

Appalachian Mountain Club
Mohawk Hudson Chapter Executive Committee
E.Greenbush Library
June 8, 2009

Attending: E. Dufur; B. Dufur; M. Fedyniak; K. Cox; K. Pratt; S. Bonk; H. Schreiber
Absent: W. Herrod; C. Galloway

The minutes of April 9 were approved with the correction of the web portal address in the Membership Committee report.

The Treasurer distributed 3 reports: February 9 (corrected); April 6; and June 8. The current checking account balance is \$1870.95. Our projected expenses exceed our current revenue. The CD matures in one month. E. Dufur reported that we had requested additional funding via the Worcester Endowment Fund. The status of that request is unknown. E. Dufur reported that the request for special funding to for the Hudson 400th celebration event had been approved but the payment had not been received.

Regional Director Schreiber reported that at the Chapter Chairs Retreat there was unanimous support for having all new members who join via the web automatically be signed up for electronic notification of chapter newsletters. To receive print a new member would have to indicate this preference through the Member Center. This is not technically possible at the present time.

Committee Reports.

1. Membership chair Dufur reported that a recent AMC report indicated that the chapter membership went down one for the reporting period. He also reported he received labels and new member information. He will call the newest members (14 in April, 16 in May) and invite them to the picnic on June 25.
2. Western Slope E. Dufur reported that her conversations with long term members indicated that most want to receive a printed/mailed Western Slope. Editor Bonk said that the issue "in press" will be only 4 pages with fewer photos, no minutes of the last chapter meeting. The copy is at Lane Press for layout. The issue should reach members before the end of June. The first scheduled outing is July 1.
3. Outings chair Cox indicated that his work with the new schedule of AMC is going well. If our chapter newsletter changes from 4/yr to 3/yr, the lead time for leaders to list trips will be at least 3 months. Average attendance on scheduled outings was 4-5. The Wednesday hikes and HARP have as many as 15 on some activities. HARP hikes are resuming.
4. Publicity chair Pratt reported that she sent information for June to the Times Union. She has contacted the Environmental Clearinghouse of Schenectady (ECOS) about the listing of our hikes.

5. Trails Report chair Galloway submitted a written report which was read to the committee by the chair. A summary: 8 people worked on the chapter trail day, May 2. Eight people, including AMC's Trails Chair, D. Hoffses participated in trail work in Thacher Park. There are many new trails in progress: Capital Wildlife District in Rensselaer County; Zim Smith Rail Trail in Saratoga County; Harlem Valley trail extension to Ghent; Helderberg-Hudson; Walkway over the Hudson (Poughkeepsie).
6. The new Web Committee had its first meeting on June 8, 2009. S. Bonk reported for the group (G. Weber, C. Grossman, S. Bonk, and Harold and Miriam Strobe) that met to discuss design, web authoring software, maintenance, and requisite skills of a webmaster.

Old business

1. Quarterly membership meeting/potluck 38-40 people attended; member contributions offset most of the meeting expenses (room rental and speaker).
2. M. Fedyniak attended the Spring Fling at the Mohican Center.
3. M. Fedyniak, E and B Dufur attended the Chapter Chairs Retreat at Cardigan Lodge.
4. E. Dufur reported that space was still available for the Highland Weekend. Reservations will be held with the receipt of a \$50 payment.

New Business

1. Henry Hudson 400th Anniversary Celebration, June 13. E. Dufur reported that materials had been purchased for the chapter booth even though the AMC funds had not yet reached the chapter. She has volunteers to cover the booth for the whole day.
2. The Leadership seminar has not yet been scheduled.
3. Upcoming events:
 - Chapter picnic, June 25
 - AMC Fall Gathering, Oct 16-18
 - Annual Banquet and Elections, Roger Scholl speaker on ascent of Mt. McKinley.
4. Hudson River Ramble. M. Fedyniak proposed and the committee agreed that she submit our September outings that fall within the scope of the month-long weekend events. Agreed.
5. Chapter Leadership Changes. E. Dufur announced that she would be stepping down as Co-Chair when her 3 year term expires this autumn. B. Dufur will also be stepping down as Membership Chair. The Nominating Committee will be appointed during the summer. H. Schreiber recommended that the chapter elect a vice-chair as a position for someone in training for the chapter chair position.

The next meeting is August 10. Active members will be invited to the meeting. Nominating Committee and website will be agenda items.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bonk, Secretary

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