership vote. We should advise our chapter members on the impact to our club. The information will be presented in the Adirondack magazine with a ballot to vote. Mark F will reach out to other chapters to discuss the issues and inform them that the changes potentially restrict their individual club participation and voice in running the Main club.

Secretary Report – Eve Mancuso

Discussed the Caretaker Letter- are any revisions needed? It was discussed that the Caretaker is not required to confront people.

Nominations Committee has now been established. There is one Board position open as Bill Burns is retiring from the Board. The Committee is: Leni Tabb, Nina Zev, Gladys Sotomayor. Eve M to send to Ray Kozma to the names and contact information to post in the Trail Marker. Members may then nominate members of their choice to be voted upon at the next election.

Open Meeting for NY Chapter members- Meeting date is set for Sept 12. It will be a Zoom meeting set up by Susanne F. Questions/comments may be sent prior to the meeting to Susanne Flower by e mail. Questions/comments may be sent Monday Sept 7 thru Thursday Sept 10 by USPS mail to the PO Box, or questions/comments may be sent during the meeting via the chat function.

Prior Infractions by member– Lisa N spoke to person and described process for signing up.

Webmaster Report - Marty McDonald

The Website has been very active with 30 visitors per day.

The camp visitation form is working for those who would like to register to visit camp. Marty has been

providing assistance / support to Teri G. to streamline the process.

Treasurer Report – Suzanne Rocheleau

The PO Box was renewed.

The Chapter has not received affiliate fees – nothing received since February.

In 2019 the Chapter received \$ 9000 – Suzanne R will call Virginia, administrator for main office and will send a letter.

Special projects – Guy Lingley

There has been no further activity since the installation of the in-fill mesh on the porch steps. He will next investigate the integrity of porch vertical posts. He will potentially use horizontal rails for attachment of the in-fill mesh.

Camp Projects - Marty M will coordinate with Don G to compile his written list and assist with recruiting volunteers by posting on the website. Potential projects: railing, swim area, mowing, gravel, - boat dock.

Next work weekend is 8/22. Will try to recruit specific people with the skills needed for those tasks intended to be completed on specific projects.

Trails Chair - Bill Burns

Trail work is now commencing. They should have all trails maintained by fall and should be despite the delay due to COVID.

New Business

Referendum item on Ballot item for next election – “Should the Board vote in favor of the Green Amendment on behalf of the Chapter as a whole?”

Motion offered by Marty K, second by Lisa North – Vote: In favor: Lisa, Marty M, Marty K, Guy L, Bill B, Susanne. Abstain: Mark, Suzanne, Teri Eve. Motion Passes.

Next meeting August 27 Zoom 5: 30 PM

Adjourn: 10 pm

Francuso, Board Sec'y