

**BINGHAMTON CHAPTER OF THE ADK
Minutes for November 8, 2011**

The Board meeting was called to order at 7 PM with Chair Donna Coon presiding.

Chair – Donna Cole gave a short introduction then read the minutes. There was one correction to the minutes. Erik Gregory moved the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion passed.

Vice Chair – No report

Treasurer – Mark Epstein reported the balance at the end of September to be approximately \$2,000.00. We have received payment from the Club through August. Mark will draft a budget for the 2012 year. Mark also mentioned a program the Club is instituting that allows a Chapter to loan the Club money. The Club will pay the Chapter 1.75% on any monies lent. Erik Gregory will check into this before we agree to this offer.

Director – Erik Gregory gave a report about the damage done to the High Peaks region following Hurricane Irene. He commended the staff on how efficiently the situation was managed and how quickly the effected areas were reopened. Because of the hurricane the Club lost significant revenue and projects a shortfall to this year's budget. Erik proposed that we donate \$1,000 back to the Club to help offset some of the losses. The motion passed.

Outings Chair – Mark Epstein is planning a hike to north South Lake in the Catskills in December, and a hike to Indian Head in the Catskills in February. Details for both hikes will be posted on the web site. Gary Vanderbles will be restarting the GOTS hike program in January.

Programs Chair – Gary Vanderbles asked the members for suggestions for programs for 2012. Based on the suggestions given, Gary will put together a schedule. Elaine Gregory proposed the Chapter pay a fee to our speakers. The motion passed.

Conservation Chair – No report

Membership & Communications Chair – We have approximately 180 members. Ken Jackson would like to put out a short newsletter before the end of the year. If you have input for the newsletter, please submit it to Ken before the end of November.

Ongoing Business

-- There was more discussion about a winter outing. We all agree it's a good idea. Donna Coon will speak to Dave Martin about setting up the Chapter in either Grace Camp or Weizel for the winter of 2013.

--Erik and Elaine Gregory have offered to host the annual Holiday party. Save the date – December 16 at 6:30. The main dish and beverages will be provided; please bring a dish to pass. The address is 291 Town Line Rd., Kirkwood. Erik will provide directions closer to the date. This is a good opportunity to meet and socialize with some of your fellow ADKers!

New Business

-- Bruce Coon was nominated to become the Chapter Secretary beginning January 2012. The nomination was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted By:
Elaine Gregory, Secretary