

Adirondack Forty-Sixers, Inc. (46ers)
Fall 2020 Executive Committee Meeting - Minutes
In-Person @ Frontiertown/Zoom Meeting
2022 March 26

In-person attendance (@ Frontiertown):

- Laurie Rankin, President, Trailhead Stewards (TSP) Co-Chair
- Ben Bradford, Director
- Becky Swem, Director
- Joe Ryan, Director/Webmaster/TSP Co-chair
- Joe Bogardus, Herd Path Adoption Coordinator, Audit Committee Chair
- Mark Simpson, Correspondent Program Chair/Trailmaster
- Natalie Moore, *Peeks* Editor
- Peggy Mackellar, Winter Meeting Coordinator
- Siobhan Carney-Nesbitt, Immediate Past President, Historians Office
- Lee Nesbitt, Historians Office, Adopt a Highway Coordinator, Recognition Committee
- Mary Lamb, Director, Trail Master, Campership Committee

In attendance via Zoom:

- Dean Giuliano (VP)
- Jona Favreau (Director)
- Phil Corell (Treasurer)
- Bill Lundy, Recording Secretary/Co-Chair, Outdoor Skills Workshop/Recognition Cttee
- John Sasso (Boulder Report)
- Wendy Kurlowicz (Merchandise)
- Dan Aurwarter (OSW)
- Dave Pawlick (Asst Treasurer)
- Dave Freeman (Merchandise)

Regrets:

- Jim Houghtaling, Membership Coordinator,
- Greg Soderer, Director,
- Hank Sondheim, Annual Dinner Coordinator,
- Wanda Davenport, WFA Reimbursement,
- Curt Snyder, Trail Master-

Agenda ([link](#))

1. Call to Order & Introductions: Laurie Rankin - 13:00
2. **Email Votes and Discussions**
Votes/discussions for the period 27 Sept - 09 Mar are detailed in [this attachment](#)

3. **Historian's Office** - Lee

See [attached report](#)

4. **Treasurer's Report**

4.1. See [2021 Financial Report to the Board](#)

4.2. See [2021 Treasurer's Report](#)

4.3. Summary of main points, shared verbally:

4.3.1. Dues and contributions both up

4.3.2. Sales and postage collected both down (in part reflecting the fact there have been no special offers recently)

4.3.3. *Peeks* expenses doubled (back to two issues this year instead of 1 the previous year)

4.3.4. Merchandise restocking has occurred.

4.3.5. Pricing of merchandise needs to be reviewed

4.3.6. Other expense increases: postage, e-commerce (due to new website development)

4.3.7. Other expense decreases: legal

4.3.8. L2R amount called a donation on our books; however, this was in fact money we were holding on their behalf; now that they have become a separate entity, we returned all monies in full.

4.3.9. In short: We are "in a strong financial position."

4.4. **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report: Mary L

4.5. Second: Joe R

4.6. **Carried:** Unanimous

5. ***Peeks*** - Natalie

5.1. See [attached report](#)

5.2. Natalie provided the following to supplement the written report:

5.3. We will be using the same printing company for the upcoming (June 2022) issue; may or may not stay with them in future – no decision yet.

5.4. The finishers report is approximately 14 pages; therefore, a larger edition than the previous one (Dec 2021) the issue will be 64 pages

5.5. There was discussion around the room about our having a digital edition. Use of "[Issuu](#)" being explored due to its look and feel. There are insufficient data yet to be able to make a fully-informed decision as to how many people want a print edition and/or e-edition.

5.6. Phil pointed out that access to *Peeks* is restricted to full and associate members only.

6. **Adopt-a-Highway** - Lee

6.1. See [attached report](#)

6.2. The 46ers will be contacting the AMR to secure permission to use their parking area on three of the four days our representatives will be doing road work in the

St Huberts section of our mandate. [Fourth date is November, after the reservation system has shut down.]

6.3. [Followup - This was explored, and approved by the AMR]

7. **Annual Dinner (May 2022) - Joe R**

7.1. See [attached contract](#)

7.2. Due to COVID and the contract, limit will be 280 people.

7.3. Discussion ensued about the cost of tickets, and where/when this information will be shared.

7.4. Consensus was to have adult tickets be \$35; child (10 and under) \$20. Jona agreed to be the coordinator of this undertaking; it was live on line by Tuesday morning 29 March.

