

Carrabasset Valley Outdoor Association
Annual Board/Member Dinner Meeting
Sugarloaf Hotel Carrabasset Room
March 30, 2019

By all accounts, Saturday night's Annual Meeting and Dinner was a rousing success. With 80 members in attendance at the Sugarloaf Hotel, the event was a bonanza with an hour of socializing over beverages and appetizers, an hour of sharing a delicious buffet dinner, the requisite half hour meeting, and an entertaining half hour with guest speaker LE Hughes.

One of our newest members commented on what a friendly group we are, and is looking forward to more involvement. Others I spoke with felt the same way. Conversation and smiles abounded.

President Bonnie Farrar welcomed the group, noted it has been a busy and rewarding eight months for her, and looks forward to serving as our president for one more year. VP Joe Loughran was recognized for the time he spent as president before he and Bonnie swapped positions.

Events and trips are the heart of our membership, so Bonnie summarized the many events CVOA held in the past year: 20 events, 16 different trip leaders, involving 631 people! Particular thanks go to the trip leaders, and to Stephanie Frost, who served as our Adventure Coordinator this past year. Stephanie is not able to continue in that positions, so we hope one of you will step up to fill the need.

Another event for which we are seeking volunteers is a fun celebration commemorating our 20th anniversary; it would be held in late 2019 or early 2020.

Secretary Cindy Foster reported that our membership count at the end of 2018 was 1160 members, of whom 582 are range members. These numbers include 124 officers from local agencies including Franklin County Sheriff's Department, US Border Patrol and US Customs and Border Protection; the agencies are grateful that the CVOA Range offers facilities that meet the high standards required for training and qualifications.

Treasurer Mary Frank reported that she has been reviewing our finances from a learning perspective, and has been updating our QuickBooks records to include a numbered accounts system. She looks forward to working with the Finance Committee on long range goals and updating the charitable donation policy. CVOA is in a sound financial position with \$75,000 in our checking account.

Range Officer Ray Stone reported on the state of the range, which had a very good year in 2018. Besides the weekly Five Stand and Trap shoots, they hosted: Annual Mason's Trap Shoot with BBQ, Stratton Rec kids day "Cricket" shooting, and a Women's Urban Rifle course with Sheriff Scott Nichols. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) has been completed, the berm project is finished, and cameras will be installed at the range. A new check in/check out procedure will be put in place at the front gate.

The following officers and board members were elected (or re-elected) for this year:

- President: Bonnie Farrar
- Vice President: Mark Curtis
- Secretary: Cindy Foster
- Treasurer: Mary Frank
- One-year term to fill Mark Curtis' board member position: Susan Strommer
- Three-year term board members: Val Hudspath, Mary Berger, Ray Stone

Bonnie recognized outgoing treasurer Elise Gebhardt for her commitment and time as treasurer in 2018. She stepped up when we needed her, and gave it her all, getting us through complicated range finances and annual tax filings, and other details. Bonnie also thanks yours truly for the time I spend on the monthly newsletter, membership details, range support, and historic financial information.

Under new business:

- A charitable donation of \$500 to the Adaptive Outdoor Education Center for 2019 programs was approved.
- Mike Parker will lead a trip to Val Gardena, Italy from January 25 through February 2, 2020. The package will run about \$2,100 plus lift tickets. Cindy Foster will lead a trip to Park City/Canyons from February 1-8, 2020, with a package price of \$1,900. We are looking for ideas and a trip leader for a third trip, and a ski trip to Quebec is likely. Complete ski trip information will be sent out in early May.
- Val Hudspath brought to the meeting a selection of logo apparel from member Mike Pilsbury, who owns Northeast Emblematic. Val will work with Mike to select CVOA logo wear and develop a plan for sales.

Door prizes were won by Herschel Collins, Mary Berger, Margaret Duren, Bill Haefele and Jay Gebhardt.

Bonnie introduced our speaker LE Hughes, with whom Bonnie works at the Sugarloaf Day Care coaching little kids to ski. Bonnie is often entertained by the stories LE tells as they gear up the kids to ski. She quoted Bill Bishnell, who wrote "... Lew-Ellyn Hughes is a woman who thoughtfully writes about things that make folks smile and be grateful for the little joys in life...." With her "... self-deprecating wry humor and tenderness ..." LE lived up to her reviews as she read some of her work to us. It was a delightful end to our event.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Foster, Secretary