

New York Chapter ADK

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 25, 2020

Location: Zoom meeting

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

Camp Chair: Don Gabel

Camp Chair Report- Don Gabel

First weekend- went well. Program was approved. People pushing the limits a bit. They must be reminded of the specific COVID requirements as outlined in the Camp Plan approved by PIPC.

In the interest of giving members an opportunity to enjoy camp, guests are only accepted after Thursday night if the number of registered members allows for it.

Last minute calls not accepted. Confirmation is needed before you arrive. You need a response BEFORE arriving. Eve will send E mail blast reminder. They are booking ahead, into July.

E mail shall state "Do not e mail day of visit, 24-hour advance notice needed, wait for confirmation before arriving, guests will only be allowed if there are available spaces after Thursday evening."

Lisa North has volunteered to be responsible for Mary James and Jill Mendelson— new applicants who will be in camp on work day.

Men's room, water not in toilet. Don G to check. Remove leaves from toilet.

Boat launching area not yet set out. Need three to four people. Rack shifted and needs to be re-set to its proper position.

The Camp Rowboat that went missing was found by Teri G and Don G across the lake and they returned it to camp.

The cable that was placed on the swim dock last season rusted, there is a need to re-work anchoring system for the buoys so the swim area can be returned to the prior shape and size. It is functional for now so swimmers may enjoy the swim area. Ladders are installed for ease of use and safety.

Work list developed for this weekend:

- Cabins to be cleaned.
- Main lodge cleaned.
- Maybe men's bathroom- figure out why water is not working, may simply be a water valve needs to be turned on.
- Pathways cut back, usual raking.
- Steps built up alongside lodge and down the waterfront.

Discussion followed regarding a member who did not pay dues. Janet Sibarium, membership committee, should remind him and report to Teri G. If he doesn't pay, he needs to leave camp on July 1. All members have to be in good standing to have access to camp. This includes having all of the ADK fees paid to date.

All members have to comply with the rules.

Teri G- planned for Call Ahead for Monday – recurring going forward for service on Monday.

Chair Report- Lisa North

Inquired as to how camp fees are being accounted for and collected. Teri G is comparing fees submitted to the registration list. Teri G will retrieve the fees from the locked box on the desk and send the money to the treasurer.

Don G reported - Garbage/ recycling was taken out by him.

Keeping the number of people at camp to 15 people for now as that seems to be a manageable number.

Procedures in place for camp access seem to be working so should remain as is for now.

Inspections coming up.

Applicant Evelyn Zapotta – as an applicant in 2018. Due to personnel reasons she was unable to complete the requirements. –

Motion to extend the time requirement for Evelyn Zapotta in becoming an applicant, activities completed to date will be accepted. Motion offered by Bill Burns, second by Marty Kellerman Vote: In favor-unanimous. Motion passes.

Eve M to send message to Gerry Flower, Janet Sibarium, David Miller.

A discussion followed regarding the Green Amendment. Marty Kellerman wanted to bring forth a motion endorsing the Green Amendment that “each person shall have a right to clean air, healthful environment...” Discussion followed. Some objected to having the club get involved in political issues. Others wanted more information and not a blanket endorsement not knowing the explicit ramifications of over-regulation by the state or federal government as there are currently clean air and clean water laws in affect that govern.

Some discussion of adding the Green Amendment endorsement to the ballot as a referendum item, or perhaps just informing the individual members to take an action individually rather than speak for the chapter as a whole. Tabled for further discussion.

Secretary Report- Eve Mancuso

Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve meeting minutes of May 21, 2020 meeting, as amended. Motion offered by Susanne Flower, second by Teri Gabel. Vote: in favor, unanimous. Motion passes.

Nominations Committee – elections are once again coming up. Bill Burns would like to retire from the Board. Lisa North, Susanne Rocheleau, Suzanne Flower, Mark Fedow would like to run for their current positions.

A Nominations Committee will be formed. Eve M will reach out to prior Committee members to determine if they would be willing to volunteer for this position once again.

Janet Sibarium, Daphne Prior, Leni Taub have assisted before and will be contacted.

Website – Marty McDonald

Registration for camp visitation application forms are sent to Teri Gabel when the “submit” button is hit, and cc'd to Marty M.

There is increased usage of the site. Instagram is active.

Marty M has counters on each page to track activity.

Suggestion made by Lisa N for ride share option to be added to the website. Discussion followed regarding pros and cons. Concerns regarding insurance / exposure to club, exposure to COVID, or auto accident. It was determined now was not the time to establish this policy due to COVID concerns. The matter was tabled for future discussion and consideration.

Treasurer Report – Suzanne Rocheleau

Call ahead resolved, scheduled for Monday, Teri Gabel to give key to worker for access.

Termite trap bait delivered to camp by Maryann Poris. Eve M will try to find the key to open the cabinet and locate the bait to perform the termite treatment task.

Suzanne R gave Ellen historical financial records.

Special project – Porch Steps In-Fill Mesh – Guy Lingley

The in- fill mesh project was completed on porch steps.

Perhaps fix the bottom landing with a concrete landing.

Guy is in the design phase for the proposed improvement to the porch rails. Wants to maintain the structural integrity and aesthetic as well.

Guy requested a photo of “Lisa’s Landing” at the bottom of the porch steps be sent to him.

Trails Committee – Bill Burns

Reports have been submitted from some maintainers. At maintenance work has not yet been authorized by PIPC but Bill anticipates going out within the next few weeks. Individual work is OK to be performed but not group work.

New Business

Teri Gabel asked that guidelines be developed for hosts or caretakers to be in camp as there has been evidence of non-members trespassing on the premises. It was determined having a presence in camp to

monitor people/ activities would be beneficial. Question arose – should they be called hosts or caretakers? It was determined as cooking or communal meals were not allowed the Caretaker role would best fit the current regulations for camp occupancy and use. Caretakers will be allowed and encouraged.

Motion: In the interest of monitoring the use and activity within camp following the Plan approved by PIPC, and confirming the members registered with Teri G to attend camp are the only members visiting camp, there will be both weekend and weekday caretakers: Motion offered by Suzanne Flower, second by Teri Gabel. Vote: In favor, unanimous, Motion passes.

When filling out the registration form, a member should request to be caretaker.

They will be required to perform the regular caretaker rules. Eve M will contact the Hosting Committee to request the current caretaker responsibilities list and give it to Teri G and Marty M to post. We will eliminate task of the collection of fees. Teri G will continue to collect fees and compare the fees received against the registration forms and sign-in log. Fees will then be sent to Suzanne R.

There seems to be some member repeatedly not following the rules. Every member must follow the camp rules or the use of camp of all members may be jeopardized. As infractions have occurred in the past, Eve M will ask Ray Kozma for a sample letter previously formulated. Lisa will amend the letter and send it to the member.

Marty K will send Eve M info regarding Zoom presentation for Saturday night. Eve M to send out e mail to NY Chapter members.

Main Club Meeting – Mark Fedow

The next Directors Meeting is scheduled for July 11 at Lake George. Directors only are invited to attend. It will be an in-person meeting. Mark is unsure if he can attend.

ADK is opening the Main Lodge this weekend with constraints: 25% occupancy, only separate rooms, separate tables for meals. No communal seating or eating arrangements will be offered.

Next Board meeting – July 23 at 7 pm per Zoom. Susanne F will set it up.

Motion to adjourn: 9 20 pm

Respectfully submitted



Eve Mancuso, Board Secretary