



# **Annual Report 2018 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 2018!**

**Total Trail Crew = 942.5 Hours**

**Adopt-a-Trail = 500.5 Total Hours**

**State Forester Adopters = 247 Hours**

**Total BRATTS Hours = 1,690**

**33+ Volunteers**

## **Work Days**

### **Lockes Hill - Lakeside Trail**

Our first work day was spent avoiding frozen ground and putting a large crib just below the first overlook. (10 Volunteers spent 60 Hrs.)



### **Piper Mountain Trail**

Work crews spent 2 days on this heavily used trail. A major diversion should keep a lot of water off a steep section of the trail. Seventeen volunteers spent a total of 155 hours!



## Benjamin Weeks Trail

A work crews spent one full day to harden and drain the lowest section of the trail. Nine folks played in the mud for seven hours for 63 volunteer hours.



## Gunstock Summit

Four days of the easy life! Riding the lift, storing the tools high (8 Volunteers and 54 Hrs.)

We moved a lot of dirt on Gunstock Mountain, Ridge, and Brook Trails where they combine near the summit, plus cut in a new re-route on the Upper Brook Trail (23 Volunteers for 338 Hrs...and there is much more to do!)

Many thanks to Gunstock Resort for providing tool storage and lots of lift rides.

## Belknap State Forest

Five days fairly high on the East Gilford Trail kept us busy (18 Volunteers for 326.5 hours).

We made a real difference making the Upper EGT safer.



## Redlining the Belknaps

Many thanks to Steve Kidder, our Treasurer, for managing the Redlining Patch Program. There were 22 finishers last year, bringing us up to a total of 94 finishers overall. These 22 finishers donated \$625 to BRATTS.



## From the Department of the Treasury

### Financial Statement for 2018

#### Beginning Balance:

Cash	3,764.88
Inventory	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,764.88</b>

#### Income:

Cash Donations	2,324.00
Non-cash Donations (Materials,Supplies)	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,324.00</b>

#### Expenses:

	Check #	
Supplies	130	26.07
Supplies	132	252.98
Trail Services, LLC	133	99.37
State of NH – Filing Fee	134	75.00
Supplies	135	361.38
Supplies	136	137.97
Fees	137	48.95
T-Shirts	138	74.00
Pizzas	139	62.53
Postage	140	15.32
Postage	141	14.25

**Total Expenses** **1,167.82**

**Net income less expenses- 2018** **1,156.18**

**Ending balance:** **4,921.06**

#### Assets:

Cash	4,921.06
Inventory	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,921.06</b>

**Liabilities: None**





## **BRATTS**

### **Annual Meeting 2018**

**April 10, 2018**

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. in the Gilford Town Hall by Dan Tinkham, President. A total of 36 people were present.

#### **BRATTS Board Introductions**

The board members introduced themselves including Jeremy Clark, Dan Tinkham, Bill Maclean, Steve Kidder, Mike Clifford, Hal Graham, and Jean Clarke. The 2017 Annual Report was distributed to the attendees. Dan thanked Steve Kidder and Jeremy Clark for organizing the Redlining Program which has been very successful. It brought in over \$4,900 in 2017.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Steve reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The current balance in the account is \$4,900 and there are more expenditures anticipated for 2018. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion passed.

#### **Proposed 2018 Budget**

In the recommended 2018 budget \$500 is allocated to the Trails Committee for the purchase of tools. \$200 is allocated to the refreshment fund to provide snacks and coffee for work day participants. Hal suggested that on Trails Day (July 23<sup>rd</sup>) the crew should order pizza (Dominoes delivers). Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments for work days throughout the summer. \$300 is allocated for publicity and recruitment. The Board is working to create a display board to use at Belknap County Day. The BRCC and the Forest Society also have Mount Major Day that would be good to participate in. The motion was made and seconded to accept the 2018 Budget as outlined. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to increase the Trails Committee budget from \$500 to \$1,200. The motion passed.

#### **Membership**

Dana Mitchell is the Membership Coordinator for BRATTS. There are 100 people on the membership list. The list is up to date, but if there are people that should be de-activated, please be in touch with Dana. It's important to keep the list as up-to-date as possible.

