

TACONIC HIKING CLUB BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Martha Waldman's home

Submitted by Lori McCarron

PRESENT: Martha Waldman, Karen Ross, Leslie Siegard, Sue Jordan, Margaret Parks, Lori McCarron

MINUTES: The minutes of the email meeting for April 9, 2020 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: through June 30, 2020, Leslie Siegard

Approved was an increase of \$1.07 in the patch cost. The total cost of the patches was \$190.07.

By an email vote on 4/26/20 the Board voted unanimously to approve spending \$40 to purchase a Tribute Tree to be planted in memory of Willard Hoyt.

By an email vote on 4/30/20 the Board voted unanimously to approve the \$189 expense for summer patches, \$15 of which becomes a donation to WHO COVID 19 Solidarity Response in lieu of a \$15 COVID 19 hardship deduction.

MEMBERSHIP: Sue Jordan

There are currently 209 members. We gained 3 new members in June.

SOCIAL: Margaret Parks

By an email vote on 4/22/20 The Board voted unanimously to cancel the Annual Potluck Picnic planned for Grafton State Park.

The board agreed that it would not be feasible to hold a fall banquet this year due to the pandemic. After some discussion it was decided we would like to have an outdoor Fall Gathering in September, either at Berry Pond in Pittsfield State Forest or at Grafton Lakes State Park, on the 26th or 27th of September. People would be asked to bring their own chairs and picnic, to wear masks, and to socially separate when not wearing a mask. We could celebrate having greater than 200 members and maybe offer a prize for the best face mask or best nature-based mask.

PUBLICITY: It was determined that we do not need a new THC banner at this time.

TRAIL WORK: David Pisaneschi

Submitted a report showing all parts of the Taconic Crest trail have been worked on, and 292 hours of trail work were done.

OUTINGS: Changes to the Outing Procedure were approved due to social distancing during COVID 19 indicating that "Leaders are encouraged to" stay local/regional to reduce our carbon footprint.

The addition of "illness" to the liability form as a reason for release of liability was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hats: Discussion was had on whether to continue with the purchase of the hats and what quantity to purchase. It was decided to continue with the purchase in the quantity approved (36) at the last meeting.

Nominating Committee: Three people need to be asked to serve on this committee. However, since the same slate as this year will be put forward, it will not be an onerous task.

Election voting procedures: It was determined that we should look at the feasibility of changing the Bylaws to allow voting by email without a scheduled meeting.

Tool room at GLSP: There is construction work being done on that building, so everything has been taken out. Walt is checking with Melissa at GLSP to find out where the THC property has been stored. An inventory should be taken to determine what should be done with the few things that are stored there, some of which are old and unusable.

The Susan Roberts Bench needs a plaque and a placement site and assembly. This will be worked on.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 28th, 2020 at Karen Ross' home.