

**BINGHAMTON CHAPTER OF THE ADK**

**Meeting Minutes for 5/21/2024**

The meeting was held at the Pour House Pub & Grill.  Attendees:  Lindsey Leiser, Brooks Getty, Bob & Patsy Strebel, Matt Rose, Helena Garan, Nick & Cindy Gretzinger

Meeting discussions:

* **Main Club News**
	+ ADK Trail Director Charlotte Staats held zoom meetings in April to get to know chapters better.  (2-3 chapter members attended)
		- The club wants to know about our volunteer service agreements (Example: Jenksville State Forest)
		- New Volunteer Trail Coordinator Introduced:  Virginia Ruhland-Mauhs
	+ Website -  Next time you log in after March 18th - you need to create a new password for the upgraded IMIS system.  You can check your profile for when you need to renew courses, like the yearly Sexual Harassment Training.  Mine comes due on June 23rd, so it comes up fast.   Goal is to work toward levels 2 & 3 next.
	+ We will need to designate some admins for the new site for access to membership lists, training certification status, and events posting.
		- Longer term our website may need to transition to the IMIS platform with the Main Club.
* **Conservation Projects** -  next potential projects are Tirrell Pond Lean-to Maintenance, work in the Catskills with the NY-NJ Trail Conference
	+ Completed Projects so far:
	+ Jenksville - a scouting sweep of the blue and red trails was completed in April with no major work noted.  The DEC had been in with chainsaws.
	+ Aqua Terra - a team with Triple Cities Hiking Club reinstalled markers and cut back brush on May 13th.  All but a section of the upper NW White trail were completed.
	+ Rock Rift Trail - a team of 8 did a sweep with the help of two sawyers. (A big thanks to them!)  A lot of big trees were taken care of and re-marking was done.  Work is being done to refurbish the fire tower in the next year or so - it will be nice to have a view of the reservoir!
* Fall Schedule -  The next meetings are tentative dates - we have the Chenango Town Hall on September 10th and October 8th.
	+ Lindsey is considering a speaker for the fall.
	+ October is the Broome County River Bank Clean Up - no date yet - last  year it was Oct. 21st, but it does vary.
* The Main Club Fall Outing is scheduled for Oct. 25-27 in the Catskills at the Ashokan Center - sign up links should be sent out soon.

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