

Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association  
Board and Member Meeting – January 30, 2016  
At the Carrabassett Valley Town Office

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present: Board members: Nancy Perry, Cindy Foster, Gail Miller, Glenn Bickford, Mark Curtis, Don Fowler, Jim Heichel, Sandy Jamison, Joe Loughran, John McCatherin, Neal Trask, and Rick Young. 12 members-at-large were also in attendance.

Secretary's Report/Minutes (Cindy Foster)

- The new attendees were welcomed.
- From the minutes of the last meeting, mention was made of the adoption of the Charitable Contributions Policy.
- A motion was made and accepted to dispense with reading of the minutes. The minutes were accepted.
- We have 360 memberships for 2016, with 143 not yet renewed from 2015. That represents 653 people for 2016, and 265 for 2015. About 60% of the memberships include at least one Range member.
- We send out over 600 email newsletters, and have 60% opened, a very high number.

Treasurer's Report (Gail Miller)

- Gail presented the Profit and Loss report for 2015, which shows a net income of \$12,000. This does not reflect the \$9,000 out of pocket cost for the new Range building. We have about \$45,000 in a money market account earning about \$35 per month.
- A motion was made by Peter Weston, seconded by Mark Curtis, and approved unanimously, to accept the treasurer's report.

Range Report (Neal Trask)

- The Range has over 400 members. 1000 rounds of trap were shot for \$5/round. The Sunday trap shoots were maxed out, so Saturday trap shoots were added in November. They were very successful and will be continued in the future.
- The Range committee would like to apply for a grant from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to help fund a "5-Stand" – a setup where the clays are released from six traps around the field, and at different angles. The Town of CV has budgeted \$15,000 towards the project. A motion was made by Peter Weston, seconded by John McCatherin, and approved unanimously, that CVOA supports the application for the grant, with the understanding that if the DIFW funds are granted, the Range committee will move forward with the project only upon approval by the CVOA Board.
- A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Range report.

NEW BUSINESS:

2016 Budget (Gail Miller, Treasurer)

- Gail presented the 2016 Budget. The projected income is down due to a conservative estimate on the proceeds from the 2017 Ski Trip, deposits for which are paid in 2016. Increased expenses are incurred for plowing the range at \$1500 for the season, offset by the \$720 we are no longer paying for a storage unit. Insurance costs are up. Range and CVOA dues should be up due to the change in the membership year to the calendar year. In past years the Montreal Bike Trip income and expenses included the hotel costs that were paid to CVOA by members, and paid out to the hotel. This year, members pay directly for their own hotel reservations, which simplifies the accounting and the effort required by the treasurer and trip leader.
- Why do we have a budget? It identifies what works and what doesn't. It gives guidance to what can be spent in various places.

- A motion was made by Peter Weston, seconded by Jim Heichel, and passed unanimously to accept the 2016 Budget as presented.

#### Charitable Contributions (Gail Miller, Treasurer)

- In 2015 we gave donations to several organizations:
  - Cub Scout Pack has folded and will be sending back to CVOA \$947.
  - NEMBA was given \$1000, and a report will be forthcoming on how the money was spent.
  - \$300, matched by the town, was spent to stock the fish pond at the Outdoor Center.
  - Stratton Rec Department reported that they had used \$247 of the \$1000 we donated for camper scholarships for overnight trips. They will carry the balance over to next year.
- The Charitable Donation Policy was reviewed, with notation that CVOA can donate up to 20% of the net income for the year.
- A request was made by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for funds to sponsor children to attend Camp North Woods for the summer of 2016. There was not enough information available to answer questions brought up in discussion, and the item was tabled. Glenn Bickford will pursue more information.
- Kingfield is in the process of applying to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy for designation as an AT Community, which assists communities so designated with sustainable economic development. Their request that CVOA write a letter of support was moved by Peter Weston, seconded by Sandy Jamison, and approved unanimously. Nancy Perry, as President, will write the letter of support.
- A request was made that CVOA donate \$300, matched by the Town of CV, to stock the fish pond at the Outdoor Center. This project has been successful in the past, Don Fowler reported catching a 20" trout last year at the pond. The sign the town committed to erecting has not been installed yet, but Dave Cota says it will be done this spring. A motion was made by Neal Trask, seconded by Jim Heichel, and passed unanimously to donate \$300 to stocking the fish pond.

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

##### The Business Side: Elections – Nancy Perry

- The terms of three board members are expiring: John McCatherin, Cliff George, Bill Croce. John and Cliff will be vacating their positions. We need new board members.
- John Morey does not think he has sufficient time to be president as he is working for another year and will not have the time required to do the job well. He has offered to stay on another year as vice president. We need a president!
- Cliff George will be retiring as Webmaster; we need a new webmaster.
- We need an Adventure Coordinator.
- A Nominating Committee of the president, secretary and treasurer was established. They will work on filling the positions. Cindy will put an article in the next newsletter seeking volunteers. The members in attendance were asked to think about who they might recommend to fill any of the positions.

##### The Social Side: Dinner, Speaker, Awards, Budget

- Last year we spent about \$600 net on the Annual Dinner meeting, with \$900 in income offsetting \$1500 in expenses for hall, food, and awards.
- Cindy reported that she has made arrangements for CVOA to have their dinner meeting at the Sugarloaf Inn on Saturday, March 12. There will be a Hearty Italian Buffet for a fixed cost of \$23 per person, including the meal, tax, and gratuities. There will be a cash bar. By state law, members are not allowed to bring their own beverages. There was discussion about CVOA subsidizing the cost as there is money in the budget available for the cost of renting a room. Our costs for the dinner include \$200, plus the cost of dinner, for our guest speaker. A motion was made by Peter Weston, seconded by Mark Curtis, and approved unanimously that the cost remain at \$23 per person, and that CVOA would not subsidize the meals.

- Our guest speaker is Carey Kish, AT through-hiker.
- We have traditionally given awards at our annual dinner to outstanding volunteers. There was discussion about whether or not the awards should include monetary gift such as gift cards. Peter Weston gave his opinion that although he was very pleased to be given recognition as an outstanding volunteer, he wasn't entirely comfortable with receiving a gift of monetary value. Cindy Foster concurred by saying that the recognition was very much appreciated, but she was not entirely comfortable receiving a gift certificate. She stated that she volunteers because it is what she loves to do, to make a difference, to contribute to the organization. It was generally agreed that CVOA would not give out awards of monetary value this year.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Foster, Secretary