

BINGHAMTON CHAPTER OF THE ADK
Minutes for November 17, 2009

The General Meeting was called to order at 7 PM with Vice Chair Donna Cole presiding. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Chair – No report

Vice Chair – No report

Treasurer – Mark Epstein reported that our Chapter balance is \$1,156. Year to Date we have received \$1,336 and expensed \$927. Mark made a motion that the Chapter donate \$200 back to the Club and keep additional monies for equipment. The motion passed.

Director – No report

Outings Chair – Mark Epstein reminded us of the Catskills hike on Dec.5. He will post additional information on the message board. The Chapter now has 2 pairs of crampons and 2 pairs of micro-spikes as part of its equipment inventory. These items are for use by our Chapter members. Contact Pat Connors for check-out information.

Programs Chair – No report

Conservation Chair – Howie Thompson reported that he had renewed our contract to maintain the Tirrell Pond lean-to.

Membership & Communications Chair – Ken Jackson reported that we now have 170 members. The main list serve is functioning. Content for the web site is ready, but there are still some technical issues to resolve. A newsletter will be sent after the holidays.

New Business – Don O'Brien asked if there was an interest within the group for birding activities. He spoke about the annual bird count which will take place on Dec. 20. If anyone is interested in helping out, contact Don.

Ongoing Business – None

Our program was presented by Mark Epstein and Pat Connors. The program dealt with all aspects of winter hiking.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday **December 8, 2009 at 6:00** at the home of **Ken and Linda Jackson**. This event is our **holiday pot luck**. Ken will send out directions.

Submitted By:

Elaine Gregory, Secretary