7.5. We will be following COVID requirements as per the facility's requirements.

7.6. From the 46er website, home page - banner at the top (2022-03-29-12:19):



7.7.

7.8. From the Merchandise page (2022-03-29-12:19):



Annual Meeting Tickets

\$20.00 – \$35.00

Saturday, May 28th - Limited number of tickets available, purchase early!

Hosted at SUNY Plattsburgh, in the Warren Ballrooms.

Buffet menu.

Hours of events:

4:30PM- 5:00 PM Vespers – TBD

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Selling of Items

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Cash Bar Reception

6:00 PM-9:30 PM meals, business meeting, certificates

Ticket type

Adult

[Clear](#)

\$35.00

229 in stock

- 1 +

Add to cart

8. **Audit Committee - Joe B**

Voting members were asked to review the full Treasurer's report, and advise him of any concerns or discrepancies.

9. **Boulder Report** - John S
John has this in hand for the upcoming *Peeks*; he noted that he has approximately 180 essays to consider this year (compared to a typical dozen in past years).
10. **Campership** - Mary L
 - 10.1. See [attached report](#)
 - 10.2. Mary is awaiting a go-no-go decision from DEC;; this is expected on 10 April.
11. **Copyright/Trademark** - Brian H, per Laurie
 - 11.1. Past and current issues all related to unauthorized use. We are favorable to those seeking permission in advance: some have been denied with no further issue from them.
 - 11.2. Laurie asked the assemblage to share with her names or any attorneys with expertise in this area, who might be willing/able to assist us in this area.
12. **Correspondents** - Mark S
 - 12.1. Program totals:
 - 12.1.1. ~ 1100 hikers
 - 12.1.2. 102 Correspondents
 - 12.1.3. 171 finished through the program.
 - 12.2. In last 3 months:
 - 12.2.1. 5 new hikers
 - 12.2.2. 119 hikes logged
 - 12.2.3. 142 peaks climbed
 - 12.2.4. 3222 messages sent
 - 12.3. In lockstep with other 46er programs, the Correspondent program now has a handbook accessible to the Correspondents when they log in.
 - 12.4. The annual request to complete sexual harrassment training was sent out.
13. **eCommerce and Website** - Phil attach document from Phil please
 - 13.1. Phil prefaced his remarks with a big thank you to Dave Pawlick who has taken over tax-related matters, utilizing his extensive background in finance.
 - 13.2. The scope of our web project has revealed itself to be broader and deeper than initially expected; for example, the complexities and issues arising from data migration. In his opinion, the initial quote of \$30 thousand might not cover needs we have not yet addressed.
 - 13.3. "We need to get this project finished...Robin has put in twice the number of hours [than was anticipated]..."
 - 13.4. Although the entire \$30 thousand has not yet been distributed, he recommended that the 46ers authorize up to \$15 thousand to cover unanticipated expenses (i.e.,time spent), as well as an additional \$5 thousand for future, unanticipated work. It was noted that these would be authorized funds, to be disbursed as they arise. Not certain if the \$5000 was for unanticipated work or maintenance work - should clarify with Phil

- 13.5. **Motion** to approve: Ben
- 13.6. Second: Joe R
- 13.7. **Carried** - unanimous
- 13.8. Further to this topic, Phil and Dave Freeman noted that the new site has “drastically reduced” the time spent handling merchandise orders.
- 13.9. Continuing on, he also solicited input from other offices with interest in the site.

14. **Education Committee** - Ben
See [attached report](#)

15. **Membership Committee** - Jim
16. See [attached report](#)

17. **Merchandise** - Dave F
18. In addition to his remarks from above, Dave noted that “...we’re over the hump...” in regards to the transition to our new merchandise setup. He anticipates things will run well from this point forward.

19. **Newsletter** - Siobhán
 - 19.1. Siobhán is handing this over to Dean G.
 - 19.2. It is anticipated (based on remarks from Phil) that the next newsletter will, among the usual spring contents, reiterate the requests to validate memberships (including the necessary information and steps). He noted that there are many members who have not yet done so, and the data they provide by validating membership will help the site run more smoothly (also, see above *Peeks* report, mentioning data needed to determine who wants print vs e-subscriptions)

20. **Nominating Committee** - Joe R
Nominating committee recommendations for director are Winn Rea and Sheila Young. Both have accepted. The nominees will be included in the newsletter and the vote will be held at the Annual meeting.

