

BINGHAMTON CHAPTER OF THE ADK
Minutes for February 9, 2010

The General Meeting was called to order at 7 PM with Chair Gary Vanderbles presiding.

Chair – Gary Vanderbles began the meeting by reading a quote by John Muir about wilderness preservation. The minutes were then read and approved. Becca & Amy, potential members, introduced themselves. Gary talked about an upcoming meeting regarding local natural gas drilling. The meeting will be held Feb.18 at East Middle School.

Vice Chair – Donna Cole volunteered to put together a basket to raffle at the ADK's annual Black Fly Affair in May.

Treasurer – The report was presented by the secretary in Mark's absence. Our current cash balance is \$1,188.68. A copy of Mark's report is attached to a hard copy of the minutes.

Director – Erik Gregory gave a short explanation of his duties as our Chapter Director. The next Director's meeting will be held March 6 at ADK headquarters in Lake George.

Outings Chair – John Lynch reminded us of the snowshoe at Whitney Point reservoir on Feb. 21 – if snow permits. Kenny Wallace will lead this event. There will be a hike up Slide Mountain in the Catskills on March 13 with John Lynch leading. A hike to the Terrill Pond lean-to will take place on May 22 following the Black Fly Affair. We will have a spring gathering on June 12 at the home of Ken Jackson. A naturalist will lead us on a Riverwalk. As always, check the message board for details.

Programs Chair – Pat Connors will contact someone to speak to us in March about hiking the Apalachin Trail. Pat will also contact someone to speak to us on the issue of natural gas drilling in our area. A backpacking presentation will be our May program.

Conservation Chair – No report

Membership & Communications Chair – Ken Jackson reported that we have signed up with JustHost to host our website. We purchased a 5 year contract for \$177.00. Files are being uploaded and the website is nearly complete. Ken also reported that the newsletter will go out mid-February.

New Business – None

Ongoing Business – None

The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 9 at Gander Mountain on Harry L. Drive in Johnson City. The General Meeting will begin at 7:00.

Submitted By:
Elaine Gregory, Secretary