**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**March 18, 2016**

In attendance: Bob Smith, Ken Rancourt, Gary Gustafson, Maxine Booth, Bruce Miller,

Doug Somerville & Kathy Somerville by phone

The meeting opened at 9:30am. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer’s Report

* WMIA will be donating just under $20,000 to the Forest Service in 2016
* The new POS software update is digital form. Rhonda will update the system on March 22d.
* Reyes Center email to the Board of Trustees: Bob will contact Tiffany

Joe Phillips Presentation

* Boulder Loop Project: The interpretative stops are written and within the next few weeks will be painted and the posts carved
* A US geologist will walk the trail to check accuracy of signage information.
* There will be a wooden kiosk at the trail’s entrance and be available in June
* In late April or early May Joe will be outreaching for work days to dig post holes
* Joe is working on volunteers for Russell Colbath (RC) and the Brickett Place (BP)

Russell Colbath:

* Joe will touch base next month with a Conway resident who wishes to volunteer two days a week, including a Saturday.
* Gary noted there are two new history teachers at the middle school and volunteered to talk with them about paid interpretative days. The pay is $15/hour, 9:30-3:30, no mileage and at an hourly rate. A motion was made and passed unanimously to pursue this course.
* RC is opened from the end of June through Columbus Day weekend

 Brickett Place:

* Bob and Gary will talk to individuals they know regarding a paid interpreter position
* It was motioned, seconded and passed unanimously to supply $2000 for staffing of BP one day per week for the season
* Summer Encampment Program for Russell Colbath House
* Joe noted that the Fifth Massachusetts Battery Reenactment Regiment is available for the weekend of August 27th. Their fee is $1000, the same they charged when here in 2010. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to fund this program, not to exceed $1000.
* The Regiment will arrive Friday evening and depart Sunday morning
* Bob will write a letter to the president of PRO Sports thanking him for their organizations financial assistance with Squam Lakes Science Center’s presenters and request funds for the reenactment weekend.
* It was determined that WMIA would set up a table in the barn and sell items on Saturday of that weekend. Gary volunteered to assist Maxine.
* Kathy noted there is a WMIA banner stored at RC House

Membership Committee

* No new memberships
* It was determined to brainstorm ways to increase membership
* Bob brought to the Boards attention the Associated Partners for Public Lands. A $100/year membership provides potential for exposure nationwide. As there is $200 in the budget for dues and memberships it was motioned, seconded and unanimously passed to become a subscribing member. Bob will do the paperwork.

Retail Committee

* Moose Tshirt – the Board requested Maxine make final decision as to moose picture or drawing
* It was decided to restock the Dolly Copp t-shirts in Navy and a gray color
* Dolly Copp mug: the Board voted to create this item with the Forest Service (FS) shield on one side and the DC entrance sign on the other. Colors to be chosen by Maxine with Steve’s assistance.
* Dolly Copp postcard: Maxine will contact Tiffany regarding this item and report back to the Board
* Gary presented information regarding polypro hats. Maxine will order in mid-June
* Medallion: The Board chose a round medallion with a moose with full antlers in the center with the White Mountain National Forest on borders.

Russell Colbath House

* Per Ed the repairs will be done before summer. Bids have gone out.
* Saturday, May 21st, the weekend before Memorial Day weekend, is the workday. Rain date is Sunday, May 22d. Begin at 9am and focus on the gardens

Brickett Place

* June 4th , rain date June 5th, is workday commencing at 9am

Forest Service

* Operating Plan will be put forward to April meeting
* The District Ranger Meeting was scheduled for Friday, May 20th.
* Deposits at Campton and Andro were discussed.
* It was requested Maxine contact Andro to determine why they were offline for four days and email information to the Board
* Video to be shown at Saco re: WMIA: in April Cathy, Gary and Bob will talk with Joe.

New Business

* Squam Lakes payment discussed
* At Bob’s suggestion Gary will research polo shirts for Board members with a moose on the front left, the WMNF logo on the opposite sleeve and each individuals name embroidered on the front right.
* The next Board meeting will be April 8th at 9:30am

The meeting adjourned at noon