

Annual Report 2024

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 2024!**

We had 7 Work Days in 2024!
605.5 Total Hours During Work Days!
From 40 Dedicated Volunteers!
175 Hours in the State Forest.
At least 112 hours from Adopters
beyond Work Days!

Work Days

Iron Mine Trail

In 2024, we spent our first Work Day devoted to improvements on Iron Mine Trail, making significant drainage improvements. This trail is the newest one that BRATTS has committed to adopting and we got ahead of what promises to be a very popular trail.

Belknap White Trail

A single Work Day was spent on the Belknap White Trail, primarily between the Carriage Road and the Old Piper Trail, firming up many areas of this well-loved and heavily-used trail.

Benjamin Weeks Trail

Three Work Days were spent on the Benjamin Weeks Trail, adding many badly needed water bars on the upper third above the old Weeks Road.

Two Work Days were spent on the Gunstock Mountain Trail making a new entrance from the Lower Carriage Road gate and later upgrading the transition from the new to the old trail.

Financial Statement for 2024							
							2024
Beginning Balance							\$9,245.31
Cash							\$0.00
Inventory							\$9,245.31
Total							
Income:							
Cash Donations						\$878.00	
Non-cash Donations(Materials,Supplies)						\$0.00	
Total Income						\$878.00	
Expenses:				Check #		Amount	
Bill MacLean- Paint, bits, woodfillers				176		\$69.96	
Dan Tinkham- D&O Insurance 2024				177		\$325.00	
Body Covers- T-Shirts				178		\$81.50	
Stephen Kidder- State of NH Filing Fee				179		\$75.00	
Stephen Kidder- Tax Preperation Service				180		\$169.90	
Live Like Doug Education Center				181		\$500.00	
Karl Gould- Canvas Tool Bags				182		\$179.97	
Diane Stuart- Trail work tools				183		\$274.79	
Karl Gould- Sawzall Pruning Blades				184		\$18.97	
Total Expenses						\$1,695.09	
Net income less expenses- 2024						(\$817.09)	
Ending balance							\$8,428.22
Assets:							
Cash							\$8,428.22
Inventory							
Total							\$8,428.22
Liabilities:							
None							\$0.00

BRATTS
Annual Meeting 2024
April 11, 2024

The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. in the Gilford Public Library by Dan Tinkham, President. A total of 25 people were present.

Dan Tinkham welcomed everyone to the 2024 Annual Meeting. The board members introduced themselves including Jeremy Clark, Dan Tinkham, Steve Kidder, Karl Gould, Mike Clifford, Bill MacLean and Jean Clarke. Special guests included: Bob Hardy, representative for the Division of Forest and Lands and Bruce Richards, member of Trailwrights.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2023: It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.

Annual Report: Dan reported that the Annual Report from 2023 is not yet available. There is some data that needs to be included and the final report will be available on the website in a week or two.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Kidder reviewed the expenditures and revenues for 2023 including donations of \$895. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$479.93. The Redlining program produced revenue totaling \$720 by 23 Redline finishers. Steve is the coordinator of the Redline program which includes collecting the paperwork and sending the patches. The ending balance in 2023 was \$9,245.31. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as written. The motion passed.

Insurance: The Hartford D&O Insurance has been purchased to protect the Board.

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

Forest & Lands: Bob reported that they appreciate the work that BRATTS volunteers have done over many years. DOT will be working on opening up the Carriage Road as soon as possible. They will be grading and adding gravel to improve the road. The property owner as well as the Land Trust do not like and/or permit mountain biking on the Piper Mountain trail which goes over private property as well as conserved land. This spring the trail will be posted "closed to mountain biking." The fire tower on Belknap Mountain is almost complete - there are a few minor things to take care of, but the air lifts have been completed. Will the tower be manned? They hope to have someone, but it's been difficult to find someone who can fill the position. Can the overlook at the top of the Carriage Road be cleared for views. Dan will coordinate with Bob so it can be reviewed and Forest & Lands can give permission. BRATTS may be able to help with a ½ work day. Are there chain saw classes scheduled for this year? Bob will reply with the dates and locations for 2024.

Membership: BRATTS is seeking a Membership Coordinator to replace Dana Mitchell. Dan has a list of 160 people and their emails. Many of the emails are probably out of date.

Adopt-A-Trail: There are several trails open and available and several people are interested in adopting. Most adopters will keep their trail for 2024. The Benjamin Weeks trail needs attention especially the water bars. It was noted that the Whiteface Mountain trail is also open for adoption. Access to the summit of Whiteface is land owned by the Town of Gilford and is used by ATVs and mountain bikes using the Class VI road. Until the email address issue is corrected, it is best to send emails regarding Adopt-A-Trail to the general BRATTS email addresses. There were several people who volunteered to take on the Adopt-A-Trail program. Dan will check in with the current Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator, Rick Pelkey. Dan mentioned that if someone adopts a trail and they do not have time, BRATT volunteers are available to help out. If a trail needs to be re-blazed, BRATTS has a record of the specific colors and adopters can purchase paint and be reimbursed. Will BRATTS start using plastic tags instead of paint? At this point, the answer is no, but it could be considered at a later date. It was suggested that BRATTS reach out to NH Trail Workers to see if there are folks who would be interested in adopting a trail or two.

“Live Like Doug” Project: There is an ongoing project to design and build a walking path around the snowmaking pond at the Gunstock Ski Area base lodge. Dan suggested that BRATTS re-donate the donation from Doug’s wife back to the “Live Like Doug” group so they can use the funds towards the walking path. It was moved and seconded to appropriate \$500 to the “Live Like Doug” group. The motion passed.

Would BRATTS be willing to share its email list with the “Live Like Doug” group? It was decided to send an email to the BRATTS membership to endorse the idea of a walking path and encourage members to contribute and/or get involved.

Tools: Dan proposed that BRATTS purchase canvas bags and Pulaski sheaths. It was moved and seconded to allocate \$500 to the Trails Committee for tools and supplies. The motion passed.

Landowner Agreements: No updates at this point in time. There are verbal agreements in place, but BRATTS has been working towards getting agreements in writing with property owners.

Work Days: The next work day is Saturday, April 27th on the Iron Mine Trail beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Benjamin Weeks trail and the White trail on Belknap are also on the list for 2024. Everyone is welcome to join a work day or two this summer. Work days are posted on the website. Notices/reminders go out via email and the dates are also posted on the Facebook page. Dates: April 27, June 1, June 29, July 20 (with Trailwrights), Aug. 17, Sept. 14 and Oct 19.

Other Business: The Board is thinking about ordering some promotional materials to thank volunteers. It would also raise awareness of BRATTS and the mission of the organization. Perhaps t-shirts, bumper stickers, or long-sleeved tech wick? The Board also recommended that BRATTS rent a P.O. Box. It was moved and seconded to allocate up to \$150 to establish a PO Box for BRATTS and Redlining activities. The motion passed. It was moved and seconded to appropriate \$500 for the design and production of promotional material. The motion passed.

Dan thanked attendees for their participation and support of BRATTS.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

BRATTS Board

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