

Taconic Hiking Club

Board of Governors Meeting, July 23, 2018

Held at Gayle's House

Minutes submitted by Martha Waldman

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

Present: Sharon Bonk, Laura Fiske, Gayle Fountain, Margaret Parks, Martha Waldman, and guest George Astle.

Minutes: The May 2 and June 4, 2018 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary submitted a report that as of May 30, the club had a balance of \$6117.40. Her report was approved.

Trails: Dave Pisaneschi submitted a report showing what trail work was on going. Martha reported that the new trail junction sign on the north side of Southeast Hollow was stolen. Replacement junction signs were discussed and it was agreed that a new set should be ordered; Martha will verify the cost and follow up.

Membership: Laura asked who will manage the club's email distribution list. There have been no volunteers.

Outings: Martha volunteered to collect the fall 2018 outings and email the upcoming outings to members as well as post the outings on the web. She will follow up with RJ to obtain the current email list; but she will not maintain the list. The board agreed that we will not have a schedule printed, published and mailed as there is no one available to do so.

Social: Margaret reported that she has reserved the banquet room for Sunday, November 4, at Moscatiello's Italian Restaurant. The board will select the buffet options at the next meeting.

Laura mentioned having the Ballston Town Historian give a presentation about the new Anchor Diamond Preserve, located in Saratoga County. It was agreed that a presentation on the whole Saratoga Plan, of which Anchor Diamond is a new addition, would be more interesting.

Martha will ask Ralph Keatings if he knows someone involved in the Saratoga Plan that would be interested in making a presentation.

Publicity: Gayle reported that she sent items to the print news media as usual.

Old Business: Laura reported that the Nominating Committee has not been able to find anyone interested in the board positions. Board members said they have asked a few people, but no takers.

New Business: The board agreed on the bylaw changes proposed by Laura as well as minor change proposed by Martha. The membership will be notified of the proposed changes prior to the banquet. See appendix for changes.

Laura said the Joanna Ezinga reported that the HVCC creative learning – beginner hiking class is moving forward.

The board approved the purchase of a replacement for the broken Phil Fountain remembrance plaque and possibly a new bench and plaque for Sue Roberts.

Without new volunteers to lead the club it is necessary for the board to initiate steps to dissolve the club. Laura will send a notice to the membership to stress the fact that the club is looking at dissolution due to lack of new leadership and volunteers for the positions available. Hopefully a couple people will step forward!

We discussed the possibility that another organization might be interested in taking over sponsorship of The End to End Challenge. We will be able to supply the preparation time line and ‘how to’ documents they would need to get started. We could also contribute money in trust for the End to End challenge.

Stewardship of the trail will most likely continue through our current affiliations with other organizations such as ADK and AMC.

Our outings leaders generally co-list their outings with other organizations, so they could continue leading outings and introducing others to the great outdoors through the other organizations.

More in-depth discussions on these issues and contributions to other organizations will be conducted at the next board meeting.

Next meeting: September 4, 7 PM, at Margaret’s house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Appendix: Proposed changes to By Laws

Article V Board of Governors

Section 2, second sentence: change **FROM:** "it shall convene monthly, except during the summer."

TO: "It shall convene four times a year."

New Section 4

Section 4. - The Board of Governors may also take action on urgent matters, which in the judgment of the President should be acted on before the next meeting, by a vote conducted by e-mail or other such electronic means. The President shall initiate such a vote by sending to all members of the Board of Governors an e-mail or other such electronic message which contains the proposed resolution. The resolution will be deemed approved if two-thirds of all of the members of the Board of Governors respond affirmatively. The results of the vote shall be set forth in the minutes of the next meeting.

Article IV Officers

Section 1, third paragraph: change **FROM:** The President shall not serve consecutive terms. All other officials shall serve consecutive terms, if re-elected.

TO: The President shall not serve more than two consecutive two-year terms. All other officials shall serve consecutive terms, if re-elected.

Article VII Meetings

Section 5 – Notices: change **FROM:** Notices of all meetings of the Club shall be sent to all members by first-class mail, or e-mail if available, by the Corresponding Secretary

TO: Notices of all meetings of the club shall be sent to all members via first class mail, email or other electronic means.