

December 15, 1985

Random notes from the eighty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Wonalancet Out Door Club called to order by President David Bowles on August 25, 1985 at the Wonalancet Chapel.

Old Business:

1. A meeting was held with Mrs. Wheeler in an attempt to resolve the relocation of the McGrillis Trail in Whiteface Intervale. Bill Read, Dana Steele, and David Bowles represented the Club, and David Pratt represented the Forest Service. An alternate route has been flagged by David Bowles and David Pratt. An agreement was arrived at that the WODC will cut, sign, and mark that part of the trail relocation that goes through Wagner Woodlands' property; the Forest Service will cut and mark the trail from Flat Mt. Pond Trail to the newly relocated trail. A letter will be sent to Mrs. Wheeler by the Forest Service confirming the details, and the work will be completed by next season.

After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Secretary write a letter to the Forest Service stating that, in light of the fact that the new trail is on Wagner Woodlands' land and, therefore, is not a permanent right-of-way, and that there will be difficulty with the river crossing, WODC does not regard this approach as a permanent resolution of the problem faced with the trail relocation. It is hoped that the Forest Service will look for a permanent solution in the next Forest Plan. Notice will be sent to the AMC of the relocation of the trail at the time a letter is received from Mrs. Wheeler, formally agreeing to the relocation.

2. A question was raised concerning the "relocated entrance" to the Blueberry Ledge Trail. It was suggested the Secretary annually enter into the Minutes the fact that there is ongoing yearly use of the traditional entrance to the trail, using the usual right-of-way. Rescue operations used this entrance, as did a number of members of the Club in 1985.

3. The Forest Plan is scheduled for publication by the end of the year (1985).

New Business:

1. Beckett School in Connecticut has volunteered to work on the water bars on both the Cabin Trail and the Big Rock Cave Trail.

Camp Hale has asked for another trail-related job for next year, and wishes to be informed before the camping season.

2. The 1985 activities report noted that the WODC sponsored five hikes which were moderately successful and involved 33 people.

The Club also sponsored a discussion on the issue of user fees on WMNF and the problem of paying for search and rescue operations.

(A representative of NH Fish and Game Department and a state senator were present).

A Wonalancet Days exhibit was held at the Cook Memorial Library.

The picnic scheduled to precede the Annual Meeting was rained out, but it was the sense of the meeting that we should try again next year.

3. The Forest Service notified the Club that the toilet at Camp Heermance needs cleaning. Nat Steele suggested that Dana Steele look for workers to clean out the toilet, using funds from the \$200 authorized for trail maintenance.

Dana Steele reported that adoptors of trails found the trails in good condition. He recommends we hire summer help for a few weeks for trail work in 1986.

Roger Korpi has built a bridge on the Brook Path with trees donated by Lillian Mowrer.

The Club has appropriated \$75.00 for the purchase of a tool to make signs.

4. It was moved that the Secretary enter into the Minutes that the Club commend Jim Myklund for fighting forest fires in the West, and commend David Bowles for the rescue of a man on Mt. Paugus in deep snow. The motion passed unanimously.

5. After congratulating the Executive Board for an excellent program, Clara Read, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, proposed that the Club hold the present slate of officers for another year. The following slate was unanimously accepted and elected:

President	David Bowles
Vice-President	Bill Read
Secretary	Barbara Sidley
Treasurer	Nat Steele
Trails Chairman	Dana Steele
Forest Service Liason	George Zink
Timber Chairman	Ted Sidley

6. Nat Steele reported that our liability insurance has been cancelled. President Bowles mentioned that he had talked to agents, who quoted a premium of \$500 for a two year period. It was moved that the Executive Committee be authorized not to renew liability if, in their judgement, it is too costly. David Bowles suggested a limit of \$100. It was the sense of the motion that the Club can spend up to a maximum of \$100 on liability insurance. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara Sidley, Treasurer

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Addendum:

On July 21st Lillian and David Bowles gave a fascinating talk in the Chapel tracing the history and ownership of houses in Wonalancet. Wonalancet was a busy place with farmers, loggers, hikers, innkeepers, and vacationers each spending time in his own pursuits. There were scores of inns in Wonalancet, Tamworth and Sandwich. The WODC's beginnings originated from the need of providing good-hiking trails along streams and mountain sides for the guests. The talk was accompanied with many pictures of people and houses that played an important role in Wonalancet's past. We thank Lillian and David for an enjoyable evening.

While researching for the exhibit at the library, Barbara Sidley, Martha Chandler and I found many interesting items on the early days of the Club.

Guide to the Paths and Trails ---published by WODC
Revised edition, 1908

"The WODC was organized in order to develop and care for the paths of this region, which had been so ably laid out and started by the people of Birch Intervale."

Adjourned Meeting, Sept. 1, 1912

"Suggestions for next year's work....

The Sleeper Trail be opened.

A Trail be made from Whiteface to Sandwich Dome, taking in Flat Mt. Pond.

.....This camp is situated about fifty feet from the spring, on the north-east side (Whiteface) where it commands the sun-rise, and it is well sheltered by a spruce growth and its name is Camp Heermance."

Special Meeting, July 20, 1914

"...the purpose of considering means for inducing the National Forestry Commission to take over our Wonalancet Forests.

Mrs. Walden told of the work which had been done in securing a refusal of three thousand acres for \$50,000 and urged all who possibly could to attend the meeting of the N.H. Forestry Assoc. at Gorham on the 22nd."

The concerns and problems remain as they did 85 years ago, often times very similar. One thing remains constant, and that is the need for your support and contributions in making the Club an active and meaningful organization.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 charges the United States Department of Energy with developing technology and facilities for the management of high level nuclear wastes.

One of the types of geologic formations being considered for storage of nuclear wastes is crystalline rock. New Hampshire is one of 17 states with large formations of crystalline rock to be studied as a possible site for a crystalline repository.

It is important that we keep informed of the issues and be prepared to take positions if the need arises.

Dues Notice: With the activity of the summer's programs, we did not send out formal dues notices. 85/86 dues are gratefully accepted at this time. ;...\$15/family and \$8/individual. Please send to: Nathaniel R. Steele, Wonalancet, NH 03897.

() Your dues for 85/86 have been paid. WE thank you.

() Your dues were last paid for the years ().

Seasons Greetings from Wonalancet, and may peace and joy be with you in 1986.

Sally Zink, Editor