

TACONIC HIKING CLUB FALL GATHERING

September 26, 2020 9:30 a.m.

Grafton Lakes State Park

PRESENT: Board Members Martha Waldman, Karen Ross, Leslie Siegard, Sue Jordan, Lori McCarron, and 15 other members.

BUSINESS MEETING: The Annual Meeting took place at an outdoor beach picnic area at Long Pond at Grafton Lakes State Park, with members separated by the CDC guidelines of 6 feet or wearing masks. Following the business meeting, most attendees went on a hike around Shaver Pond and then returned to the Beach area for a picnic of items each had brought.

Karen Ross, Leslie Siegard, and Martha Waldman have been working on the Bylaws and have recommended the following changes.

- Change the purpose of the club to include the "cross-Taconic region" rather than just the Capital Region and to include emphasis of trail work on the Taconic Crest Trail.
- Voting of Officers may take place electronically.
- Do away with Board term limits
- Remove outdated Board recommendations for membership
- Board meetings may be held electronically
- At a general Club meeting, a quorum of 15 members is needed to hold a vote on club business
- Bylaws may be amended electronically or at a Club meeting where quorum is present, if the amendment is presented not less than 10 days before the vote.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 223 members, of which 56 are new this year and 26 new since the pandemic. We have an active website and are on Facebook. 46 people finished the Taconic Crest Trail this year, 16 in one day.

PUBLICITY: New maps have been published that include the Class of 33 Trail and the WRLF Loop Trail. They are selling briskly.

TRAIL WORK: The Club has contributed 400 hours of trail work so far this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bob Armeo received the Volunteer Recognition Award for his many areas of service to the Club. He received an L.L. Bean gift certificate for all his work
- All other 2020 Club volunteers received Taconic Hiking Club Volunteer Hats.
- Drawings were made for 4 \$25 Amazon gift certificates
- Thanks were expressed to Martha Waldman for all her work as President of the Club.

On a sad note, member Pat McPhee passed away in late September. She will be sorely missed by all for her bright smile and trail work efforts for the Club.