

Oct. 1984

WONALANCET OUT DOOR CLUB NEWSLETTER

This is the first of WODC's two mailings as a result of the vote at the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee met at Dave Bowles' on September 15, 1984 at which time it was decided to include the complete minutes of the Annual Meeting. We think it will bring you up to date on events of WODC.

Please note the message at the end of this letter concerning membership dues.

George Zink, Forest Plan Committee Chairman, informed us that Fred Steele, Gretchen Behr, and Chloe Johnson had all stated an interest in being on his committee.

A number of ideas for next summer's activities were discussed, so if you have suggestions, please let us know.

I hope everyone has a good winter.

Dave Bowles, President

* * * * *

The 85th Annual Meeting of the Wonalancet Out Door Club was called to order by President Walden Randall at 7:45 P.M. on August 19, 1984. Thirty members were present. Minutes of the 1983 meeting were accepted as corrected. The treasurer's Report follows:

Last year's balance		\$ 4001.52
Income from		
Dues	}	\$ 1440.23
Book Sales		
Interest		
T-shirts		
Contributions		
Expenses from		
Dues & Contributions	}	\$ 1834.15
Mailings		
Trails		
Insurance		
Present Balance		\$ 3607.60

Nat Steele, Treasurer

Old Business:

1. The most outstanding accomplishment has been the designation of over 25,000 acres as the Sandwich Range Wilderness, signed into law on June 19, 1984. The Club held a celebration after the first meeting of the summer, with approximately 50 people in attendance. Since management decisions are still being made, there is a need to establish a committee to confer with the Forest Service concerning these decisions.

2. The Timber Committee Chairman, Ted Sidley, reported on the Whitten Ridge Sale. The committee has most recently written a counter-response to Rita Thompson discussing continuing concerns of the Club. Several people responded positively to a suggestion that volunteers from the Club work in a pine grove, to be planted by the Forest Service at the site of the sale.

3. The Forest Service requested review by area groups of the Caribou-Speckled Mountain and Kilkenny areas. George Zink responded to the effect that WODC favors wilderness designation. However, we did not recommend wilderness for these areas but rather Management Area 6.2 designation, which would allow for the type of management that would not preclude wilderness in the future. Of the three possible wilderness areas, Wild River, which was not included in this review, has the most support.

4. The Trails Report was given by George Zink, who reported that the trails were in very good condition. \$1000 was allocated for trail work at the 1983 meeting. An arrangement was made to use AMC volunteers on our trails in exchange for our financial help in their volunteer program. AMC professionals opened the trails, followed by volunteer crews led by professionals. Blow-downs and more of the basic work were completed. A few trails still need maintenance: Wiggin Trail, the Brook Trail (Roger Korpi is to build two bridges on this), Dicey Mill Trail (the water bars need clearing). In addition, the toilets need repair and cleaning at Camps Heermance and Rich.

George thanked the Adopt-a-Trail volunteers for their work, and contributions when trail work was not possible, with special thanks going to Russell Kelly for his efforts on over five miles of trail, and to Jim Mykland for his efforts to bring a section of the Bickford Trail back into use. Also, Mark Bromberg blazed all of the Blueberry Ledge trail. In addition, tow other trails have been reopened, the extension of Red Path to the McCrillis Trail, and a short cut to Hibbard and the Walden Path. A motion was passed unanimously to thank Betsy Mallinckrodt for the the donation of her cottage for use by the trail workers, and for her contribution to the trail program, and to send her an official Club T-shirt with the letter of thanks. Thanks also went to the Zinks for their donation of a cottage for the volunteers.

5. It was recommended that Peggy Johnson wait to reprint the map until the wilderness boundaries are settled, and that, when the map is redrawn, it incorporate some of the old names.

