


Annual Report 2021 Belknap Range Trail Tenders



We are a group of volunteers of all ages, backgrounds, and skills whose goal is the maintenance of hiking trails in the Belknap Range of New Hampshire.



THANKS FOR YOUR
TIME IN 2021!

We had 20 Work Days in 2021!
1,084 Total Hours During Work Days!
From 34 Dedicated Volunteers!
420.5 Hours in the State Forest.

Work Days

Gunstock Brook Trail

In 2021, eleven Work Days were devoted to improvements on the Gunstock Brook Trail, adding many steps and significant drainage improvements. BRATTS stockpiled tools in a new location and received great support and assistance from Gunstock Resort.

Belknap Red Trail

Eight Work Days were spent on the Belknap Red Trail, especially in the area of a major re-route established several years ago.

Lockes Hill

A single Work Day was spent on Lockes Hill, improving drainage, in coordination with Gilford's Kimball Wildlife Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Belknap Range Trail Tenders
Financial Statement for 2021

		<u>2021</u>
Beginning Balance		
Cash		8,884.46
Inventory		0.00
Total		<u>8,884.46</u>
 Income:		
Cash Donations	1,357.00	
Non-cash Donations(Materials,Supplies)	0.00	
Total Income	<u>1,357.00</u>	
 Expenses:		
	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lakes Region SAR- Donation	154	500.00
Stephen Kidder- State of NH Filing Fee	155	75.00
Stephen Kidder- 990 PF Filing Fee	156	119.90
Body Covers- T-Shirts	157	86.50
Bill MacLean- Paint, Brushes, Signs	158	60.55
Hal Graham- Tool Box, Bars, Grass Cutter, etc	159	401.97
Hal Graham- Batteries, Tool Bag, Drill bits	160	230.33
Hal Graham- Pizza for work crew	161	91.13
 Total Expenses		 <u>1,565.38</u>
Net income less expenses- 2019		<u>-208.38</u>
Ending balance		<u><u>8,676.08</u></u>
 Assets:		
Cash		8,676.08
Inventory		
Total		<u>8,676.08</u>
 Liabilities:		
None		<u>0.00</u>

BRATTS Board

Dan Tinkham, President
Karl Gould, Vice President
Steve Kidder, Treasurer
Jean Clarke, Secretary
Hal Graham
Jeremy Clark
Mike Clifford



BRATTS
Annual Meeting 2021
September 23, 2021

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. in the Gilford Public Library by Dan Tinkham, President. A total of 14 people were present.

BRATTS Board Introductions

Dan Tinkham welcomed everyone to the 2021 Annual Meeting. The board members introduced themselves including Jeremy Clark, Dan Tinkham, Steve Kidder, Hal Graham, Karl Gould, Mike Clifford and Jean Clarke. The 2020 Annual Report was distributed to the attendees. Dan reminded attendees that the BRATTS did not hold an Annual Meeting in 2020.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2020

The following corrections to the minutes were noted: The Redlining Program brought in \$735 in 2017. The total approved budget was \$1,200. With these corrections, it was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

In 2020 the ending balance was \$8,846. The Redlining program was a significant contributor to the revenue and the program included 62 finishers making donations totaling \$1,230. The ending balance in 2021 to-date is \$8,637.

Election of Officers

It was moved and seconded to elect the officers and re-elect Jeremy Clark (2 years remaining of a 3 year term) and Mike Clifford (3 year term) as members at large. Officers include: Dan Tinkham, President; Karl Gould, Vice President; Steve Kidder, Treasurer; and Jean Clarke, Secretary. The motion passed.

Trail Issues: A guest from the NH Dept of Fish and Game thanked the BRATTS for the trail maintenance work they are doing in the region. The Carriage Road Gate closes at 6 p.m. He reported that the Gilford police chief called and requested that more signs are needed at the base of the Carriage Road. There have been several people this summer caught behind the gate after 6 p.m. Recommendation to start fining people who are caught behind the gate. The police would collect the fine as the local law enforcement body.

The Round Pond logging operation took place last year and the work has not been completed. There is an owl tracking system in place. The operator hopes to get into the site this fall to complete the logging operation (40% remaining) with a total of 40 acres logged. The landing zone and road into the site will be the same as used for the first phase of logging.

The Carriage Road logging operation has been postponed. This means that the plans to construct a new parking lot at the base of the road have also been delayed.

Membership: Dana Mitchell, Membership Coordinator. Dana could not attend tonight's meeting, but Dan reported that Dana started a new online method for signing up members. Using google sheets should make it easier to track and update the membership list.

Adopt-A-Trail: Jim Arsenault could not attend tonight's meeting, but provided volunteer hours for 2020. Jim is resigning as Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator. The Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator is responsible for updating and tracking the number of adopters, matching trails to potential adopters, and tracking the number of hours volunteered. Ray Jackson asked if there is a list of requirements or responsibilities for trail adopters. Adopters are responsible for cleaning water bars. The Board agreed that it would be a good idea to have a list of responsibilities and a system of asking for assistance for blow downs or other heavy trail maintenance projects. Fish & Game also has a team that will go out and help with big projects that need special skills. There are two trails that need adopters: the Benjamin Weeks trail behind the elementary school and the Whiteface Trail. If someone is interested in more information, they can contact belknapadoptatrail@gmail.com. Dan will reach out to the adopters on the current list to see if they are still willing to be an adopter. There will also be a professional trail building company from Maine hired to re-route and build the Locke's Hill trails including switchbacks.

Special Recognition: Dan recognized Sue Leitch for her work on the trails over the last 5 years. She is actively involved on the Saturday morning work days and as a trail adopter. Karl was recognized for his continued involvement on work days, stepping up as Vice President and other activities.

Tool Storage: Attendees discussed the best location for storage of the tools over the winter months. Hal mentioned that the work day schedule will be adjusted to accommodate the movement of tools from one location to another. Hal added Sept. 30 as a half work day on Belknap Mountain. Ray suggested that BRATTS contact Gunstock management to see if they would be willing to find space to store the tools. The Board agreed that this was a good idea.

Belknap Volunteer Day: Hal reported that there was a Belknap Volunteer Fair and several members were available to answer questions from attendees. A small group went to the summit for a tour of one of the trails recently repaired/re-built by BRATTS.

Trails: Dan asked attendees if they had any trails that needed work. Hal mentioned Belknap Mountain's white trail and the old Piper Trail. It has been helpful to have a location to store the tools on-trail in the

storage boxes. Dan shared that there have been several state-wide chain saw trainings throughout the year. Plans will be made to sponsor a chain saw training for BRATTS and Trailwright members.

Landowner Agreements: The BRATTS are working to establish formal written agreements with landowners. There is an agreement in place with Gunstock Ski Area. Ray suggested that a small sign could thank the landowners for use of their land. Also suggested that BRATTS contact each landowner with an agreement once a year to see how things are going and if there are any problems cropping up.

Signs: Hal mentioned that trail signs need to be repaired or replaced and need painting. The Board agreed that the signs are in bad shape and need attention. Adopters would be a good resource to identify which signs need to be replaced on their assigned trails. Hal recommended that a trail sign inventory and a committee should be established dedicated to handling signs would be helpful.

Dan thanked all members for their attendance at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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