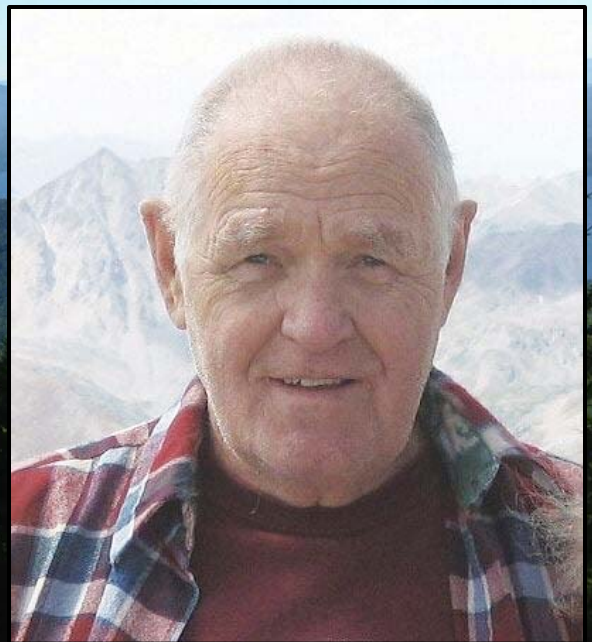


Annual Report 2022 Belknap Range Trail Tenders




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.



**Dedicated to the Memory and Legacy of
our Founder and Friend**

Hal Graham



THANKS FOR YOUR
TIME IN 2022!

We had 12 Work Days in 2022!
799.5 Total Hours During Work Days!
From 31 Dedicated Volunteers!
315.5 Hours in the State Forest.

Work Days

Gunstock Brook Trail

In 2022, six 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 continued to receive great support and assistance from Gunstock Resort.

Belknap Red Trail

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

Treasurer's Report

Belknap Range Trail Tenders

Financial Statement for 2022

		<u>2022</u>
Beginning Balance		
Cash		8,676.08
Inventory		<u>0.00</u>
Total		8,676.08
 <u>Income:</u>		
Cash Donations	1,578.00	
Non-cash Donations(Materials,Supplies)	0.00	
Total Income	<u>1,578.00</u>	
 <u>Expenses:</u>		
	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hal Graham- Lag Screws, Washers, Straps	162	\$116.84
Trail Service LLC- Straps/Slings	163	\$128.35
Stephen Kidder- State Filing Fee	164	\$75.00
Stephen Kidder- 990-PF Tax Filing Fee	165	\$169.90
Peggy Graham- Body Covers, T-Shirts	166	\$38.75
 Total Expenses		 <u>528.84</u>
 Net income less expenses- 2022		 <u>1,049.16</u>
 Ending balance		 <u><u>9,725.24</u></u>
 <u>Assets:</u>		
Cash		9,725.24
Inventory		
Total		<u>9,725.24</u>
 <u>Liabilities:</u>		
None		<u>0.00</u>



BRATTS

Annual Meeting 2022

May 5, 2022

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. in the Gilford Public Library by Dan Tinkham, President. A total of 22 people were present.

BRATT Board Introductions

Dan Tinkham welcomed everyone to the 2022 Annual Meeting. The board members introduced themselves including Jeremy Clark, Dan Tinkham, Steve Kidder, Hal Graham, Karl Gould, Mike Clifford and Jean Clarke. The attendees introduced themselves. The 2021 Annual Report was distributed to attendees. Dan reviewed highlights from the report including 20 work days in 2021 involving 34 volunteers. The work days focused on three trails or areas: Gunstock Brook Trail, Belknap Mountain's red trail and Lockes Hill.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2021

The following correction to the minutes was noted: Bob Hardy from the NH Division of Forests and Lands was present. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Kidder reviewed the expenditures and revenues for 2021 including donations of \$1,357. For the first time, expenses exceeded revenues by \$208.38. The Redlining program produced revenue totaling \$1,291 by 51 Redline finishers. The program has proven incredibly popular and successful in introducing hikers to "off-the-beaten-path" trails. The ending balance in 2021 was \$8,676.08.

2022 Budget

Hal reported that the Trails Committee is all set with tools, but may need additional supplies or equipment as the season rolls out. Recently, Hal purchased chin straps for safety helmets. It was moved and seconded to designate \$500 to the Trails Committee. The motion passed.

Hal reported that the Cardigan Highlanders Volunteer Trail Crew is a group of volunteers focused on trails in the Mount Cardigan and Mount Sunapee regions. Hal suggested that a donation to this nascent nonprofit would be a huge boost to their efforts. It was moved and seconded to donate \$250 to the Cardigan Highlanders.

