

Interstate Hiking Club Minutes (IHC) – Annual Meeting June 6, 2021

The President, Guy Percival, called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. The President motioned to accept the minutes of the 2020 Annual meeting. James Canfield motioned to accept. George Carfagno seconded. All in favor.

Members Present Were –

Marguerite La Corte, Guy Percival, Roy Williams, Peter Germann, Carolyn Canfield, James Canfield, Sarie van Niekert, Jane Weeks, Mary Anne Fairey, George Cargagno, Udi Cohen, Neli Cohen, Daniel Cohen, 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, etc., and also announced the Top Ten Event Attendees.

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

Treasurer's Report –

Charles Kientzler, the Treasurer, could not be present. Guy Percival read the Treasurer's Report. The IHC had a loss of \$223.00. The club balance is \$3,080.06. Charles Kientzler recommends we give less money to charities. We would also like to pick-up more members. We are solvent. Roy Williams motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and Neli Cohen seconded. All in favor.

Trails Report –

Sarie Van Niekert, the Trails Chair, reported that a total of 129 hours of maintenance. In general the trails are in pretty good condition. So far everything is good. On June 13th, 2021 we will do the Southern section of the Sterling Ridge. Roy Williams motioned to accept the Trails Report and James Canfield seconded. All in favor.

Entertainment Report –

Paul Ferlazzo, the Entertainment Chair, proposed we have a dinner get together at a restaurant. Other than that, there was nothing else to report. Guy Percival motioned to accept the Entertainment Report and Mary Anne Fairey seconded. All in favor.

President's Report –

The President, Guy Percival, thanked all the leaders who volunteered to lead hikes. He advised that there will be more hikes in New York City and more in the country. The President also informed that the Trails Chair, Sarie Van Niekert, needs more people to come out on trail maintenance. We maintain two sections of the Sterling Ridge trail and also Schunemunk. George Carfagno motioned to accept the President's Report and Roy Williams seconded. All in favor.

Old Business -

The Jessup Trail parking lot is still closed.

Nominating Committee Report –

The Nominating Committee recommends the slate of Officers for the 2021-2022 year as follows: Guy Percival – President, Charles Kientzler – Treasurer, Sarie van Niekert – Trails Chair, Marguerite La Corte – Secretary, Paul Ferlazzo – Entertainment Chair. James Carolyn Canfield motioned to accept the slate of Officers and Roy Williams seconded. All in favor.

No Recess

The New Officers assumed their duties.

New Business –

1. No need to register for hikes.
2. Restart shuttles.
3. Meet-Up

-We should drop the need to register for hikes. Guy Percival motioned to accept and Roy Williams seconded. All in favor.

-We would like to restart shuttles. The leader should ask the attendee to show their vaccination records. The President advised that it is up to the leader to make the choice and asked James Canfield to change the website. The President also advised that the leader can exclude someone if that person does not have the two vaccinations or cannot show their vaccination certificate. Guy Percival motioned to accept restarting the shuttles and Roy Williams seconded. All in favor.

-Roy Williams proposed that we start using Meetup more, but we should be required to see the person's vaccination certificate. Guy Percival announced that he would not do shuttle hikes for Meetup. We should start Meetup in a limited way and not accept Meetup members on shuttles. Guy Percival motioned to accept and Neli Cohen seconded. All in favor.

Paul Ferlazzo announced that the Appalachian Trail Conference this year is holding a virtual AT Vista event and is asking people to host hikes on the Appalachian Trail (AT) during the weekend of August 7th to August 8th. The IHC has a hike scheduled for Saturday, August 7th, and Paul plans to add a hike for Sunday, August 8th, somewhere on the AT in New York or New Jersey. The in-person conference is scheduled for August 5th to August 8th, 2022 and will be based out of SUNY at New Paltz. Paul is on the hiking committee, and he is helping to schedule the hikes as well as leading some hikes. The Appalachian Trail Conference is looking for more hike leaders. Paul will try to recruit some IHC members to lead or co-lead hikes during the conference.

Guy Percival motioned to adjourn the meeting and Roy Williams seconded. All in favor.

The Interstate Hiking club Annual Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am