

Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association
Board and Member Meeting – July 15, 2018
At the home of Mary Berger, Bremen, Maine

The meeting was called to order at 1:55 p.m.

Present: Board members: Joe Loughran, Bonnie Farrar, Cindy Foster, Elise Gebhardt, Steve Smith, Mary Berger, Jeannette Parker; Activity Coordinator Stephanie Frost; Members at Large: Elaine Smith, Jeff and Deb Sanford, Barb and Bob Luke, Sandy and Jim Osterrieder, Jay Gebhardt, Bill Haefele, Brenda and Bill LoPotro, Rick Young, Mike Parker, Herschel Collins, Peter and Judy Weston

President Joe Loughran welcomed the group.

Stephanie Frost, our new Activity Coordinator, was introduced, and welcomed. She is working on some ideas for activities, particularly events that might appeal to members with children. Joe noted that younger members might like different activities, and we might consider revising our mission statement in the future.

Secretary's Report (Cindy Foster)

- The minutes from the March 18 Annual Meeting were reviewed, and mention was made of the March 31 vote by email to donate \$500 to the Adaptive Outdoor Education Center.
- We have reached a milestone 900 members for the calendar year 2018.

Treasurer's Report (Elise Gebhardt)

- CVOA is on good solid footing. We closed the NorthEast Bank savings account, and added the proceeds to our Skowhegan Savings Bank checking account. We have about \$37,000 in the account, and have funds of \$40,000 due as reimbursement for the Range Berm Project: \$30,000 from the Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and \$10,000 from the Town of CV.
- Pete Weston asked about funds due from Great Events & Escapes; they owe us about \$3,000 as a result of our groups having enough travelers to earn second free trips for both Copper and Banff-Lake Louise. Cindy will follow up on that.
- Cindy noted that with three trips in 2019, our numbers will not support credits for second free trips; Pete noted that is OK as ski trips are not intended to be fund raising events.

Stonington event in September – Jeannette Parker gave us some info about the mid-week event she and Mike have planned for September 18-19. There will be lots of activities to share in, such as boating, sailing, Isle au Haut, biking; a cookout the first night at the Parkers. There will be a list of places to stay.

Range Report (Cindy for Neal Trask)

- The Berm Project is complete, and with matching grants from the Maine Dept IF&W as well as the Town of CV, there will be no out of pocket cost to CVOA. A major reason for this result is Sugarloaf's donation of the use of their large Volvo excavator and John Deere bucket loader; the value of this contribution was \$12,000.
- A year ago at this time we had collected \$1000 in trap fees; this year, as a result of increased interest and in particular the Five Stand, we have collected \$2200.

- We have hired Sherrie Packard to take care of the range properties and help run trap shoots.
- Cindy noted that in spite of how the range was perceived years ago, the range makes money for the club.

Homecoming (Bonnie Farrar)

Setup of our booth will be on Friday afternoon

Joe has made up packets for new members

About 50% of the slots for volunteers at the table are filled.

Long term plans? Mike Parker asked if CVOA has long term plans for use of the monies we have accumulated. Joe mentioned that a club house has been considered. Pete has designed a 24'x36' building with a daylight basement, bathroom, kitchen. It might cost \$200K to hire someone to build it, or perhaps \$150K with volunteer labor and donated materials. This project is one that can be considered in the future.

2019 Ski Trips All three trips (Big Sky, Sun Valley, Steamboat) have opening, with about 30 people signed up for each. Peter Weston was given the go-ahead to plan a trip to Quebec with skiing at Le Massif and Mont Ste. Ann.

New Business:

Brochures: Cindy has had a request for more CVOA brochures at the information center in CV; Deb Sanford will work on a brochure for us.

Thanks to Jay and Elise for handling today's cookout, and to Mary Berger for hosting the day's events.

Joe spoke to the group:

- Having given the matter considerable thought, and with the support of VP Bonnie Farrar, Joe has decided to step back to VP, and ask Bonnie to step forward as President. Joe feels this is the best decision for the sake of CVOA and for himself personally. He will stay involved with the Range Committee plans for reorganization.
- A motion was made to elect Bonnie Farrar as our president, and Joe Loughran as vice president; the motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48.

The next meeting will be held at a date and location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Foster, CVOA Secretary