

Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association  
August 23, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Officers present: Sandy, Nancy, Pete, Peggy

Board Members present: Cliff George, Duff Doherty, John McCatherin, Neal Trask, Gail Miller, Joe Loughran, Jim Heichel, Neal Trask, Paul Trueworthy, John Morey, Don Fowler.

14 members-at- large also present.

Sandy called the meeting to order.

Treasurer and Secretary reports were presented and accepted.

Range Report.

Neal thanked members who painted range picnic tables, and noted that paint was donated by Lee & Diane Anderson. He reported that the Franklin County Sheriff's Department is using the range, with income to CVOA of 500.00. Berm material (bark mulch) was to be donated/delivered by Fontaine Lumber in Stratton.

Robertson-Pitman Fund. We have received a conditional contract award notification from the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. The next step involves negotiating a contract. Neal reported receiving negative feedback about restrictions and concerns about reimbursement, inherent with a contract with IFL. Neal and member Harvey Packard presented an alternate plan for putting in a well and septic system, using local resources. Discussion resulted in consensus that a contract with Inland Fisheries should proceed, and, with all the facts and information, a decision could then be made whether to proceed with the grant. The hope was to be ready to start construction by spring 2015.

Neal described, and presented estimates for, purchasing a voice activation system for trap shooting. He noted that he had pledges of 650.00 from active shooting members, and requested approval to purchase and install the system, as well a purchase a cart for moving the equipment. A motion was made to approve the purchase and allocation of up to 2500.00 from the range budget, depending on donation amounts received from members .

New Business:

1. Big Sky Ski Trip. Trip leader Cindy Foster reported having over 40 members and counting signed up for the Big Sky Ski Trip.
2. New Coordinators. Sandy announced that Jan Doherty will take over Nancy Perry's position as Trip Coordinator, and Cindy Estes will take over as Photo Coordinator.
3. Hiking Guides. Nancy and Linda reported positive wholesale and retail sales, with 60 guides left in inventory. Motion made and passed to order 100 more copies, to have more on hand for Homecoming.

4. Holiday Hike. Pete Weston announced he and Judy would host the annual hike and cookie swap at their home in the Redington neighborhood on December 20

5. Homecoming October 11 & 12.

Booth hours will be 10-5 Saturday, and 10-4 on Sunday. Sandy asked for volunteers for setting up /taking down, signing up for time slots at the booth, someone to coordinate the Range BBQ Sunday 12:30 -1:00 pm, and what hike or bike activity would take place on Monday.

Information/requests for volunteers will be sent out to the membership via the fall newsletter. Linda and Paul Treworthy volunteered to set up the booth, and as well announced they would lead a hike on Monday to Shiloh Pond and Paul's Falls. Cliff George volunteered to put together a slide show for the booth.

6. Maine High Peaks Visitor's Guide.

Motion passed to have Sandy negotiate a membership in return for the use of our photos they have used in their ads.

7. Membership Database/Constant Contact.

Sandy initiated a discussion of researching a more efficient email and membership database program. Member Cindy Foster has volunteered to set up the Constant Contact program. It was reported that the software program costs 25.00/month for a membership database up to 500. Features will include an email system that allows more than one individual to send communications to the membership, on-line membership applications and renewals, and credit card payments made with PayPal.

A motion was made and passed to allocate 500.00 for Cindy to go forward with piloting the Constant Contact Software program for a six month period, processing membership applications/renewals, and maintaining the membership database.

8. Policy for Donations.

Sandy led a discussion about developing a policy or criteria for considering requests for monetary donations to individuals or groups. Recent requests or ideas for donations have included Lac Megantic, sponsoring Tim Caverly's school presentations, and Maine Huts & Trails youth program. Consensus was reached that our mission statement should be a guiding principle when considering such requests. No donations were authorized at this time. It was determined that donations to Lac Megantic, and Tim Caverly were not appropriate.

Next meeting date was set for September 27, 2014 @ 4:00 PM at Carrabassett Valley Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Bickford  
CVOA Secretary

