

Cold River Chapter (CRC) of Adirondack Mountain Club (AMC) Executive Committee (EC) Meeting - March 10, 2025 via Zoom

Bob Singley called the meeting to order shortly after 9:00 AM

Roll Call - Bob Singley, Ger Cox, Susan Schuler, Marti Townley, Thomas Riley, Peggy Carrol, Judy Dunn and Mary Redfield; Joining at 10:00 AM - Julia Goren, Rosemary Cooper

Treasurer - Ger reported that we currently have \$17,101 in our chapter account. Account transactions since the last update have included holiday party and bike insurance expenses and ADK dues received from headquarters. We do not expect to receive further dues in the future. Ger sent out a 2024 financial report on 2/2/2025.

Meeting Minutes

EC Meeting of 11/24/2024 minutes were approved (Motion by Tom and second by Susan, unanimous approval). Annual Meeting 12/12/2024 minutes were not approved. The outings committee listing in section 2a needs to be corrected as not all of the names listed were accurate. Decision made to not specify all committee members.

Member at Large - Marti reported that:

- getting certified for leading outings has been difficult and complicated
- so far we have not been able to get outings posted to the master events calendar
- there is frustration with iMIS
- the Red Cross first aid course is the best option for now

Outings - Tom reported that:

- he is working to get the outings leaders list updated and also reminding outings leaders of their need for certifications
- the outings committee is looking for more leaders
- Peggy and Tom are sharing their responsibilities by quarter this year. They schedule outings a quarter at a time. They would like to have notice of other events, such as potlucks, scheduled ahead of time so they can have the option to coordinate with outings.
- there is frustration with iMIS accuracy and response to requests; Tom continues to use Mail Chimp for outings emails as iMIS is not ready for group email use; Tom would like to make sure outings emails go out to CRC chapter members only
- Marti suggested having tours as a new type of CRC outing

Membership - Susan reported that we have 460 members with the following iMIS designations - 318 family, 60 senior, 76 adult, and 6 family life memberships. She is unsure of the data as it does not make sense given last year's numbers of 400 active members. She also can no longer see the 20-25 affiliate members that were identified in the pre-iMIS system.

Chair Report - Julia Goren, AMC Interim Executive Director, spent an hour updating our group on the happenings at headquarters and also answering many questions. The main points of discussion:

- The search for an Executive Director continues. Julia is one of the remaining candidates. The AMC Board is expected to release some specifics next week.

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- Julia has been working on these priorities as requested by the Board
 - stability in the organization - new staffing is in place and new members have been recruited through the Cascade Welcome Center
 - financial stability - a new team is in place
 - outreach to chapters and members - via iMIS support and invitations to discuss issues in scheduled zoom calls, etc.
 - maintain leadership in conservations efforts - focus has been on lobbying in Albany and influencing the APA Master Plan
- Donations made by chapters must be approved by AMC headquarters and must adhere to organization's mission
- Johns Brook Lodge celebration this year will include a main event at the Cascade Welcome Center on 10/25. The focus will be on sharing JBL stories. In July there will be a smaller celebration at JBL and it will be by invitation directed mainly to those who have worked at JBL in the past.
- In answer to questions, Julia shared that
 - AMC membership is starting to increase; less than 10% of members are active in chapters
 - two federal grants are in place for use in improvements to the Cascade Welcome Center and the High Peaks Information Center
 - NYS funding, a larger piece of AMC funding, may be in jeopardy
 - the next 5 year strategic plan will be created under the new AMC Executive Director
 - she believes iMIS data to be accurate and asks that problems be reported; the staff is working as quickly as possible but have a heavy workload; contact laurie@adk.org with membership questions and julia@adk.org with training questions
 - bike insurance will continue at the chapter level for now
 - look for biweekly iMIS updates from Rosemary for responses to reported issues

Newsletter - Rosemary asked if we would like to include the Chester Challenge Video in the newsletter and the group decided not to include it. Rosemary shared that future potlucks will be announced in the newsletter. Currently there are scheduled gatherings in all but May and July. The next date is 4/24 in Minerva.

New Business - Bob asked that we actively look for a 2025 co-chair. Bob is working on reviewing and updating our chapter Bylaws. Tom shared that Tom Meyering is no longer an iMIS administrator with our chapter.

Future CRC Executive Committee Meetings - Bob proposed June, September and November for 2025 meetings. He will send out an inquiry to find suitable dates.

Motion to Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned around 11:10. (Motion by Tom and second by Marti, unanimous approval.)

Minutes by Mary Redfield, 03/11/2025