**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**January 22, 2016**

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

Doug Somerville, Kathy Somerville, Maxine Booth, Tiffany Benna

The meeting opened at 12:25pm.

Doug noted that the new chip readers need to be installed by April 1st. Since Intuit is not yet ready for the new readers they are covering any financial issues until April 1st.

Treasurer’s Report

* Ken reviewed the proposed 2016 budget.
* Bob will talk with Pro Sports to determine if they are on board with providing two free campsites at Jigger Johnson this summer for volunteers at Russell Colbath House (RC).
* Doug suggested various approaches to find volunteers for RC
* Reducing the size of the campground programs brochure would save money. Tiffany will research if this possible.
* Mileage for volunteers at Lower Falls needs to be submitted to WMIA as a grant.

Membership Committee Report

* One renewal in the past month
* 39 families renewed, $1250 in dues paid
* The number of family memberships increases each year

Retail Committee Report

* Doug will order a new rack for Saco
* Maxine will research MyLockerShop and bring information to February meeting

Forest Service Report

* The RC is structurally unsound, ergo only seven people at a time can be in the house. It was questioned if a sign needs to be posted to this end. Tiffany also noted there were two choices to fixing the issues:
  + Lifting the house
  + Not lifting the house
  + Costs would run between $60,000 and $80, 000

Given these realities we need to think of ways to fund this work. Some possibilities:

* + Can WMIA partner with the Forest Service (FS) in a different way to raise money?
  + GoFundMe page – WMIA create
  + Gary noted donations to the RC were put into the operating budget. The Board determined they will go towards repairs in future.
* 2016 Operating Plan: Tiffany thought it was complete: she will check
* Proposed Friend’s Group: would respond to FS needs. It is in exploratory phase Tiffany researching other Friend’s groups in National Forests. She is the point person for this proposed group

The meeting adjourned at 2pm