

# NY CHAPTER ADK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**PLACE AND TIME:** NYC, Janet S residence, April 15, 2018, 12:30 pm

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ray Kozma, Teri Gabel, Marty Kellerman, Mary Hilley, Lisa North, Suzanne Rocheleau, Eve Mancuso  
Bill Burns – call in  
Mark Fedow, Diane Booth – excused

## **AGENDA**

Called to order 12:45

1. March 1, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously with minor revisions. Motion made by Suzanne R, second by Marty K. Eve M will send the minutes to Giacomo Servetti for posting to the Trailmarker.

### **2. Chair- Raymond Kozma**

Ray spoke to Kim to discuss camp committee tasks, liaison with Park office – Kim was supportive of the Board's ideas, and thought the Camp Chair or another designated person could be the liaison with the Park office.

Don G accepted position as camp chair. Don reached out to Steve and Bill to plan projects. Don started evaluating condition of Cabin 3. Chunks of roofing material are within the structure as a result of the re-roofing project. Cabin needs thorough clean-up. Don meeting with Kim today about tasks to open camp- toilets, water, projects on Kim's list.

New projects on Dons list: Steps on cabin 4, maybe need footings.

Mary and Mary Ann will send e-mail regarding work weekend. It will include information on contacting Steve B for projects and lunch and contacting Janet S as dinner and overnight host to register for May 5/6 weekend. Clean up starts at 9 am

Mary H & Mary Ann P –will be the lunch hosts. Steve will let Mary know who is coming for work day and lunch to get a head count.

Steve will register people for work weekend. - contact Steve for work day and lunch

Steve and Don can have projects for Sunday workers as well.

Palisades Camp Association has a meeting each year. This year it is on May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bear Mt Inn - 10 am. The cost is \$ 20 which will be reimbursed by the Board. Teri G. to RSVP and attend on behalf of Camp Nawakwa. Contact person is: Milly Hurd VP PCA 203 820-5914.

Don will ask Kim about details in obtaining a porta-potty so as to have it delivered in time for work weekend.

Invitational write up. Ray presented a write-up on History and Policy on Invitations (attached) Ellen King checked archives. In June 1935, LI and mid-Hudson chapters drafted History and Policy On Invitationals. The process on how to arrange an invitational will be outlined. This write-up will be published in the next issue of the Trail Marker.

AMC weekend in June is the next Invitational scheduled.

Ray K. was advised by our attorney that we do not need anti-harassment policy, but the Board felt that there should be a write-up on expected behaviors. A "Who we Are" write-up by Ray was distributed and discussed. Friendliness towards hikers passing through was noted. In an effort to attract new members, current members should be friendly. Have ADK cards printed out for members to hand out on the trail. Document may be ready for June Trailmarker. Send comments and/or suggestions to Ray prior to May 11.

Adam Conrad passed away – Eve M. to e mail to key holders informing them of his death. He and his late wife Ellen Libretto were often mid-week hosts. Adam was a Lifetime member and was instrumental in bringing in new members.

3. **Secretary – Eve Mancuso**

No report.

4. **Treasurer – Suzanne Rocheleau**

Teri G, Suzanne R., and Eve M. to meet in Suffern April 27 to sign Chase account card for signatories

Suzanne R. will file paperwork for non-profit prior to May 15.

Vanguard Wellington income fund – doing well, approx. \$ 70, income fund, profit re-submitted.

\$ 300 to release to Mary Ann P. to purchase commissary supplies to start the season.

A \$ 50 donation was received from Walter Jaekel.

A Report will be sent to Eve M. for inclusion in meeting minutes.

5. **Discussion topics:**

**Topic 1: Allowing mid-week Hosts to bring up a guest.**

Can a mid-week caretaker host bring up guests? Discussion by Board included the following: It would help maximize the mid-week use of camp, it would assist in running the camp safely in an

orderly manner and, and it would provide extra safety so one person would not be alone at camp. To enable the mid-week host to enjoy a swim, a person must be on the swim dock. Sometimes there is no one else in camp.

**MOTION to Amend hosting policy - the mid-week host will be allowed to bring up to 2 guests. This is to maximize use of the camp and to provide a safe environment for the host as well as safe operation of the camp**

Motion Offered Ray K, seconded Suzanne R. All in favor: Unanimous

## **Topic 2: Having an Annual Key-holder dues system to replace the key-holder Day fee system**

Discussion followed regarding moving towards an annual dues system for Key-holders rather than daily fee or the Passport.

