

Interstate Hiking Club Minutes - Annual Meeting July 9, 2020

The President, Guy Percival, called the meeting to order at 7:13pm. The President motioned to accept the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting. Paul Ferlazzo seconded. All in favor.

Member Present Were –

Marguerite La Corte, Guy Percival, Carolyn Canfield, James Canfield, Charles Kientzler, Sarie van Niekerk, and Paul Ferlazzo.

Secretary's Report –

The Secretary, Marguerite la Corte, read the hike statistics as well as the event cancellations due to poor weather conditions, et., and also announced the Top Ten Event Attendees.

Paul Ferlazzo motioned to accept the Secretary's Report and Charles Kientzler seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report –

The Treasurer, Charles Kientzler, mentioned that our bank balance looks good. We are still above water with 131 members. The Treasurer sent out first reminders to 45 members. The second reminder will go out in September/October. The third reminder will go out after Christmas. Insurance has not increased as it was supposed to. We are safe until next year if we kept the same insurance broker and same amount of annual dues. James Canfield motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and Guy Percival seconded. All in favor.

Trails Report –

The Trail's Chair, Sarie van Niekerk, mentioned she received an email from the Supervisor for Schunemunk who advised we can no longer park we usually parked. Sarie advised she completed the work on the Sterling Ridge Trail. At the present time there are 11 downed trees. Sarie and club members worked about 77 hours on the Sterling Ridge Trail. Sarie advised the Jessup Trail has been abandoned. Without the railroad you cannot maintain this trail. Guy Percival motioned to accept the Trails Report and Paul Ferlazzo seconded. All in favor.

Entertainment Report –

Paul Ferlazzo, the Entertainment Chair, announced there was nothing new to report.

Guy Percival motioned to accept the Entertainment Report and Charles Kientzler seconded. All in favor.

President's Report –

Our President, Guy Percival, thanked all the leaders for volunteering to lead hikes. The hikes for December, 2020 to May, 2021 have been submitted. We are two hikes short of a full schedule. The President suggested these be listed as To Be Announced on Meetup. He also mentioned that we need more members to help with Trails Maintenance, especially on the Southern part of the Sterling Ridge Trail. The President advised only one long trips is planned; the North Carolina/Tennessee AT trip. The President feels we should consider using Meetup again to attract new members. Also, we need to be flexible with hikes especially those which need shuttle. The President mentioned that he has to have an operation and will not be able to do any trail maintenance or lead hikes for about three months.

Paul Ferlazzo motioned to accept the President's Report and Sarie van Niekerk seconded. All in favor.

Old Business –

No old business.

Nominating Committee Report –

The Nominating Committee recommends the slate of Officers for the 2020-2021 year as follows: -

Guy Percival – President, Charles Kientzler – Treasurer, Sarie van Niekerk – Trails Chair, Marguerite La Corte – Secretary, Paul Ferlazzo – Entertainment Chair. James Canfield will continue to be the IHC Web Master.

Guy Percival motioned to accept the slate of Officers and Charles Kientzler seconded. All in favor.

No Recess

The New Officers assumed their duties.

New Business –

It was announced that the bike ride was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Virus. The North Carolina trip in October will still take place. The President announced that we could wait until December, 2020 to have Meetup people join us. A discussion ensued about inviting Meetup to join us on hikes. Paul Ferlazzo asked about the possibility of using shuttles again and a discussion ensued about this. It was decided to delay using shuttles until June, 2021.

Charles Kientzler proposed that we give the same amount of contributions this year as in the previous year as long as any additional contributions do not contribute towards a debt amount.

Since there was no further New Business to discuss Guy Percival motioned to adjourn the meeting and Paul Ferlazzo seconded. The New Officers assumed their duties.

The Interstate Hiking Club Annual Meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.