

The 82nd Annual Meeting of the Wonalancet Out Door Club was called to order by Vice-President Ted Sidley at 8:30 p.m. on August 23, 1981. 31 members were present. Minutes of the 1980 Annual Meeting were accepted as read, as was the Treasurer's Report, attached.

A discussion followed concerning the way in which Club savings should be invested. Since the money now draws very low interest, John Chandler moved that a change be made, possibly placing the funds in the new uninsured accounts with higher interest rates, if necessary. The motion carried unanimously. Ted Sidley then raised the question of payment of back dues - if and how the Club wished to collect them. Several suggestions were made as to how people could be reminded that they were in arrears. It was the sense of the meeting that some attempt should be made to encourage the payment of dues, but that support from a wide mailing was more desirable than insistence on back payment. Ian Cooke offered a motion that WODC follow the procedure of the Wonalancet Preservation Association: When meeting notices are sent out, there should be a place on the notice to indicate whether that member is in arrears. Indication should also be made on the notice when dues/contributions were last received from that member. However, mailings should continue to be sent to all those interested in WODC, since the Club not only needs financial support for trail work but also support from people on Forest issues. An amendment was offered by John Chandler. Club officers are to give proper notice that, beginning in 1982, mailings will not only be checked for those members in arrears, but that the last date dues or contributions were received from that member would also be indicated.

John Chandler presented a report on T-shirt sales. A \$58.00 profit has been realized to date, with 19 shirts remaining for sale at this meeting. Shirts can be reordered.

Eugene Koch gave the Trails Report. A Trails Weekend was held on May 23-24, with some work completed on the trails. The year was a disaster for the trails because of the severity of the December storm. The Chandlers reported that the Mt. Katherine-Tilton Springs area was particularly hard hit. The Wiggins Trail needs spray paint and chain-saw work. The Trailhead sign is missing at the Bickford Trail, and the trail needs re-spraying to the height-of-land. Eugene Koch said that he would place a temporary sign at the trail pending Forest Service replacement. Steve Parsons of the WMNF had been asked about summer crews to help us with the clearing, but they were available only for the northern areas.

Eugene Koch said that additional equipment would be helpful, such as a small Swedish saw and a hatchet. On his motion, passed unanimously, the Trails Chairman was empowered to spend up to \$50.00. A motion to have John Randall and Dave Bowles investigate safety equipment for our workers and spend up to \$100 for its purchase was passed unanimously. Ted Sidley reported that he tried to locate a Work-Study student at Boston College with no response, and that he would pursue this at all the Boston schools next year. Several young people in the valley volunteered, with Kate Randall and Willie Purves putting in many hours of work. John Randall suggested that we place a trail commentary box at the kiosk for use by hikers, so that we could benefit from their up-to-date reports on trail conditions. Finally, the Adopt-a-Trail idea seems to be catching on, with the following adoptions:

Mt. Katherine - Chandlers
Kelley Trail - Helen Steele, Clara Read
Gordon Path - Randalls
Blueberry Ledge Cut-off - Cookes
McCrillis Trail - Sidleys

George Zink reported on Forest Service liaison. James Jordan sent a certificate to the Club on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Forest Service and the 70th anniversary of the Weeks Act, commending the Club for its service over the years as a

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cooperator. George also reported on changes in Forest planning, which is no longer being done in units but rather in a 10-step process for the Forest as a whole, Presently planning criteria are being established; comments from the Club were sent to the Working Group in December, 1980. The next step is an analysis of the management situation. The plan should be completed in 1983.

Ed Brannon, of the WMNF Laconia office, gave an informal and highly interesting update to the Club on the state of the Forest at the WODC meeting on August 11, 1981. He reported that Wilderness legislation is frozen at present, and he expressed concern at the proposed Hayakawa bill, which stipulates that all wilderness areas must be determined by 1985 or be forever lost to wilderness designation. As for internal developments in the Forest Service, there is renewed interest in:

1. The use of fees in the Forest (in part to cover the cost of search-and-rescue)
2. Private enterprise to replace the federal government in running the national forests
3. Serious consideration of the role of cooperators in areas such as:
 - a. Signing policies
 - b. Understanding of who does what on what time schedule
 - c. Major fix-its, such as shelter upkeep, bridges, etc.

Ted Sidley reported on a trail cooperators' meeting he attended at which these issues were discussed. It was felt that we must deal with the Forest Service on an ad hoc basis, staying on selective alert with any Forest Service decision south of the Kancamaugus.

There was discussion of Club support to other groups. Dave Bowles reported that the Chapel would like a donation of \$20 per usage of buildings and grounds, partly because of toilet maintenance at \$80 per month. A motion was made and passed unanimously to donate \$50 to the Chapel this year, \$5 to the New England Trail Conference, \$25 to SPNHF, but that support be dropped from the Environmental Coalition pending more information on recent developments.

Programs for 1982 were discussed. Another concert was mentioned in light of the very enjoyable and successful concerts by Maida Freeman in 1980 and the folk concert given by Peggy Loughran, Taylor Whiteside, the Tamworth Contraband, and Daniel Harper in 1981. Rather than have a program committee, John Chandler moved that the officers act as such in setting up programs for 1982. The motion passed. The Annual Meeting will be held on August 22, 1982, with June/July meetings/programs as called for by the By-Laws.

Under New Business, a pay telephone would be convenient at the signs, but there is not enough business to warrant it. A sign is needed on the top of Whiteface.

Walden Randall gave the report of the Nominating Committee, as follows:

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| President | Walden Randall | |
| First Vice-President | Ted Sidley | |
| Second Vice-President | Ralph Weymouth | |
| Secretary | Barbara Sidley | |
| Treasurer | Nat Steele | |
| Newsletter | Martha Chandler | |
| Trails Chairman/Forest Service Liaison | | George Zink, Ralph Weymouth |
| T-Shirts | John Chandler | |
| Concert | Eugene Koch | |

A motion was passed unanimously to accept the slate.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sidley, Secretary