An analysis of Income from day fees vs annual dues was performed to investigate if this option is viable. In 2017 there were \$15,735 in fees, of which passports accounted for \$ 5890 of that amount.

Discussed possible reduction in fees and how it would affect overall number of members. There is a need to maintain sufficient income to run the camp.

ADK membership costs \$ 55, in addition there are key fees and Nawakwa fees. What would be the correct fee to charge for annual dues to maintain income while still attract members and retain them?

A survey will be composed to put the question to the members. Questions will be formulated such as:

How often did you come to camp in the past two years?

Would changing the day fee schedule encourage you to attend more?

Would you come more if fee schedule were changed to a dues system?

How many times would you come if the day fee was reduced or a dues system established?

Would annual dues be more attractive to encourage use?

Set up sub- committee Lisa N, Teri G, Marty K to develop questions for the membership regarding amending fee schedule. Teri G and Mary H to set up "survey monkey"

### **6. Website - Giacomo Servetti**

No report.

### **7. Main Club Report- Mary Hilley**

Mark F attended the ADK Main Club Annual Meeting (report attached)

### **8. Membership-Jerry Flower**

Applicants are: Thomas Dargan, Tanya Gabel-Ether, Mark Gottlieb, Aaron Green, Cecile Grima, Rosemary Irving, Karen McDonald, Lisa Richardson, Jeffrey Sherman, Yanjun Zhang, Katie Bronson, Matt Gabel.

### **9. Camp Nawakwa Committee:**

**Camp Chair Committee - Don Gabel** (report attached)

Don will work with Kim W and has been up at camp this weekend.

Don will coordinate with Steve to develop work weekend chore list, Don will develop projects list. Renovation of porch railing and stair, stoning along edge road- Bill Ledwitz from PIPC did not yet respond. Follow up is needed.

Steve would like to organize basement. Assign lockers to store tools.

Don inspected the camp- mowing, cut back trails, written procedures /signage in cabins all needs to be updated.

“Non potable, do not drink” signage to be renewed at the well.

Teri suggested to buy second mower- used. Seek prices.

Don will look for second weed wacker- maybe battery operated? Commercial grade?

### **Hosting Committee – Mary Hilley and Mary Ann Poris**

Hosting Schedule Summary submitted (attached)

Mary H and Mary Ann P. will purchase supplies for the desk.

A third letter went out for hosting to those who have not yet signed up.

Mary H will reach out to specific prior hosts by text or phone.

For discussion- perhaps introduce new hosting procedure- Saturday dinner only.

Discussion re: setting up google documents list to handle hosting calendar.

### **Activities Committee- Marty Kellerman and Lisa North**

Art Show- artwork, people can bring up 5 or 6 pieces. Set up for view prior to happy hour.

Check with Suzanne Flower re: bringing monitor to work with a laptop for members to use in providing shows.

PIPC asked for as much advance notice as possible for speakers. Discussion re history of the Eagles Rock group, History of Railroads.

### **10. Trails - Bill Burns**

Bill attended the New York-New Jersey Trail conference dinner- awards, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at Ramapo College. Posted photo's re AT trail maintenance

### **11. Conservation**

Don working on new project which will be posted in the Trailmarker. Conservation Camp out project – scheduled for mid-July. The project is to eradicate “devils walking stick, Japanese aralia.” We are coordinating this work with the Trail Conference – Katie, Don and Trail Conference person will schedule meeting to formulate methods to record data.

Teri G to send Eve M a notice for Eve M to e mail to key-holders prior to July camp out program.

## **12. Other Matters**

Calendar for up-coming Board meetings:

May 10<sup>th</sup>- teleconference – 7:30 pm

June 9<sup>th</sup> - lunch at Rhodes Tavern - 12 noon

July 28<sup>th</sup> - Sloatsburg library - 12 pm

Aug TBD

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> - Annual Open Meeting at camp

Oct 20<sup>th</sup> - Sloatsburg library - 12 noon

Discussion regarding nominating committee – Mary H and Ray K will not run for re-election thus those positions will be available. Bill and Suzanne and Mark will run for re-election.

Main Club Liaison- potentially Mark F. Alternate will be proposed for next elections

Motion to adjourn, 4 10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Eve Mancuso, Secretary