

**Adirondack Forty-Sixers, Inc. (46ers)**  
**Winter 2019 Executive Committee Meeting - Minutes**  
**High Peaks Room, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lake Placid NY**  
**2019 March 30**

In attendance:

- Siobhán Carney-Nesbitt, President/Office of the Historian
- Laurie Rankin, Vice President
- Brian Hoody, Past President
- Julia Goren, Director
- Leesa Arthur, Membership Chair
- Bill Brizzell, Director
- Chris Sobik, Director
- Doug Varney, Director
- Sam Eddy, Lead Trailmaster
- Mark Simpson, Correspondent Program Chair
- Tom Fine, Trailmaster
- Joe Bogardus, Trailmaster
- Paula Selmer, Merchandise Chair,
- Steve Shumway, Director
- Bill Lundy, Recording Secretary/Co-Chair, Outdoor Skills Workshop
- Lee Nesbitt, Office of the Historian

Guests:

- Andrew Hamlin, Kayla White - representing ADK trails
- Zoe Smith, Eric Paul - Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI), accompanied by Tate Connor DEC

Agenda ([link](#))

**Summary of e-mail votes since last meeting:**

- A. Minutes of the Fall Executive Meeting
  - a. 2018-10-23 - "Moved to accept the minutes of the Fall executive meeting." - Steve Shumway
  - b. Second - Brian Hoody
  - c. Aye - Steve S, Brian H, Bill B, Chris S, Laurie R, Siobhan
  - d. **Carried** 2018 November 5
  
- B. Office of the historian: computer
  - a. 2018-10-03 - "...last week we had some work done on our Historian's Office computer, and this week it up and quit on us. Good news is, all monies spent to fix it last week have been reimbursed to us, including our backup of our hard

drive, so that is almost \$500 for everything. Now we need a new computer ASAP! If we could approve up to \$1500 for a new computer for the HO and the programs necessary to run it, Lee will go out and get it right away. This is THE BUSIEST time of year for us which runs through January.... things like this just can't happen at a convenient time! Lee spent the better parts of 3 days hanging out at Staples trying to get things fixed... it's time for a new one!"

- b. I move that we provide up to \$1,500 to the Historian's Office for a new computer and any programs that they need to run the office. - Brian Hoody
  - c. Second: Doug Varney
  - d. Aye Julia G, Chris S, Bill B, Laurie R, Dan K, Steve S
  - e. **Carried** 2018 October 4
- C. Lean2Rescue/Fuunding Request For the future
- a. 2019-3-22 - "I move that we provide \$1,500 from 46er funds to the Lean2Rescue account for Lean2Rescue's use on projects within the High Peaks." - Bill Brizzell
  - b. Second - Chris S
  - c. Aye - Doug V, Dan K, Julia G, Steve S, Brian H, Laurie R, Siobhan
  - d. **Carried** 2019 March 26
1. **Treasurer's Report** - Phil Corell (per Siobhán Carney-Nesbitt)
    - 1.1. Total assets: \$258 000; total liabilities \$ 4983
    - 1.2. Notable: contributions up 20% compared to the same reporting period last year
    - 1.3. Copies of the breakdown of assets, income, liabilities were distributed
  2. **Historian's Office** - Lee Nesbitt
    - 2.1. 2018 class totals 691 persons, down 44 from the previous year
    - 2.2. 38 winter finishers in 2018/2019 (to be feted later this evening)
    - 2.3. To date, 16 finishers for the 2019 class (about normal for this point in time)
    - 2.4. Scanning of all paperwork still ongoing
  3. **Membership** - Leesa Arthur
    - 3.1. Current project is reaching out to aspirants from 2018; also, people who haven't paid dues in 3+ years: they are all getting letters soliciting interest/dues
  4. **Merchandise** - Paula Selmer
    - 4.1. Wicking t-shirts and women's t-shirts will be available by special order in time for the spring meeting - more to follow
  5. **Peeks** - Chuck Schwerin (per Siobhán Carney-Nesbitt)
    - 5.1. Spring issue now heading to the printer
    - 5.2. Newsletter ready; should be mailed within two weeks [Post-meeting note: not received as of 2019 Apr 18, per Tom Fine]

6. **Outdoor Skills Workshop** - Bill Lundy
  - 6.1. See attached interim report ([Annex A](#))
  - 6.2. Bill will liaise with Trails Crew and Correspondents Pgme chairs to create a handout to give to all OSW participants -- invite to join trails crews (stressing they don't need to be 46ers to do this), and suggesting that aspirants (46 of 54 workshop attendees) seek correspondents - completed: [link here](#)
  
7. **Trailhead Stewards** - Laurie Rankin
  - 7.1. May 4 training for new and returning stewards; May 11 for returning
  - 7.2. Currently have 27 new and 30 returning stewards
  - 7.3. Scheduling and logistics by Joe Ryan
  - 7.4. TSP is looking for gear sponsors (e.g., for coats) - Julia and Brian will be looking into this
  
