

**BINGHAMTON CHAPTER OF THE ADK
Minutes for May 11, 2010**

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

Chair: Gary Vanderbles mentioned an article of interest in the latest issue of Adirondac magazine regarding staying healthy while hiking. It contains tips on hydration, nutrition, and stretching. Gary also mentioned that we had an opportunity to promote the Chapter at a Meet-the-Clubs night on May 6 sponsored by the Triple Cities Ski Club. He and Donna Cole attended.

Vice Chair: Donna Cole brought the Chapter basket that will be auctioned off at the Black Fly Affair. The basket has a picnic theme and includes products made in Broome County (wine, honey, syrup, Spiedie sauce). It also includes 4 wine glasses hand painted by Amie Lynch. The Chapter spent about \$160 on the basket

Treasurer: Mark Epstein reported that the Chapter net worth is \$1,342.87. A copy of the Treasurer's report is attached to a hardcopy of the Minutes.

Director: Erik Gregory reminded members to sign up for the Black Fly Affair. Currently there are 6 members attending.

Outings Chair: John Lynch reported that the Earth Day celebrations (April 22) were a hit. We had Chapter representatives at Vestal Middle School & MacArthur Middle School.

The backpack to Silver Lake lean-to scheduled May 1-2 was postponed due to weather. Ken Jackson has rescheduled for May 15-16.

Upcoming activities include a canoe paddle on June 19 to Howland Island led by Karen Cole. Donna Cole proposed a hike up Balsam Mt. on the Finger Lakes Trail. Details for both outings will be posted on the list serve and our web site.

Programs Chair: Pat Connors reported that the Appalachian Trail through-hiker can still be scheduled if we're interested.

Conservation Chair: No Report

Membership & Communications Chair: Ken Jackson reported that we're in a quiet period with not much membership activity. The next newsletter will be published in September.

New Business: None

Ongoing Business: None

Following the General Meeting, Ken Jackson and Pat Connors presented a program on warm weather backpacking.

The next meeting will be a pot luck on Saturday June 12 at 4:00 at the home of Ken Jackson at 3725 River Rd., Endwell, NY.

Submitted By:
Elaine Gregory, Secretary