6. The T-shirt report was not available.

New Business:

1. The budget proposed was as follows:

Trails and Forest Liaison	\$ 200	
Printings, Stamps, and Mailings	250	
Insurance	90	
New England Trail Conference	10	
SPNHF	25	
Wonalancet Chapel	50	
New England Natural Resources Forum	10	
Bottle Bill	10	(Authorized but to be held for legislation)
Tamworth Outing Club	50	

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to make this contribution to the Huckins Barn Building Fund, with the provision that it be used in this way or returned.

The budget was accepted unanimously with the provision that the Executive Committee can deal with emergency clearing.

2. The WMNF 10-Year Management Draft Plan will be out in October and will need comment at that time. There is also a need for a group to meet with the Forest Service to discuss wilderness management decisions. It was suggested that the Executive Committee appoint a chair and committees to deal with these problems. George Zink will chair these committees in his capacity as liason with the Forest Service.

- 3. Clara Read gave the report of the Nominating Committee, as follows:

President	David Bowles
Vice-President	Bill Read
Secretary	Barbara Sidley
Treasurer	Nat Steele
Liason with Forest Service	George Zink
Trails	Dana Steele (Nominated from the floor)
Timber Committee	Ted Sidley

President Randall reported that the Executive Committee would like to organize a membership drive, and expand support for WODC activities by contacting camps and other organizations. A motion was passed unanimously to form a membership committee with Martha Chandler as the chair.

A discussion followed concerning frequency of newsletter mailings. A motion was passed unanimously that at least two newsletters go out each year, and that Sally Zink be the newsletter editor. A decision as to more mailings should be at her discretion, and the budget should be revised accordingly. Members are encouraged to submit to Sally items of interest.

The slate was voted unanimously.

4. A motion was passed unanimously to officially thank David Bowles for his rescue work on the mountains. A motion was passed unanimously to thank Denny Randall for her work on behalf of WODC. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Barbara Sidley, Secretary

* * * * *

We have recently learned of the death of Mrs. Carroll Purves, a long time friend and supporter of the Wonalancet Out Door Club and its members, and a resident of Wonalancet for many years. We extend sympathy to her family --- her sons, Ned and Alan, and her grandchildren.

Our Trails Chairman, Dana Steele, reports that three more WODC trails have been adopted; Doug MacVicar and Frumie Selchen adopt the Blueberry Ledge Trail, Jackie and Andy Thompson adopt the Bennett St. Trail, and Dana Steele adopts the Rollins Path. In need of adoption is the Gorge Path!

Issues in Wilderness Management

A group of WODC volunteers will prepare a response to the "Draft Forest Plan" during the next several months. One issue, that of management directions for the Sandwich Range Wilderness, must be addressed. We seek your opinions on the following:

(a) PERMITS. Presently all hikers who enter or stay over night within designated Wilderness Areas in WMNF are required to carry permits issued by the Forest Service (no charge). Would you like to have this practice followed in the Sandwich Range Wilderness?

(b) SHELTERS. The policy in the past has been to remove all public conveniences --- shelters, bridges, toilets, etc. --- within designated Wilderness Areas. How do WODC members feel about this? Have you any firm opinion on the topic? How strongly do you feel about the shelters we maintain on Mt. Whiteface and Passaconaway? Unless you feel strongly, those shelters, and others will be removed.

(c) FISH STOCKING. The stocking of fish is not permitted in the ponds of Great Gulf Wilderness. Unless there is strong public opposition, stocking of trout may be stopped in Flat Mt. and Black Mt. Ponds. What instructions do you have for our WODC committee?

There will be other management decisions, but on these three we really need your thoughts. Send your comments to George Zink, Wonalancet.

If you have any other issues of concern or interest that you want to share, I would like to hear from you and include it/them in the next newsletter.

Sally Zink, Box 21, Wonalancet, NH 03897

Your dues for the year 1984-1985 have have not been paid.

You owe

Please send remittance to: Nat Steele, Treasurer
Wonalancet Out Door Club
Wonalancet, NH 03897