8. **Trailmaster** - Sam Eddy
  - 8.1. Sam has been in contact with Chelsea Walker at Mountain Lake Academy: she has a team of boys ready and willing to do trail work as part of their school program
  - 8.2. Some trailmasters will be joining another trails group to learn more about doing rock work.
  - 8.3. The [2019 schedule](#) is "very aggressive". The aim is to get blowdown sweeps done during the chainsaw window (15 April to end of May); thus, leaving the rest of the season for the serious work
  - 8.4. Sam made a request for t-shirts specifically for the women's work weekend. General agreement to proceed.
  - 8.5. Online signup (Google Form) has expedited the process of forming trail work crews
  - 8.6. Recommendation from Sam to make a poster to put up at stores -- about the trail work we do, and inviting people to sign up. Discussion led to Tom Fine volunteering to make this; also, to have these posted far and wide (e.g., stores in Rochester, Albany, Ottawa)
  - 8.7. Sam has offered to do a presentation at the 2020 OSW (+2019 if his schedule permits)
  
9. **Insurance** - Joe Bogardus
  - 9.1. See attached report ([Annex B](#))
  - 9.2. Joe reminded all of a memo from the DEC that VSA insurance applies to individuals, not affiliated organizations (i.e., 46ers) - apparently this is nothing new, just a reminder.
  - 9.3. We (46ers) have coverage as an organization for trail works sanctioned by the organization (i.e., all volunteers).
  - 9.4. Some discussion, without resolution, that we consider increasing our liability coverage. Connected to this, is another concern that our giving advice might lead

to professional liability: we will be looking into this kind of coverage. (Siobhán, Joe B and Brian H)

- 9.5. Siobhán, Joe B and Brian H will be implementing renewal; email vote if necessary.

***[Joe's section broken by guest presentations - see below for the presentations and annexes.]***

10. **Liability Waivers** - Joe Bogardus

- 10.1. These are generally of dubious value, academically speaking. That said, worth something in our opinion (i.e., due diligence).
- 10.2. Joe suggested we work with our current insurance provider (Don Pachner) to be put in touch with a legal expert to review our existing waiver documents: general consensus that such a review is prudent. An estimate for this work is to be sought' email vote if necessary.

11. **VSA** - Joe Bogardus

- 11.1. Heads-up that our current VSA expires in the spring of 2020.
- 11.2. Our aim is to "renew in place", so that paperwork is minimized (otherwise, it's back to square one for everyone).

12. **Trademark** - Brian Hoody

- 12.1. We are now trademarked.
- 12.2. Details are located at [this link](#)
- 12.3. Noted that L. John has raised an objection to our trademarking of the original 46er logo.

13. **Trust Update** - Siobhán Carney-Nesbitt

- 13.1. An email was sent to L. John on March 4th & again on March 18th- a response was received on March 19th, L. John does not accept our proposal to pass on fiduciary responsibilities.
- 13.2. As of 2017, the Trust holds approximately \$300,000. Each year it receives approximately \$30,000 from another trust. L. John is sole trustee of both trusts.
- 13.3. [Post-meeting note: The second trust (named Charles H. Douglas Charitable Trust) distributes its earnings each year to 13 named charitable organizations, of which the Adirondack 46ers Conservation Trust is one. The Douglas trust was set up by a 46er and good friend of Grace, Stephanie Bugden.]
- 13.4. General discussion, with a tone of "We (46ers) will explore other options, including our own trust."

14. **Committees/Task Forces** - Siobhán Carney-Nesbitt

- 14.1. Review of what we have and what we may look into (List below, from the agenda:)

- 14.1.1. Volunteer Service Committee - Trailhead steward, OSW, and trail work hours are currently being recorded. Should we include correspondent hours? Should we consider a service requirement or incentive program?
- 14.1.2. Public Relations Committee
- 14.1.3. Patagonia? Tabling at events & deciding which events are most important
- 14.1.4. [2019 High Peaks Leave No Trace Hot Spot Event](#)- August 7-14
- 14.1.5. Audit Committee - Steve, Tom, Dan Stec, and Phil
- 14.1.6. Adopt-a-Highway Committee
- 14.1.7. Trademark Committee - Once this is finalized, we should develop a plan/process to execute.
- 14.1.8. Trust Committee - Joe B, Sally H, Hank S, George S
- 14.2. Owing to the tight timeline at this point, it was agreed that Bill Lundy will build a survey with Google Forms (subject to presidential oversight).
- 14.3. Once built and shared, it will be set up so that anyone can sign up to join a committee (e.g., any of us could pass the survey to persons whom we know would be interested/capable of being on a committee)
  
- 15. **Meeting/Dinner Locations** - Siobhán Carney-Nesbitt
  - 15.1. Newcomb is working well for our Fall meeting, but should we consider locations near Lake George/Glens Falls/Albany/Keene/Lake Placid for future fall, winter and/or spring meetings? Lake Placid school? Other schools in the area? Catered? Student run?
  - 15.2. Decision on this is ongoing.
  - 15.3. Fall meeting date: September 28, 2019- does this sound right and will we remain in Newcomb this year? Need to reach out to school and confirm.
  