21. **Outdoor Skills Workshop** - Bill L
 - 21.1. COVID-related matters obliged a cancellation of the 2022 workshop.
 - 21.2. Don McMullen has retired; he has been replaced by Dan Auwarter, who was present via Zoom and introduced by Bill.
 - 21.3. See [attached report](#) for more details

22. **Recognition Committee** - Bill L
 - 22.1. (Updated from the meeting). Bill has partially completed a revised master spreadsheet, insofar as he is now able to determine who qualifies for the “V” status (over 146 Volunteer Service Hours), and who qualified for new or additional service patches in 2021.

22.2. Data show:

- 22.2.1. 134 people have qualified for "V".
- 22.2.2. 1 person (Pete Hi v vvvv ckey) has 2346 hours and is newly qualified for the 2046 "patch"
- 22.2.3. 2 people - 746 hours patch
- 22.2.4. 1 person - 546 h
- 22.2.5. 5 people - 346 h
- 22.2.6. 8 people - 146 h
- 22.2.7. 37 people - 46 h

22.3. A [copy of the current sheet can be seen here](#). It reflects the status of data as of 28 March and has not been updated since then.

23. **Trailhead Stewards** - Joe R

- 23.1. Joe has been keeping all TSPers in the loop by email.
- 23.2. Three training dates have been established: 24 April, 7 May, and 11 June. These are all F2F (face-to-face; in-person). It was decided at some earlier point that all TSPers would receive the full training package (whether they be new or veteran) every three years, 2022 being one of those years. Veterans would receive annual update training annually, in between.

24. **Trail Crew** - Mark

- 24.1. See [attached report](#)
- 24.2. Mark supplemented his written report with the following comments:
- 24.3. Trail work would have a strong focus on the High Peaks: a departure from some traditional venues.
- 24.4. Partnerships with L2R (Leanto Rescue) are being explored.
- 24.5. Joe B is stepping down as a trailmaster, although he fully intends to continue with his herd path adoption coordination for now and as a worker.
- 24.6. Mark has purchased some more hand tools, debiting their costs from previously-authorized monies.

25. **Vespers** - Chris S per Laurie

Chris Sobik is still working on this, seeking interested persons and location

26. **Website** - Laurie

- 26.1. Laurie noted that there has been some feedback about content organization, citing a couple of instances where newer projects were simply added to headings without a lot of thought. As the content is reorganized, it will need to result in a website that is device-friendly.
- 26.2. [This follows on an email from Jona about two weeks prior to the meeting, seeking input and noting there has been very little to date.]

27. **Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Reimbursements** - Wanda per Laurie
Due to COVID, there has been very little happening in this area. Wanda has processed only one reimbursement due to many COVID-related cancellations.

28. **Winter Dinner** - Peggy, Dean
 - 28.1. Thanks were extended to both Peggy and Dean for their role in setting this up.
 - 28.2. Peggy sent the following “hot wash-up” report about the dinner on 27 March:
 - 28.2.1. “Hello, 46er Board! The W46er dinner was held last night at Frontier Town with 82 people attending. There were 27 finishers total from 2020, 2021, and 2022 seasons. 48 people filled out questionnaires about their experience with the venue. 10 folks said they'd rather have the W46er dinner in Lake Placid, 12 didn't care and the majority of 26 indicated that they preferred it not to be in Placid. So, if you reference my Committee Report sent prior to the Board meeting, it seems question number one is answered that attendees liked the location of the venue and would like it there again. Here are my conclusions from the questionnaires filled out by attendees at the event:
 - 28.2.2. “1. Hold future W46er dinners somewhere else than Lake Placid, probably give Frontier Town another chance in March 2023
 - 28.2.3. “2. Almost everyone mentioned not liking the selections and pricing of cash bar, maybe because of the proximity of Paradox Brewing with its excellent craft beer selection. Almost everyone indicated they did not care about the hot hors d'oeuvres and/or thought they should be free, not cost extra per person since many folks didn't get any and didn't even know there were hot hors d'oeuvres. Almost everyone thought the food selection on the buffet was interesting, but not what the W46er dinner usually had as far as selection. Almost everyone mentioned the food wasn't hot and that food items ran out frequently in the buffet line, even the salad.
 - 28.2.4. “3. Most people thought the price of \$35 was between a 5 and 10 in their responses. (10 being the best)
 - 28.2.5. “4. Many folks mentioned the room acoustics as noisy, couldn't hear others talking. Definitely Mo is working on renovating the building so I hope another time the acoustics will be improved and the room ambiance/decor improved.
 - 28.2.6. “5. Only two people mentioned knowing someone who did not attend the dinner because of the vaccine/mask protocols. I did receive several private messages from finishers who did not attend the dinner because of the vaccine/mask protocols.
 - 28.2.7. “6. Most people did not stay nearby. A couple got motel rooms, a couple got AirBnbs.
 - 28.2.8. “7. I didn't really get a feel for why so few Board members don't attend the W46er dinner. A couple mentioned other commitments/conflicts.

