**WMIA BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING**

**June 12, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am at the Saco Ranger Station,

33 Kancamagus Highway, Conway, NH. In attendance were Bob Smith, Ken Rancourt, Doug Somerville, Kathy Somerville, Maxine Lee Booth, Carol Felice, Gary Gustafson, Tiffany Benna and Bruce Miller.

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

Treasurer’s Report

Gary noted that reports comparing 2014 to 2015 sales were not valid but 2015 data is valid.

Doug felt we should set a limit of $10,000 for passes bought at one time and that the Forest Service (FS) needs to plan ahead so passes do not run out. Pass sales for 2014 and 2015 are consistent. Saco has experienced less traffic so far in 2015.

Gary noted we are paying $1500 more in grants than in 2014. It was noted $3000 remains in FS account.

Deb Cottrell is a new paid interpreter at the Russell Colbath House (RC). She will work Fridays in summer and weekends in Fall for a total of 22 days at $100/day…her salary will be split between WMIA and Forest Service.

Discussion ensued regarding sales comparisons:

1. WMIA donations or new members is under Treasurer’s line
2. Sales are down 4% the first 5 months of 2015, 8% without pass sales
3. It was decided to move the postcard stand closer to center of room at Saco
4. Gary noted that traffic and dollars spent are down this year
5. It was decided to put items not selling well on sale

Joe presented his ideas for re-establishing the Boulder Loop Trail Interpretive Trail. He passed around a pamphlet from when the Interpretative Trail existed. An intern would work 60 hours spread over four or five months. Brian suggested the intern also work on the interpretive trail at the RC. The program needs to be sponsored by a non-profit organization. Joe will get back to the BOD whether or not federal funds can be used for this. He estimates $1500 to $2000 for funding would be WMIAs. Joe will write grants but must be submitted as from the WMIA. Bob queried if grant monies not available would $1500 cover the stipend. Joe noted that the intern could do minimal work on the trail but with more funds could be more creative. Doug felt the trail at RC needs some interpretive work. RC volunteers felt over 50% of RC visitors use the trail. Ken asked about timelines. Gary asked about ideas for individuals. Joe felt the intern would start planning in winter for work to commence in Spring. It was noted to expand use funds beyond BLT interpretive. $2749 remains in funds that need to be used by April 16, 2016 and Brian was in agreement to expand the use of these funds. $1000 is earmarked for Deb Cottrell. Question arose if funds could be used for signage or need to go towards salary? Doug asked if funds could be used to pay mileage to volunteers. Seasonals end on September 20, 2015. Bob suggested we are in agreement to provide Joe permission to finalize the Boulder Loop Trail Public land Corps Internship to develop the Boulder Loop Trail…not to exceed $2000. Doug moved, Bruce seconded and it passed unanimously. Joe will have information for next meeting. Doug feels next priority be the River Trail at RC. Joe said intern may have time to work on the trail.

Participating Agreement Renewal: Tiffany noted forest funds must be used from previous year before new year awarded. She wants to put $3000 in the new fund. She emailed copy of old agreement to the BOD noting that the new agreement must be signed by August 1, 2015. The wording can be broad. Some clauses beginning on page 8 are mandatory. Pages one through seven have editorial power. Can add dollars to the $3000 during the five years. Bob suggested BOD read through new agreement and be ready to discuss at the next BOD meeting. Any corrections to new agreement must be submitted to Tiffany by the end of June.

Membership Committee

No new members. There were three renewals. Kathy will send out the newsletter next week with renewal notices. Funds collected at RC will be given to WMIA and entered into POS as donations. WMIA on the Web: Doug created an account for Twitter and Facebook as feels WMIA needs to provide a web presence. Ken suggested we promote Deb cooking. Kathy noted we need to check with her first. Kathy volunteered to work with her should this materialize. Doug would like to add an hour a day to Debs day to cover travel time. Bob said to write it into her contract.

Retail Committee

POSS: Doug has been monitoring log out compliance for the three ranger stations for several weeks and noted there is one individual at Campton not logging out. Tiffany will address the situation. Doug noted that at Andro POSS is on a wireless networks and it needs to be hardwired to work regarding transfer of information. Tiffany will investigate if can be accomplished. Bob felt that, in the final analysis, close out will be accomplished by Wayne.

Tiffany will market the fleece jackets and vests for FS employees. Gary will handle the distribution. These items will not go through POSS.

The Chocorua T-shirt from NE Embroidery would cost $15 for artist fee mock up. Bob suggested on the back put The Mountain and The legend. The shirt will be polyester with WMNF logo on the front. Minimum order is 24 shirts. Gary will handle the creation and Maxine will enter information into POSS.

The BOD decided to put Life is Simple Ts on sale for 25% off and not reorder at this time.

Other Business

RC House volunteers:

Thursday: Gloria

Friday: Debbie

Saturday: Gloria

Sunday: Kathy

There are potentially other volunteers.

Bricket Place volunteers:

Thursday: John Bender

Friday: Bob

Sat: John Bender

Monday: John Bender

It was suggested talk with Brian regarding outhouse and siding rotting. WMIA evaluates issues of walls at Brickett. Bob will check out Staples re: mounting the Wilderness Displays.

Ken noted that Doug and Kathy’s efforts with the Newsletter and webpages helps put WMIA in the public eye.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.