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**BINGHAMTON CHAPTER OF THE ADK**

**Meeting Minutes for 1/07/2025**

The January chapter meeting was held at the Vestal Public Library.  Attendees were: Lindsey Leiser, Bob & Patsy Strebel, Brooks Getty, Pat Connors , Dave Bailey, Devin McMicken,  Nick & Cindy Gretzinger.

**Meeting discussions:**

**Chapter Budget**

* Payments for the JBL Lodge trip, the website, and the summer Heart Lake Camp Out will be coming up soon. The Main Club will be adding to our budget by the end of the quarter.
* Meet Up has been discontinued for now. Yearly pricing went up to $300.

**Training/Certification**

* An IMIS update has been rolled out for membership and certification inquiries. Automated reports can be run to check status.
* The Binghamton Chapter Admins are Bob Strebel, Erik Gregory, Nick & Cindy Gretzinger
* Additional Training needs were discussed, especially for Level 2 courses. Group to look for local opportunities and promote the continued need for online ADK classes to reduce the need to travel.

**Events/Trips**

* Johns Brook Lodge Winter Trip will be 3/7/25 - 3/9/25.  Bob is organizing this event.
* Adirondack Loj / Wilderness Campground Trip – The dates will be Aug 21-24th, 2025. Camp at the campground or stay at the Loj, enjoy hikes in the area.  A chapter-wide note will be sent out soon. Nick is organizing this event.
* Speakers – need to advertise these events and include Triple Cities Hiking Club
  + Laurie Rankin will be speaking on April 1st on Fire towers. Lindsey is organizing.
  + Rick Marsi will be speaking on May 6th with a slideshow: “For the Love of Forests” Tom Moberg is organizing.
* Other Ideas for next year discussed were:
  + The Main Club Paddling summer event in July. Registration should be opening around mid-January. Local paddling was also popular last year and might be a good event to add, like the Tioughnioga River, West Sacandaga.
  + Summer Picnic, Holiday Party
  + Hikes to the ADK’s, Catskills, Fire towers. This year we need to plan to have a certified leader on the trip. (the Grandfathered period is over).  Keep working on your certifications!

**Next Meeting - will be at the Endicott Public Library (George F. Johnson Memorial Library), in the Casey 1 Room from 6 pm to 8 pm.**

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Cindy Gretzinger

Binghamton ADK Chapter Chair