Lakes Region Search & Rescue: Steve Kidder reported that Lakes Region Search & Rescue is a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide rescue services to backcountry users. Organized in 2019, the organization has quickly grown to 70 members. LRSR focuses on the central New Hampshire and southern White Mountains region, but they can be called as far away as the northern border of the

White Mountains. It was moved and seconded to donate \$250 to the Lakes Region Search & Rescue. The motion was approved.

Election of Officers: It was moved and seconded to elect the current slate of officers and re-elect Hal Graham to a 3-year term. Officers include: Dan Tinkham, President; Karl Gould, Vice President; Steve Kidder, Treasurer; and Jean Clarke, Secretary. The motion passed.

Membership: Dan reported that Dana Mitchell has resigned as the Membership Coordinator. Hal reported that there are three specific mailing lists including: trail crew, active members, and all members both active and inactive. Hal reported that there were extra lists that have been cross-checked thanks to the help of Peggy and Karl. Penny Pitou asked if there were any annual appeals for donations? Board members responded that donation information is available on the website. Based on the most up-to-date email list 107 members received an invitation to the Annual Meeting.

Adopt-A-Trail: Rick Pelkey, Coordinator, reported that Adopt A Trail volunteers donated 338 ¾ hours of adoptee work in 2021. Four trails are open for adoption including the Klem-Mack loop and the Piper Mountain red trail. Thanks to Rick for taking on this responsibility for the BRATTS. Eric volunteered to adopt the Gilford Glen trailhead from the base to the split to Whiteface and Piper for the summer. Hal suggested that the hours that the Carriage Road gatekeepers donate should be included in Rick. Hal moved and it was seconded that the gatekeepers and the State Forest volunteer hours be included in the BRATTS annual report. There will be new signs at the base of the Carriage Road that will clarify the hours (open at 9 a.m./close at 6 p.m.). The purpose of the gate is to prevent drinking, campfires, parties, and other criminal activities. Many years ago the Gilford Police Dept. requested limiting hours to daylight-only and Hal recruited a crew of volunteers to cover the opening and closing of the gate. The motion was approved.

Logging in Belknaps/Round Pond area: Bob Hardy of Forest and Land reported that the logging contractor was 50% finished last year and the logging project will be finished this year (logging will start around August 15th). A specific bat species has been identified in the area so logging will not be allowed until later in the summer. The cutoff date is December 15th. Logging will occur during the week, not the weekends.

Special Recognition: Dan recognized Steve for all of his off-season work as Treasurer and coordinating the redlining program; Rachel for designing and laminating new posters for the BRATTS. A Gunstock representative thanked the BRATTS for their work on the trails. The Board thanked Gunstock Resort for its help in assisting with the staging near the summit of Gunstock as well as other support of the trail work.

Landowner Agreements: Landowner agreements are being established with several organizations and property owners. Dan reported a property agreement between LRCT (Lakes Region Conservation Trust) and BRATTS is moving forward. The pasture and woods at the intersection of Hoyt and Belknap Mt. Road up to Sunset Rock is in conservation agreement and the Town of Gilford will be building a parking lot for 6 – 8 cars on Belknap Mtn Road. These trails will be added to Weldon's maps and updated maps will be printed including this new trail system. Rick will be seeking adopters once the trails have been blazed and the parking lot is completed.

Work Days: The first work day is Saturday, May 7th on Gunstock's Brook Trail beginning at 8:30 a.m. Works days 1 through 5 or 6 will be on the Brook Trail. Everyone is welcome to join a work day or two this summer. Work days are posted on the website.

Other Business: The boardwalk behind the Elementary School is the responsibility of the Town of Gilford. Sue Leach has been replacing individual boards as needed. It was agreed that microspikes and

the age of the structure has impacted its condition. A few years ago Dan contacted the Town to clarify that the board walk is not the responsibility of the BRATTS.

Hal recommended that trail signs be replaced and/or refurbished throughout the Belknap Range. The question was raised how best to locate and decide which signs need to be replaced or repaired. It was suggested that adopters can assist in this effort. Rachel and Dan volunteered to help with sign replacement. The kiosks should also be replaced or refurbished.

Hal suggested that the BRATTS tri-fold brochures be re-printed with the new website as well as other updates. Dan will follow-up with Blandine Shallow who designed the current brochure to see if there is an electronic copy that could be easily updated and printed.

Dan thanked attendees for their participation and support of BRATTS.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

BRATTS Board

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Karl Gould, Vice President

Steve Kidder, Treasurer

Jean Clarke, Secretary

Hal Graham

Jeremy Clark

Mike Clifford



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