

WODC Newsletter

Trail Report from Dana Steele

This past fall Andy Thompson led a group from the Highwatch Learning Center in Effingham on a trail clearing expedition on Sandwich Dome's Bennett St. Trail----about 12 people participated. The Club wishes to thank Andy for this volunteer effort.

At the Annual Meeting, the Club appropriated \$1000 for trail clearing work to be performed during the summer of 1987. The Club has approached the AMC about carrying out this work. In years past, most recently in 1984, volunteer trail crews from the AMC have done much of the heavier work involved with trail maintenance, such as building water bars and trail relocation work. These are tasks WODC believes the AMC with its experienced crew leaders and volunteers, is better able to carry out. Thus, the WODC thinks the money is well spent. Many of the lower parts of our trails have experienced some erosion due to the wet summer of 1986 and are in need of repair.

As noted in the minutes, the White Mountain National Forest celebrated its 75th Anniversary this past year. As part of the celebration, a Forest Service Field Day was held on September 27 . Two of our members were actively involved: George Zink, who was responsible for organizing activities along the Kancamagus Highway, and Fred Steele, who led several groups on a nature walk in the White Pond area. Jean Hurley , a leader on a mushroom hike for WODC in the summer of 1985, had an exhibit of local mushrooms on display at Sabbaday Falls.

On February 28, 1987 The Sandwich Sixty sled dog race will begin at 10 am at the Fairgrounds in Center Sandwich. From the Fairgrounds the course will follow the Sandwich Notch Rd, Flat Mt. Pond Trail, and go along Cold River to the Bennett St. Bridge. It follows the McCrillis Trail and briefly goes along the edge of private land....Coville, Daniels, Read, Ellis, and Cave to Great Pond. The trail crosses Rte 113-A, goes along Fowler's Mill Rd. and behind the old CCC Camp. It recrosses the roadRead, Bowles, and Brooks land... and follows the Old Locke Rd. It returns to Sandwich via the Sandwich Notch Rd. Last year there were 20-30 entrants ; this year as many as 50 entries are expected. The race is 60 miles and, judging from last year's race, the fastest racers will be able to complete the course in approximately eight hours. David Bowles will have the latest information on the race as the time draws nearer.

The Executive Committee of WODC authorized George and Sally Zink to attend a dinner and talk at SPNHF's headquarters in Concord, N.H. sponsored by the Natural Resource Forum, of which WODC is a member. Speaker of the evening was Alden H. Howard, appointed by Governor Sununu to head N.H. Department of Environmental Services. Alden Howard was formerly chairman of the Governor's High-Level Nuclear Waste Task Force, and was moderator of several (if not all) of the public hearings held within the State on High-Level Nuclear Waste Siteing. Areas in which the Department of Environmental Services has jurisdiction are: (1) water supply, (2) water resources, (3) air resources, (4) waste management. There is only one inspector in the State for the Wetlands Board. Howard stressed the importance of having active conservation commissions to keep the Department of Environmental Services informed, since the one inspector can hardly be expected to be aware of the violations that may occur concerning wetlands.

Additional WDNALANCET OUT DOOR CLUB T-shirts are available in adult sizes (small to extra large), navy blue, and 50% cotton blend. The price is \$7.00, or \$8.00 if one wishes a shirt to be mailed. Orders may be sent to Martha Chandler, 16 Orchard St., Laconia, NH 03246. Checks may be made payable to WODC.

Dues Notice

-Your dues have been paid for the 86 - 87 year. Thank you!

You owe dues for the 86 - 87 year.

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

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

Sally Y. Zink
Newsletter Editor
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WODC Annual Meeting Minutes, 1986

The eighty-eighth annual meeting of the Wonalancet Out Door Club was called to order by President David Bowles at 7:20 P.M. on August 24, 1986, at the Wonalancet Chapel. 15 members were present.

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

1. Activities

WODC-sponsored activities in the summer of 1986 included a talk by Kristine Klein on the New Hampshire moose population, a talk by David Bowles on the construction of the Cannon Mountain Tramway, and a work day and supper, during which 7 members worked on the Blueberry Ledge Trail and the repair of Camp Heermance.

It was suggested that Kris Klein return to speak to the Club in 1987 on coyotes in New Hampshire.

2. Budget

The following budget was proposed, discussed, and accepted unanimously:

Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests	\$25.00
New England Trail Conference	10.00
New England Natural Resources Forum	10.00
Wonalancet Corporation	50.00
Trails	1000.00
Mailing	220.00
Forest Liaison	30.00

3. The McCrillis Trail

The Forest Service cut a trail from the McCrillis Trail to the Flat Mountain Pond Trail. Work is still under way on the remainder, avoiding Wagner Woodlands property, because of the brook crossings.

4. Trails report

Dana Steele gave the trails report. He expressed gratitude for the work done by Russ Kelly, the Over-the-Hill Gang, and many others. Since the work day proved successful, it was recommended that it be repeated. Square Ledge Trail needs adopting, and the Rollins Path is in need of work, as is the McCrillis Path at the brook crossings. Rerouting the Intervale end of that trail was discussed. Ted Sidley suggested we contact the Forest Service for an understanding concerning cutting trees for bridges.

The following items are recorded:

- a. The old Blueberry Ledge Trail entrance has been used in 1985-1986 by 9 people, and the McCrillis Path to the electric fence by 3 people.
- b. The trail crew found only two pieces of litter on the Blueberry Ledge Trail on the work day.

5. T-shirt Committee

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to continue this activity and to carry both light blue and dark blue shirts. No more than \$220 was to be expended.

6. Forest Plan

Questions were raised about this plan, since several national organizations are appealing the extent of road-building and timber harvesting. Concern was also expressed for the Forest Service's below-cost timber sales.

7. Forest Service Field Day

It was announced that the Forest Service is making plans to celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a Field Day for the public. The events will take place on the Kancamagus Highway.

8. Nominations

The Nominating Committee proposed a slate which was presented by Clara Read, as follows:

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

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that the slate be elected

9. Additional

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to express thanks to President David Bowles for his two years of service to WODC.

Clara Read moved to have David Bowles serve as liaison between WODC and the Sled Dog Club, since the 60 mile race will be repeated, and some WODC trails will be included. The motion passed.

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Barbara G. Sidley, Secretary