

Binghamton-ADK minutes for October 11, 2011

Meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Town of Chenango's Town Hall

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 6:30PM. Chair Donna Coon presiding. Others present were Bruce Coon, Gary Vanderbles, and Mark Epstein.

Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reports a balance of \$1829.70. We have received our membership shares through July.

Membership as of August is 183, with 118 households, and 165 voting members.

Outings Committee:

1. Pat Connors led a hike on Big Slide May 21st and posted an interesting report.
2. No report noted from the Terrill Pond Lean -To hike scheduled for May 21st.
3. We received a t-shirt and a thank you note for sending money to ADK to help sponsor June Trail Days held near Inlet.
4. Our Summer Solstice Picnic was a success. Approximately 20 people attended.
5. Dave Martin has filled his trip to Grace Camp for January. This is not a Binghamton ADK sponsored trip. Dave Martin has suggested that the club agree on a date for 2013 and make reservations as a club.

Programs Committee:

1. Due to Election Day we will not be able to meet at the Chenango Town Hall. Donna Coon will check with Mark Starke for availability of use of a meeting room at the Binghamton Tennis Club. Due to the size of the meeting room there, and the need to plan for the newsletter, outings and the December Party, we will use the November meeting as a planning meeting, without a program, open to the whole club. Encouraging everyone's input.
2. We will have a Holiday Party in December. Possibly at Gary's house he will check with Mary Jo.
3. Gary has other possibilities for Programs that he will be finalizing. Ideas for programs were discussed. It was suggested that the board consider allocating monies in the budget for speakers. Mark the treasurer agreed that this was feasible.

Nomination Committee: Next meeting we will need to come up with nominations for the position of Secretary. The position of Conservation Chair is presumed vacant because no one has heard from Tom. All those present have agreed to continue in their current position for one more year.

Executive Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

The General Meeting followed with one additional person, Karen Cole.

The General meeting consisted of;

1. Reviewing other chapter's newsletters
2. A mention of the need to post signs on the buildings doors to direct people to where the ADK meeting is held. Donna Coon will take care of this for the January meeting.
3. There were discussions of possible winter outings, including: When would be a good time to reserve Peggy O or Grace Camp for 2013? March was suggested. Karen Cole suggested the possibility of reserving the Weizel Cabin. Gary brought up the idea of picking a date and people making there own reservations in the Lake Placid area.
4. Information was passed around about the Winter Host Program, ADK Winter Mountaineering School, and a proposal presented by Mary Erdo of the Onondaga Chapter to develop a website with a database of GPS tracks that members have collected throughout their travels.
5. The meeting ended with Donna, Bruce and Mark showing pictures of what they did on their summer vacation. It was agreed that Mark showed some exceptionally beautiful photos.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Next meeting November 8th at 7:00PM, location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Coon