

Dear WODC Members and Friends,

February 28, 1988

Though the nights remain cold--around zero degrees-- and a crust of ice covers the ground, the sun shines brightly and warmly at mid day, sets at 5:30 pm, and reminds us that Spring is not far away..

As noted in the minutes, Squirrel Bridge was destroyed during the Spring floods of 1987. The bridge is used by those hiking the Blueberry Ledge Trail and secondary trails. Although a private bridge for vehicular use, in the case of an emergency/rescue it has been used by other vehicles. At the Annual Meeting members voted \$500 toward its rebuilding. Treasurer Nat Steele will accept any contributions members wish to donate to offset the \$500 expense. President Bill Read has received a letter of appreciation from the owners of Squirrel Bridge thanking the Club for its donation. The bridge is now complete except for a railing which will be constructed in the Spring.

President Read wrote the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department a letter stating the WODC position that public boat access be provided for those wishing to use Squam Lake. He has received an answer indicating the Department has a deep concern for providing a solution to public access for boat owners. The Department is "working on it".

At an executive meeting held in October, Dana Steele, Trails Chairman, said he plans to have Nat Scrimshaw and his trail crew work on WODC trails this summer. The Scrimshaw crew would do heavy maintenance work our volunteers cannot do.

WODC's Trail Day is planned for earlier in the summer so hikers may benefit from trails in good condition during the height of the hiking season. Tentatively, the date is set for the second weekend in May, the 13th. You will hear more about Trail Day later.

Mike Bromberg, a WODC member from Brookline, NH, and an eager summer and winter hiker, has volunteered to revise the WODC map. At a meeting this winter he met with several members of WODC to decide upon the type of map. The map will be similar to the AMC maps with 100 foot contours. Mike is counting on the map being ready for printing by early summer.

Members will want to be one of the avante garde with a new WONALANCET OUT DOOR CLUB T-shirt. Shirts are navy blue, 50% cotton; adult sizes are small through extra large. The cost is \$7.00, or \$8.00 if mailed. Orders may be sent to Martha Chandler, 60 Holman St., Laconia, NH 03246. Be fashionable this summer!

We had intended to include with the Newsletter comments and recommendations from George Zink on the U.S. Forest Service's Management Plan for the Sandwich Range Wilderness Area. As of this date the Plan is not available. Watch for it in a separate

mailing. It will be released to the public within a month or so.

There have been many issues and important decisions for WODC this past six months, an indication that WODC is active and alert to events that will affect its future.

DUES NOTICE

Your dues have been paid for the 87-88 year. Thank you

You owe dues for the 87--88 year

Please send dues to:
Nathaniel A. Steele
Wonalanacet, NH 03897

Dues are: \$15.00 - Family, \$8.00 - Individual

Sincerely,



Sally Zink
WODC Newsletter Editor

WODC Treasurers Report 1986/87 as of 8/8/87

	Expenses	Income
Trails	4.18	
Mailings	144.28	
Dues	95.00	819.00
Forest Liason	66.55	
Tee Shirts	171.15	73.00
Interest		345.33
Other		1.00
Totals	481.16	1238.33

8/8/86	5917.56
+ Income	1238.33
- Expenses	481.16

8/8/87	6674.73

Minutes, WODC Annual Meeting, 1987

The 88th Annual Meeting of the Wonalancet Out Door Club was called to order by President William Read at 7:40 P.M. on August 9, 1987, at the Wonalancet Chapel. 23 members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report (a copy of which is appended hereto) was read and approved.

Trails Chairman Dana Steele presented the Trails report. He noted that arrangements to have the Appalachian Mountain Club do trail work were not possible this year but that similar arrangements would be attempted next summer with a private organization. Therefore, a request is made in the budget for next year for \$1,000 for this work.

In addition, he announced that several trails needed blazing and brushing Trails Day is to be held on August 22, with work tentatively scheduled for the Rollins Path and the Tom Wiggin Trail.

Russell Kelly was honored at the meeting for his many contributions to WODC trails.

George Zink reported on liaison with the Forest Service. He expressed concern about proposed Forest Service Wilderness policies on White Mountain National Forest. For example, The Service proposes to replace shelters with tent platforms, to eliminate some trails and trailheads, and to reduce the number of signs on trails. Denny Randall moved that the Club send a letter expressing our point of view on those matters to the Service, the New Hampshire Congressional delegation, the State Legislature, and newspapers, including the Carroll County Independent. The motion was amended to empower the Executive Committee to draft and send such a letter.

An informal poll of the views of members present was taken regarding the issues, with the following positions supported: Continuing signing by WODC, with distances put on the signs; retention of shelters; retention of the present number of trailheads, and WODC input in any trail decisions by WMNF regarding our area.

The amendment was seconded and passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously.

B.J. Semmes moved that the WODC recommend that the state provide public access to Squam Lake for boating and that a letter be sent to the State to this effect. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business

Ralph Weymouth moved that the Club appropriate \$500 for the rebuilding of Squirrel Bridge in appreciation of its use on our most heavily used trail and in support of public access to our trails and to the WMNF. The motion was seconded and passed with 3 opposing votes.

Ian Cooke moved that we put a request for contributions for that purpose in the Newsletter and that we use the contributions to replace money donated

from the treasury. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

9 people indicated that they had walked both the old Blueberry Ledge trail and the old Blueberry Ledge Cutoff. Others noted that they had walked the McCrillis Path all the way to the electric fence. These walks occurred during the past year.

In the absence of a Nominating Committee, Clara Read moved to re-elect the present slate of officers. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Carl Behr was appointed to chair the Nominating Committee next year. The following are the officers of the Club:

President	Bill Read
Vice-president	John Mersfelder
Secretary	Barbara Sidley
Treasurer	Nat Steele
Trails Chairman	Dana Steele
Newsletter	Sally Zink
Forest Liaison	George Zink
Membership	Martha Chandler

The following budget was proposed by Treasurer Nat Steele:

* Amended

SPNF	\$ 25.00	
* Wonalancet Corporation	50.00	-- 20.00
New England Trails Conference	10.00	
New England Natural Resources Forum	10.00	
Mailings	220.00	
Forest Service Liaison	70.00	
Trails	1000.00	
* Trust NH Lands	100.00	

David Bowles moved to amend so as to reduce the contribution to the Wonalancet Corporation to \$20. The amendment was seconded and passed. George Zink recommended a contribution to the Trust for New Hampshire lands. A motion was made to contribute \$500, but that was amended to lower the contribution to \$100. The amendment was seconded and passed and the amended motion passed unanimously.

Stan Coville recommended that one member of the Executive Committee take calls from the membership with their suggestions. The sense of the meeting was that members favored this.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Sidley (sr)

Barbara Sidley, Secretary