- 28.2.9. "8. I have already sent the write up about the evening to Natalie for Peeks. Suzanne Lance will send Natalie some photos and the group finisher photo to put in the upcoming issue of Peeks.
- 28.2.10. "I was so happy to MC this wonderful evening again and look forward to working with Frontier Town if the Board decides to hold the W46er dinner there in 2023. I can work directly with them rather than adding to Laurie's already big pile of things to deal with as President. Thanks, Laurie, for all you did to help facilitate getting the W46er dinner to happen in a new venue. I am happy to receive checks for payment for future winter dinners since it helps identify finishers but it may be easier to do payment through the website as was discussed at the Board meeting yesterday. People did keep messaging me about if their checks had been received since the checks weren't cashed. "

Old Business

29. **ADK Diversity** - Becky S
See [attached report](#)
30. **Boot Brushes** - Laurie
- 30.1. See [attached document](#)
- 30.2. The Ausable River group have some monies for some projects, but none for the kiosks.
- 30.3. Some of the elements of the proposal are subject to DEC approval.
- 30.4. **Motion** to approve up to \$3 thousand for two "porta johns" and one boot brush to be at locations to which we agree; with our logo on them. - Siobhán
- 30.5. Second - Becky
- 30.6. **Carried** - Unanimous
31. **Bylaws** - Joe B
- 31.1. From the agenda: There is a need for this based on the not-for-profit laws in NYS. Joe Bogardus has agreed to help in this endeavor. We would like to have a couple of other folks who would have some time available to assist with this update process. We need to be certain that we remain in compliance.
- 31.2. An attorney specializing in NYS nonprofit law is needed to help bring bylaws up to date.
- 31.3. It was noted that one major change needed (asap) is an annual vote from the members pertaining to those holding elected offices.
- 31.4. Laurie and Joe B reiterated the need for others to join this committee; Joe B does not want to be chair and is seeking someone to chair this.

New Business

32. **Historian's Office Proposal** - Lee
 - 32.1. See [attached document](#)
 - 32.2. **Motion** to accept the report and recommendations as written - Mary L
 - 32.3. Second - Becky
 - 32.4. Vote: 1 abstain, 0 nay; otherwise all aye - **Carried**

33. **Committee Positions** - Laurie
Refer to the [agenda](#) for details

34. **Welcome Package** - Laurie
 - 34.1. We need to provide a "joining package" for all new and appointed members of the executive and committees.
 - 34.2. This would include such things as the Conflict of Interest form, information about the Sexual Harassment training requirement, and normal responsibilities such as meeting attendance.

35. **Waterman Fund** - Joe R
Phil noted that we do not routinely contribute to this fund; however, one exception was a one-time donation when Guy died.

36. **Slide Show** - Laurie
Laurie is seeking volunteers to set this up for the May dinner. Joe Ryan and Mark Simpson have some and will work on this.

37. **Publicity and "Big Check"** - Laurie
By consensus, it was agreed that whenever we make donations, we should utilize a "big check photo opp".

Other New Business

38. **2025 Celebrations** - Mark
 - 38.1. Mark inquired as to whether we should proceed with preliminary plans for a 2025 "party" to celebrate the first three 46ers' finishing, in 2025. Consensus, to the point of its being unanimous, that we should proceed.
 - 38.2. [Footnote: Publicity for this has already begun as of 29 March, based on Facebook posts seen on that date.]

39. **Adjournment** at 15:53
 - 39.1. **Motion** to Adjourn: Laurie
 - 39.2. Second - Dean