



2016 Annual Voting Members Meeting
Saturday, November 5
9:30AM - 10:30AM
At Ramapo College of New Jersey, Alumni Lounges

Minutes

1. Board Vice Chair, Patsy Wooters called the meeting to order at 9:35AM; present were:

Terri Allen, At-Large Voting Member
Sue Barbuto, At-Large Voting Member
Richard Barr, NY Ramblers/Catskill 3500 Club
Suse Bell, At-Large Voting Member Nominee
Cliff Berchtold, At-Large Voting Member
Norman Blumenstein, At-Large Voting Member
Chris Connolly, Board Member
Walt Daniels, Board Member
Jane Daniels, East Hudson RTC Chair
Matt Decker, At-Large Voting Member Nominee
Edward DiSalvo, West Milford 13ers
Mary Dooman, Board Member Nominee
Jack Driller, At-Large Voting Member
Charlotte Fahn, Friends of Old Croton Aqueduct
Deborah Farrell, Westchester Trails Assoc.
Jakob Franke, Chair, Conservation Committee;
Chair, Long Path South Committee
Bob Fuller, West Hudson RTC Chair
Bill Gannet, At-Large Voting Member Nominee
Andy Garrison, Board Member
John Gunzler, Chair, Investment Committee
Jill Hamell, At-Large Voting Member Nominee
Gaylord Holmes, Board Member
Dick Katzive, Board Member

Barry Leibowitz, ADK Mohican Chapter
Rick Levine, Board Treasurer
John Mack, West Hudson South Trails Chair
John Magerlein, Board Member
Patty Lee Parmalee, Save the Ridge
Jim Piombino, At-Large Voting Member
Nominee
Pete Reiner, ADK Ramapo Chapter
Ann Rice, Thendara Mountain Club
Karen Rose, At-Large Voting Member
Ruth Rosenthal, At-Large Voting Member
Sue Scher, At-Large Voting Member
Karl Soehnlein, At-Large Voting Member
Doug Sohn, At-Large Voting Member
Judy Sullivan, At-Large Voting Member
Nominee
Don Tripp, West Jersey Trail Chair
James Van Tassell, Long Island Greenbelt TC
Bob Ward, NY Hiking Club
Patsy Wooters, Board Vice Chair

Staff: Ed Goodell, Executive Director
Don Weise, Development Director
Erica Van Auken, Executive Assistant

1. Approval of July 14 Summer Meeting minutes: John Gunzler made a motion, seconded by Doug Sohn, to approve the July minutes. All were in favor.
2. Introduce New Member Organizations: Ed introduced four new organizations to join the Trail Conference: Friends of Harmony Hall, Town of Woodstock, NY, Ramapough Conservancy, Inc., and the New Jersey Highlands Coalition.
3. Board of Directors/At-large Voting Member Nominations: On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Ed Goodell presented the following 2017 candidates for the Board of Directors for three-year terms and At-Large Voting Members for one-year terms:
 - a. *Board of Directors:* Mary Dooman, Patsy Wooters, Daniel Hoberman, Richard Katzive, Edward Whitney

- b. *At-Large Voting Members:* Therese Allen, Susan Barbuto, Suse Bell, Cliff Berchtold, Norman Blumenstein, Sara Cavanaugh, Matt Decker, Jack Driller, Harvey Fishman, William Gannett, Robert Lehmann, Paul Makus, James Piombino, Anne Powley, Kristin Reeves, Peter Reiner, Karen Rose, Ruth Rosenthal, Robert Ross, Susan Scher, Karl Soehnlein, Doug Sohn, Judith Joan Sullivan, Robert Ward
4. Treasurer's Report: Board Treasurer Rick Levine discussed the financial management of the organization and the role of the Finance Committee. Rick indicated that the organization is financially healthy, despite a working deficit to fund three major initiatives: the re-organization, the website/database upgrade, and the strategic plan.
5. Executive Director's Report: Ed Goodell discussed the strategic plan and provided an update on the process, explaining that it is entering its final stages. Four main strategic imperatives have derived from the process: Improve volunteer trail maintenance, Maintain strong trail planning, design, construction and advocacy, Grow loyal constituency with trail user information and education, and Strengthen financial capacity to deliver on mission. A final plan will be approved by the Board of Directors and then made public. Some in attendance expressed concern about the 'top-down' nature of the Strategic Planning process. Ed also discussed the Website/Database updated, which should be completed by mid- to late-November.
6. New Business:
 - a. Richard Barr discussed volunteer training and recognition practices that the Catskills 3500 Club follows for their members.

Seeing no other business, Jane Daniels made a motion, seconded by Bob Fuller, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. *Recorded by Erica Van Auken.*