

CVOA Board/Member Meeting
Sunday June 23, 2019
Belgrade Lakes, with Thanks to Val & Sam Hudspath

Present: BOD: Bonnie Farrar, Mark Curtis, Mary Frank, Cindy Foster, Steve Smith, Jeannette Parker, Val Hudspath. General Members: Patti and Thom Johnston, Elaine Smith, Peggy and Glen Bickford, Bill Cunningham, Peter and Judy Weston, Mike Parker, Herschel Collins, Bob Farrar, Bonnie Stagers, Pink Slagle.

Following a morning of time on the water, and noon social time and cookout, the meeting was called to order at 1:50pm by President Bonnie Farrar.

Bonnie introduced new officers and board members: Vice President Mark Curtis, Treasurer Mary Frank and directors Steve Smith and Val Hudspath.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Foster, Secretary:

The minutes from our last meeting have been published and are available here. Do I hear a motion to dispense with reading the minutes and approving them as they stand? The motion was moved, seconded and approved.

We currently have 588 memberships, representing 938 members, of whom 473 are range members, which is 50% of our members.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Frank, Treasurer:

Mary handed out a Profit & Loss Statement for 2018, and explained the account numbers system – 4000's and 500's for CVOA and Range income, with 6000's and 7000's for CVOA and Range expenses. The numbers reflected are not an accurate depiction of our finances for several reasons – Range projects have crossed over several years, and so did ski trips. Also, the \$37,000 that was transferred from North East Bank to our Skowhegan Savings Bank checking account in 2018 does not show up on the P&L. There is still work to do on reporting our financial state.

Today's balance in our Skowhegan Savings checking account, which is our entire funds, is \$72,013.

Range Report – Cindy Foster, Range Bookkeeper

Cindy described the tremendous upgrades at the range facility, and the fact that it used on a regular basis by officers from US Customs and Border Protection. It is an outstanding facility, and if anyone hasn't been there, it worth a visit.

Our recent grant projects of the Five Stand building and the berms on the shooting ranges were funded by the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, with matching funding from the Town of Carrabassett Valley. The next cost to CVOA was inconsequential, and the value of the two projects exceeds \$100,000.

A summary of Diane Stone's range report is: The range cleanup day included general maintenance, replacing targets, a new ramp and steps to the clubhouse. Future maintenance and upgrades include: front gate lock upgrade, trap house doors, rebuild road sign. The archery range is being rehabilitated. The biggest and most important upgrade has been the implementation of a Range Safe Operating Procedures guide, due to the diligence of Ray and Diane Stone. First Aid stations have been installed. This week the range is hosting the Stratton Rec Department for a youth day, when the youth will learn the basics of rifle and archery.

Activities Report – Patti Johnston, Activities Coordinator

Thanks to Val and Sam for hosting today's event; on July 23 the Bickfords and Frasers are running a paddle on Big Jim Pond followed by a cookout; the next board/member meeting is on September 29, perhaps with a range showing. No events for August yet.

Old business:

Finances: Mary Frank talked about the Finance Committee, which was reformed this past winter; she presented the Finance Committee job description.

She also presented the updated Charitable Donation Policy. The biggest change is in the amount we may give; previously it was stated as "up to 20% of the previous year's net income". The new line says the each year, the Finance Committee will propose an amount in the budget that may be given to organizations that meet our criteria.

A motion was made to spend \$375 to help stock the Outdoor Center Fish Pond; the money is matched by the town. It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

A motion was made to accept the CVOA Donation Policy as written in June, 2019. There was no discussion, and it was passed unanimously.

A reimbursement form has been created with which hosts of CVOA events may request reimbursement for expenses up to the amount of \$5 per attendee.

The CVOA Investment Policy was presented and with little discussion was passed.

2020 Ski Trips:

Park City, Cindy Foster, with only 8 people signed up, the trip is undersubscribed and we need help filling it up.

Val talked about the Austria XC ski trip; if interested, contact Pam Twadell; this is not a CVOA sponsored trip.

Val Gardena, Italy, Mike Parker: the idea originated on a chair lift, and 20 sounded like a viable number of people. There was far more interest than anticipated, and we were able to obtain a total of 46 spaces. 60 people signed up, and 46 were selected in an equitable manner as best as possible. A waiting list has been established. This trip is the first ever CVOA ski trip that filled up immediately, and it might be premature to develop a policy on how to handle this situation. We can talk about it next year.

Jackson Hole, WY, Bonnie Farrar: 25 signed up out of 35 spots.

XC Ski trip, Bill Cunningham: Bill presented his proposed trip to West Branch Pond, Greenville; it is a long 28 mile drive in on a plowed road; we would stay for 2 nights; the price includes gourmet meals, nice cabins, a wash house, its own groomed trail system which butts up to the ATC trail system. More information will be in the next newsletter. -

CVOA apparel: Val Hudspath presented the logo apparel options; only a few orders have been placed; there was discussion about the viability of the program; Val and Bonnie will give it one more chance.

Twentieth Anniversary Celebration (Founder's Night?): Bonnie Farrar would like to find people to form a committee for a big event; possibly as part of a CVOA weekend of events in January. A few people offered to help.

New Business

Range Allocation of funds – Cindy Foster spoke about the great work the range volunteers are doing, and there are projects they would like to do but may not have the funds for. She presented this motion: The CVOA Range ended the year 2018 with a net income of at least \$2500. The range is authorized to spend \$2500

above and beyond the expenses included in the 2019 Range budget. There was no discussion, and it was passed unanimously

Ad Hoc committee to review by-laws: Our by-laws have been around for a while, and it might be appropriate to have an ad hoc committee to review the by-laws. Mary, Mark, Steve, Thom , would be on the committee.

Other Business

Pete Weston: One of the CVOA founders, Don Fowler, is being inducted into the Ski Museum of Maine Ski Hall of Fame, and we hope many will come. The induction event is being held at Sugarloaf, on October 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.