

**SHATAGEE WOODS CHAPTER
ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB
SECRETARY'S MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 10, 2010**

The Executive Committee met at home of Jane & Bill Kelting.

Executive Committee Members present: Karla Gratto, Jane Kelting, Bill Kelting, John Lawrence. Other members present: Ken & Barb Adams, Jim & Mary Humiston, Burgess Lawrence, Ann Robbins, Sue Smith, Jim & Sharon Votraw,.

Meeting called to order at approximately 11:15 AM.

1. Karla reported on the status of our participation in Earth Day at Chateaugay Central School (CCS). Karla reported that our participation has been cancelled. The money allocated is to be used for other purposes. Some alternatives were discussed.

2. Sue Smith announced that a representative of Heartwood Forestlands Fund VI, the organization responsible for management of the recently acquired 85,000 acre Chateaugay Woodlands property, will be speaking in Malone on April 21st at the Malone Elks Lodge. Sue and Karla will attend the meeting.

3. The Chapter dinner scheduled for May 20th was discussed. Ann Robbins reported that arrangements have been made and distributed the menu as well as the suggested prices. It was decided that the price would be \$25 per person; this will include appetizers, main course, dessert and the tip.

Jane reported that we have not been able to schedule a speaker. Various possibilities were discussed. Sue Smith agreed to contact Sean Reynolds of the NYS DEC. She will ask him to talk about the land use plans for the recent property acquisitions.

4. Karla reviewed the topics discussed at the last executive committee meeting, including involvement with the New Land Trust Properties (NLT) in Saranac. Any action regarding the NLT, such as trail maintenance efforts, will be deferred until the Fall. It was suggested that we have a representative of NLT attend the Chapter Fall Meeting.

Jim Humiston reported that Franz Frederick is planning to clear the ski trails at Malone Fish & Game. Jim will contact Franz and determine what his plans are and possible involvement of our Chapter in trail clearing efforts.

5. Jim Humiston suggested that, since our involvement in Earth Day activities at Chateaugay Central School (CCS) did not work out, a alternative approach would be to have students prepare a poster(s) promoting appropriate behavior when camping, hiking, etc. The poster would include messages such as:

If you carry it in, carry it out

Take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but memories and footprints

It was agreed that a poster is a good idea and Karla will follow up at CCS.

6. Karla discussed the ADK trail maintenance program scheduled for this summer. Students from CCS are interested in participating and have applied for ADK scholarships to help cover the cost. Participating students would work on the Lyon Mountain trail and one student expressed an interest in also working on the Debar Mountain trail. There was much discussion about ensuring that the participating students are properly equipped with hiking and camping gear (boots, sleeping bags, rain gear, tents, etc.). Members expressed an interest in helping out with gear once the needs are better known.

Since the \$250 in funds allocated for CCS Earth Day will not be needed for that purpose, the money will be used for the trail maintenance project.

Executive committee meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00PM.