#### **Adopt a Trail Program**

There are two lock boxes that contain equipment for adopters to use. One is on the East Gilford Trail and one on the end of Belknap Mountain Road. If adopters notice that there is a need for a trail sign or a sign needs to be replaced because of wear and tear, please let the BRATTS know. Jim Arsenault is Adopt

a Trail Coordinator. Adopters are needed for the following trails: North Spur Trail, lower Ridge Trail, Round Pond/Piper Link, and the Gunstock Brook Trail.

### **State of New Hampshire, DRED**

Patrick Hummel, Volunteer Coordinator for NH State Parks, DRED (Dept. of Resources and Economic Development, State of NH) reported that there are some transitions coming up for the Department. In 2017 volunteer groups reported that 18,500 volunteers hours were devoted to trail maintenance throughout the state. The State of NH's insurance policy covers BRATTS volunteers with the existing agreement and a volunteer work plan for 2018.

### **Belknap Range Maps**

Dan thanked each board member for their work to support BRATTS. Weldon Bosworth designed an updated map for the Belknap Range.

### **BRATTS Annual Volunteer Award**

The Golden Grubber award was established in 2017 to recognize outstanding volunteer service to BRATTS and its mission to maintain hiking trails in the Belknap Range. Dan announced that this year's recipient is Karl Gould, who spent many days and hours volunteering for work days and beyond throughout the 2017 season.

### **2018 Work Day Schedule**

The first work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 14 on the Lockes Hill Trail. Volunteers will gather at 8:30 a.m. at the trailhead parking lot. The trails are in pretty good shape, but additional attention to switchbacks, establishing cribs, and trail blazing is needed. Two days on the East Gilford Trail fairly high up. It will take some effort to get the tools up the mountain. The Benjamin Weeks Trail has drainage issues that still need attention. One day will be spent in this area. Three work days will be devoted to the summit area of Gunstock Mountain. Although high on the mountain, volunteers can take the chairlift to the summit and tools can be stored in a safe location. Three days will be committed to the Belknap Mountain red trail. Two days on the Piper Mountain Trail to work on drainage issues. Difficult to prioritize because of the high usage, but the work days are spread out across the range.

**Officer Elections:** It was moved and seconded to nominate Dan Tinkham, President; Steve Kidder, Treasurer; Bill Maclean, Vice President; Jean Clarke, Secretary and Mike Clifford, Member at Large.

**Trails Committee:** Hal gave a comprehensive overview of the trail work that has been accomplished and what needs to be done. Dan mentioned that the board is wrestling with the problem of tool storage. At this point Hal is keeping the tools at his house, but there needs to be a long term solution. Maintaining the tools (eliminating rust and sharpening blades) is another huge task. Rita will check into a company that might be willing to sharpen tools and report back to the Board.

### **New Business**

Hal noted that there is work that can be completed during the winter season, especially removal of blow downs. If there are volunteers interested, please contact him or someone on the BRATTS Board.

Dan mentioned that if folks have high resolution photos that reflect the activities of BRATTS it would be nice to have access to them. BRATTS can use good photos for presentations, social media outreach and displays. The photos in the annual report are good, but the resolution is low.



Weldon recommended that the large maps on the kiosks be updated to the most current version. The board will follow-up on his suggestion at their next meeting.

Patrick Hummel thanked the BRATTS members for their work in the Belknap Range. Patrick recognized that BRATTS is one of the most productive, well-organized and efficient volunteer trail organizations in the state.

Dan reminded BRATTS members that there is a supply of tools available to any group that needs it. He thanked Jean for coordinating refreshments for the Annual Meeting. Peggy announced that BRATTS t-shirts are for sale and can be reordered if there is enough interest.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

### **BRATTS Board**

Dan Tinkham, President

Bill McLean, Vice President

Steve Kidder, Treasurer

Jean Clarke, Secretary

Hal Graham

Jeremy Clark

Mike Clifford



Please join us for a future work day with BRATTS or Adopt a Trail!

Here is the 2019 schedule:



May 4	Lockes Hill
May 18	Lockes Hill
June 8	Gunstock Summit
June 29	Gunstock Summit
July 6	Gunstock Summit
July 20	Gunstock Summit
August 3	Gunstock Summit
August 31	Belknap
September 14	Belknap
September 28	Belknap
October 12	Belknap
October 26	East Gilford Trail
November 2	East Gilford Trail

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