- 16. **Website Update** - Mark Simpson
  - 16.1. This was tabled to the spring meeting
  
- 17. **Guest Presentations:** (14:30 - 15:15 approximately - Joe B's Insurance, etc presentation was split by these)
  - 17.1. **Trails Report** - Andrew Hamlin and Kayla White
  - 17.2. Summary of Trails report: what the 46ers supported - Andrew ([Annex C](#))
    - 17.2.1. Training and Patrols (clear blowdown, do drainage) - \$ 6 000
    - 17.2.2. Ladders on Big Slide (101 ft; \$20 000) - expected life 25 years due to materials and design
    - 17.2.3. Slide Brook high water bridge completed
    - 17.2.4. Pro trails crew 2019 - pro trails crew can no longer complete its technical work due to regulation changes; Cascade trail is getting all of the funding in 2019.
    - 17.2.5. Requests:
      - 17.2.5.1. \$ 6000 for training and patrols

- 17.2.5.2. Shovel ready project: replace ladders and bridges in Avalanche Pass, est \$ 15 000
- 17.2.5.3. Also needed: Seward Brook bridge - has been out for some time, safety concerns with water crossing - materials are on site to build cribs in 2019 - est cost \$ 10 000
- 17.3. **Summit Stewards** - Kayla (See [Annex D](#))
  - 17.3.1. In excess of 38 000 contacts in 2018; total of half million since inception in 1989
  - 17.3.2. Thanks for our 3-year commitment [in progress]
  - 17.3.3. Request for \$ 3000 to support the NEASG conference this fall in Lake Placid
  - 17.3.4. 46ers would be a named sponsor; have a display table
- 17.4. **Bear Steward Report** - Zoe Smith, Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI)
  - 17.4.1. See [Annex E](#) for full report
- 17.5. **High Peaks Steward Program Proposal** - Zoe Smith, Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI), joined by Tate Connor, Eric Paul
  - 17.5.1. See [Annex F](#)
  - 17.5.2. Generally these stewards would be located in the rte 73 corridor, but could be as far afield as Ampersand and Upper Works - steward(s) would be "roving"
  - 17.5.3. Proposal had cost breakdowns for 2 or 3 stewards, but Zoe noted that a scenario with one would be acceptable
  - 17.5.4. Questions from the floor: (paraphrased questions)
  - 17.5.5. "How will this be implemented in Keene Valley?" - answer from the team was unclear; "al lot of this is trial and error" (pert Tate)
  - 17.5.6. "Why isn't the state putting up the funds for a pilot program?" - length answer from Tate, summarized as - the funding process is lengthy, there will be new regulations in 2020 so we are looking to support this (2019) as a "learning year", educating hikers before more stringent regulations come into effect
  - 17.5.7. "Have you talked to Fran ([46ers Trailhead Stewards Program coordinator])?" - "no"
  - 17.5.8. **Discussion after the departure of guests** was circuitous, but a general tone was that the 46ers still had some unanswered questions pertaining to this particular proposal. No motion, but general agreement that the 46ers needed to know more. Laurie R agreed to contact the executive to gather their questions, and forward them to Zoe et al for answers and clarification, prior to the 46ers agreeing to fund
- 17.6. (Addendum - Tate confirmed that the 2019 region 5 trail project work will be confined to Cascade trail. This will start at Van Hoevenburg, go over Hi Notch, up

the SW side of Porter; approx 5.5. Miles one way to Cascade. Once this is completed, the current route 73 trail will be closed)

- 17.7. Guests were thanked for their presentations. We returned to our regular agenda topics, continuing with Joe B's insurance, VSA points.
18. **Motions arising** from the requests:
  19. **Moved** by Chris S, "\$ 3000 to support the NEASG conference, including our receiving a table and 6 complimentary registrations" [[Annex D](#) refers]
  20. Seconded - Steve S
  21. Aye 8; Nay 0; Abstain 0
  22. **Carried**
  23. **Moved** by Julia G, "\$ 6000 for training and trail sweep" as per the submission from Kayla White [[Annex C](#) refers]
  24. Seconded - Laurie R
  25. Aye 8; Nay 0; Abstain 0
  26. **Carried**
  27. **Moved** by Steve S, "Avalanche Lake trail bridge and ladder replacements, \$ 15 000; plus 2 weeks on Avalanche Lake - Lake Colden re-route, for \$ 10 000; total \$ 25 000 ([Annex C](#) refers)
  28. Seconded - Bill B
  29. Aye 8; Nay 0; Abstain 0
  30. **Carried**
  31. **Moved** to Adjourn by Brian H
  32. Seconded - Doug V
  33. Aye 8; Nay 0; Abstain 0
  34. **Carried** - Adjourned 16:10
35. **Next meetings:** Sunday 26 May, Lake Placid; Saturday 28 September, Newcomb

Annexes: (these link externally to this document)

- A - [Outdoor Skills Workshop Interim Report 2019](#)
- B - [Insurance, Liability Waivers](#)
- C - [Work Funded by the 46ers; 2019 request](#)
- D - [Request to support 2019 NEASG conference](#)
- E - [Bear Steward Report 2018](#)
- F - [Request for funding, Trailhead Stewards, from AWI](#)