

TACONIC HIKING CLUB BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 23, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Martha Waldman's home

Submitted by Lori McCarron

PRESENT: Martha Waldman, Karen Ross, Leslie Siegard, Sue Jordan, Tom Hart, Lori McCarron

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board meeting from October 3 were approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Leslie Siegard submitted the following:

1. The composite Treasurer's Report for 2019. It was approved with an edit indicating that the miscellaneous amount included the Triptych and T-shirts.
2. The End-2-End Budget for 2020. It was accepted with modifications.
3. The Draft Budget for 2020. It was voted with a change to add BNRC to our list for donations/memberships.

The following votes were taken:

A unanimous vote to donate \$50 to Dyken Pond to help with land purchases.

The purchase of 500 new trail markers at \$.95 each plus tax was approved.

Membership renewals will be sent to FGLSP, RPA, RLT, & WRLF.

The following had already been approved by email vote:

- 11/13/19--an increase from \$200 to \$250 for printing the triptych;
- 11/19/19--approved \$114.75 for Eventbrite fees (previously \$100 was approved).
Eventbrite will take \$4.59 from each \$50 E2E payment.

END-TO-END REPORT:

From Tom Hart.

Eventbrite worked well for signing up participants.

Registration opened on December 1, 2019 at 5:30 a.m. and was fully subscribed by 8:30 a.m. to the first 25 registrants. Tom vetted six of them by phone and recommended training hikes. There are 15 people on the wait list. He recommended that we expand the number of participants to 30 or 35. We would need more sweeps on hiking day, possibly from other organizations. We could possibly add 5 to 9 more participants this year.

A follow up email confirming each registration was sent out in January, a confirmation letter and map will be sent out early February, an email confirming participation and reminding about

refund policy will go out March, an email describing logistics of the challenge will go out April 1, and a “don't forget” reminder will be sent 48 hours before the event.

Martha is maintaining the list of volunteers and organizing sweeps. Margaret Parks is in charge of food at the Berry Pond campsite, and Bob Armao is in charge of water and getting the cache up to the Mattison Hollow intersection. There will be an orientation meeting on Friday evening at Berry Pond and attendance will be taken at 5:15 on Saturday morning. Finishers at Rt. 346 will receive a certificate of completion and one or two patches.

MEMBERSHIP:

Sue Jordan reported that 144 have paid their membership renewal fees and 100 emails have gone out to non-renewals. She will ask for renewals once more on March 1st. Martha needs the emails of the new members that pay by check and email changes of renewals to add to the Squarespace email list for the newsletter.

SOCIAL:

The 2020 Picnic will be held at The Deer Field Pavilion at Grafton Lakes State Park which is rented for Sunday May 31st from 11:30 to 4:00. Payment is already in the budget.

TRIPTYCH:

The triptych is done and is beautiful. Thanks to Karen for all her work on it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Martha and Leslie reviewed the financial archives and determined what needs to be saved and what discarded.

NEW BUSINESS:

THC and the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance (RPA) were notified that the Caleb Carr/George Allen Hollow parcel was scheduled for auction in March 2020. RPA immediately took action to ensure that the parcel could be purchased by a conservation organization. The parcel was removed from the auction. THC is monitoring and we are prepared to donate and solicit donations for the purchase if needed.

NYS DEC is planning to complete the UMP for the area including the Taconic Crest. Martha sent an email to DEC to remind them that Mattison Hollow should be permanently preserved. We will watch for and review the draft UMP and take action if necessary.

We will revisit the design for our letterhead after the E2E.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m. at Martha's.