

Minutes of the Colvin Crew
January 15, 2009
NYSAPLS Conference, Albany, NY

The following members were present:

Charlie Hartnett, Joe Malinowski, Jim Jennings, Sr., Jim Schaller, Howard Wyman, C. Donald Carpenter, Jim Vianna, Norm Van Valkenburgh, Larry Rathman, Randy Paquin, Steve Sehnert

Jim Vianna called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM

Camp Clerk's Report: Mike Webb

A written report was submitted, highlights as follows ---

1. 13 new members have been signed up since the March 20, 2008 reorganizational meeting.
2. A bank account has been opened at Community Bank, N.A. of Star Lake N.Y.
3. A federal employee tax number has been obtained.
4. We are a 501.c7 non-profit organization.

Superintendent's Report: Jim Vianna

Doings since last meeting of March 20, 2008 -----

1. At a May 2008 meeting of the Eastern New York Society of Land Surveyors (ENYSLS) and aboard the "Spirit of Hudson" south of Troy, NY, a presentation was made thanking Les Denison and John Keating for their invaluable assistance to the "Crew" in obtaining V. Colvin's notes and making the recoveries as successful as they are. (See ENYSLS 2008 Past Presidents cruise web page for pictures)
<http://www.enysls.org/pictures/>
2. Middle Saranac Lake recovery had 11 members. Trip write up was published in the Empire State Surveyor.
3. Ruby Mtn. recovery had 8 members, should appear in an upcoming issue of the Empire State Surveyor.
4. Membership database has been updated 11/08, 140 members (*thanks Gail at ESF*).
5. V. Colvin birthplace historical sign entered in national historical marker database <http://www.hmdb.org>
6. On January 9, 2008 at the ENYSLS board of directors meeting, a check was given to Jim Vianna for \$448 for design and implementation of a Website for the crew, development to start ASAP.
7. NYSAPLS has been printing our recovery reports and has donated a booth and meeting room for our use during this convention. I will write a letter thanking them for their generosity. The crew purchased an add in the NYSAPLS conference journal which took the form of a membership application. Jim Jennings and I built a 1/8 scale model of a first order stan-helio, which is on display during the conference at our booth.
8. George Butts turned over two volumes of the crew's history to me at the conference. I will look through them and add what I have. They will be delivered to Larry Rathman at ESF for safekeeping.
9. Recovery trips try to be accommodating to all members with varying degrees of physical activity planned. Many high peak monuments are destroyed/defaced. Unspoiled marks exist in lowlands lakes etc. Two-day (separate trips each day) format appears to be working well.

Asst. Superintendent's Report: Joe Malinowski

1. Joe has been delivering regular briefings to NYSAPLS keeping them informed of our progress, etc. The Colvin Crew is an "ad-hoc" committee of NYSAPLS.
2. Steering committee: Work continues on developing formal by-laws for the crew. Members interested in helping in this important project should contact Joe at JMALINOWSKI@MJELS.COM

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Historian's Report: Larry Rathman

1. Larry has had no luck in tracking down the company that had previously made our pins. He will start looking for a new vendor as we are running out. Jim Jennings offered his assistance.
2. Larry received a large collection of Kerm's papers and will be going through them as time permits.

Old Business:

1. A discussion was held on looking into the possibility of installing an historical marker in the "great gore" honoring V. Colvin for his efforts in establishing the Adirondack Park. *(Superintendents note: Upon reviewing the two volumes of the crews history, Kerm had hit a dead end on this project and his last thoughts were that it might be suitable for the new Adirondack Museum in Tupper Lake).*

New Business:

1. Raquette Lake recovery, June 2009. Jeff and Todd Storey to be the guides Exact date and times to be determined.
2. Jim Schaller has an idea of recovering Colvin's, Long Lake baseline possibly for this fall. Will send details to the Superintendent.
3. Charlie Hartnett started a discussion as to whether the crew should become incorporated.
4. A discussion was held on increasing funding for the crew. It was suggested that if the crew had a specific request (such as the website) that a NYSAPLS regional survey association could be approached for such. The possibility also exists to add a donation page to the Website. Past trips should be offered again for those not able to attend the first time.
5. Past recoveries should be offered again for those that could not make it the first time.
6. Next meeting will be held in March 2009 at ESF. Date and time to be determined.

A motion was made by Charlie Hartnett, seconded by Randy Paquin to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM