

Taconic Hiking Club

Board of Governors Meeting, March 5, 2018

Held at Sharon's House

Minutes submitted by Martha Waldman

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Present: Sharon Bonk, Laura Fiske, RJ Hydorn, Mary MacDonald, Terry Tamer, and Martha Waldman.

Minutes: The February 5, 2018 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported that as of February 28, the club had a balance of \$7072.09. Her report was approved. RJ added that we will soon be spending funds on the E2E event.

The 2017 audit was completed. The audit committee reported that the financial records were very well maintained.

Trails: Dave was not able to attend. Laura reported via email from Dave that he has a process in place for tracking trail work and communicating with trail stewards. She will send him a list of people that checked the box on the form that they are interested in doing trail work. Unfortunately the list is incomplete as some members used an old form or didn't see the selection available.

Membership: Terry reported that there are three new members: Thomas Seamon, Christopher Fernando and Christopher Collins.

Martha will post the new membership application on the web if the old one is still there. The last half of the meeting was spent comparing the membership spreadsheet to the green sheets and RJ's mailing list to ensure accuracy and provide contact information updates to RJ for his email distribution list and bulletin mailing list.

Outings: RJ reported that he mailed 142 Outing Schedules.

He sent the March update letter to E2E participants. From the responses he has received he expects a good percentage of the participants will camp overnight at Berry Pond. He has also received breakfast and snack requests, one being chocolate milk at the end. We agreed this will be added to the menu.

He will send the next round of follow-up letters in early April.

Martha reported she is almost set for sweeps and she will be working on completing the roster within the few weeks.

Social: The picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 3 at Peebles Island.

Publicity: No report.

New Business: Laura reported that Bob Armao and David Esmond both volunteered to assist with the Friends of Grafton Lakes State Park (FGLSP) partnership.

RJ attended the 2/28/18 FGLSP meeting. He reported that for the 2019 Winterfest they may have vendors set up in the new visitor center, rather than the shed. This should increase visibility. They are also considering a Fall Expo which would coincide with the Plateau Ramble.

RJ also said that there was a discussion on liability for hikes the FGLSP post for other organizations. The board agreed that we need to clarify that the outings we have posted are clearly identified as THC outings.

Martha reported that she polled the hike leaders and general consensus was that they were OK to have the hikes posted on the FGLSP Facebook page and Meetup, as long as people still have to contact the leader to sign up. The group is hesitant but willing to try Meetup, they expressed that Meetup's tend to have a disappointing rate of no show without cancellations.

Martha will follow up with Dorothy at FGLSP regarding postings on FB and Meetup. She will also follow up with outings leaders for positive and/or not so positive feedback.

Next meetings: The next meeting is **April 2** at Gayle's house.

The **May** meeting will most likely either be 4/30 or 5/1 in order to ensure all E2E planning is in place.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.