

Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association
February 1, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Officers Present: Paul, Sandy, Pete, and Peggy

Board Members Present: John McCatherin, Neil Trask, Duff Doherty, Rick Young, and Don Fowler.

Six members-at-large also in attendance.

Secretary and Treasurer Reports presented and accepted.

Range Report: No news as to the Robertson-Pittman Fund application. John and Neal reported having met with Tom Butler (runs summer activities at the mountain) about promoting trap shooting as a Sugarloaf activity, training one of their staff. Topics to be explored included Sugarloaf purchasing guns, whether this would be an opportunity to have more guns available for rental, liability. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES:

Waivers of Liability.

Peggy reported there have been about 166 signed and returned, with some waivers being signed by both members of a family. A motion was made and passed that anyone going on an overnight CVOA event must be a member, with a signed waiver of liability.

Outdoor Pond Stocking.

Cliff, Neal, Paul, and Dave Cota met; the town will match 250.00 from CVOA for purchase of fish. Fishing from the pond will be posted as fly-fishing only, catch and release, barbless hooks. Cliff was going to make cards for reporting data, Paul was g to make a box for collecting the data reported. They reported that Sugarloaf was going to put up signage for canoe put-in. Barring acts of nature, the hope was that the fish would survive the summer. A fall stocking had been suggested, but funds not approved at this point. "A good experiment," to see if the fish re-generate; it was noted that this would be a good program for kids. A kiosk will be made to post the rules.

Picnic Table Repairs

A motion was made and passed to allocate 500.00 towards repairs of the Crommet Overlook and Narrow Gauge picnic tables. John, Neal, Pete, and Harvey appointed as committee for this project.

Calendar Update.

Linda reported that sales of the 2014 Adventure Calendar were very slow, with three dozen left over, and now on sale for 5.00 each, and will be available at upcoming events. It was decided not to do a calendar this year. Logo wear sales also reported as slow.

NEW BUSINESS:

AT Trail Maintenance

Paul reported on the history of CVOA volunteering to take over AT trail maintenance between Caribou Pond Road and junction of Sugarloaf and Spaulding trails. This is a physically

demanding task requiring chainsaw operation to clear logs/ blow downs, etc., and keeping trail passable. Current Federal Regulations (Department of the Interior) require Chainsaw School and CPR certification.

For five years, this has been accomplished basically by Paul and his son Andy, whose chainsaw certifications were expiring. Efforts to have more assistance from membership with the trail maintenance have been unsuccessful through the years.

Motion made and passed that CVOA will discontinue the AT trail maintenance after this year.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting is set for March 22, at the Outdoor Center. Guest speaker will be Tim Cavery, former Superintendent of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Bickford
CVOA Secretary