

Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association  
Digital Annual Meeting  
March 28, 2020

**MINUTES**

**Introduction - Bonnie Farrar, CVOA President:**

These are certainly unprecedeted times. We hope that as this email reaches your inboxes you are all staying healthy and safe. As we are unable to hold our annual meeting and conduct CVOA business in person this year, we are reaching out to all of you with this email and asking for your help in conducting our normal annual business as listed on this agenda. We have included necessary reports and links for you to use to look at documents and to vote on items requiring approval. Thank you for taking the time to join us for this Annual (Digital) Meeting here.

**All items requiring a vote were made available for voting via a Constant Contact Survey, the results of which are recorded at the end of the minutes.**

**Secretary's Report – Cindy Foster, Secretary:**

The minutes of the January 19, 2020 meeting were made available, and \*\* were accepted unanimously as posted.

Our 2019 membership year ended with 603 memberships, encompassing 975 members, 488 of whom are range members. These numbers include 125 officers from US Customs, US Border Patrol, and Franklin County Sheriff's Department.

**Treasurer's Report – Mary Frank, Treasurer:**

The books have been balanced for the year ending 2019. As of 12/31/2019 we had \$82,937.79 in our Skowhegan Savings Bank checking account, and ski trip group deposits with Great Events & Escapes of \$7,700.00 (which have since been returned to us).

Also, we are pleased to announce that CVOA has finalized a **2020 Budget** for CVOA and the Range. The 2020 CVOA and Range Budgets were made available online.

\*\* The Budgets were approved unanimously.

**Range Report – Diane Stone, Range Representative:**

The Range made important safety and security updates this year – we: installed security cameras throughout the Range; installed first aid kits at the Pistol Range and outside the bathroom/storage building; secured an AED. (Defibrillator); certified an additional six Range members as Range Safety Officers.

Other items of note – we: added an Archery Range net to make arrow retrieval easier and safer; hosted our first ever Maine Trap Association competitive shoot and raised over \$1000; secured a \$15,000 matching grant from the town for the 50-yard Rifle Range; almost finished the interior of the club house thanks to Harvey and Sherie Packard.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

This is our **slate of officers** for the coming year as recommended by our nominating committee:

President: Mark Curtis

Vice President: Stephen Smith

Treasurer: Sam Hudspeth

Secretary: Cindy Foster

\*\* The slate of officers was approved unanimously.

Board of Directors:

One-year term (until 2021) (finishing Stephen Smith's term): Nancy Makin

Three-year terms (until 2023): Diane Stone, Susan Strommer, Mary Frank

\*\* The election of these directors was approved was approved unanimously.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

CVOA ski trips: In 2020, we had three fantastic ski trips – Val Gardena, Italy; Jackson Hole, Wyoming; and Quebec City – enjoyed by over 100 members so it is disappointing that our 2020 post-ski-trip party scheduled for April 3rd has been cancelled. The ski trip committee is currently working with Great Events & Escapes planning our ski trips for 2021. The exciting ski trip proposals to-date will be outlined in the April newsletter.

Donations and Charitable Contributions:

In 2019 CVOA approved the following donations:

The Outdoor Center: \$350 for stocking the fish pond

Franklin County Search & Rescue: \$500 for scholarships for training; \$500 for equipment

Adaptive Outdoor Education Center: \$500 for program support

In 2020, CVOA approved so far these donations:

\$1,000 over two years to the Sugarloaf Ski Club King's Kids Fund (\$500 in 2020 and \$500 in 2021)

\$450 to the Mt. Abram Ski Club towards the cost of safety equipment (helmets)

\$1,000 matching donation to the 2020 Community Fund set up by the Sugarloaf Area Christian Ministry.

CVOA's Commitment to our community and the 2020 Community Fund

Our appeal to you, our members, was met with enthusiasm and generosity. Pam Morse reported on March 25: *The 2020 Community Fund is growing and giving! The Fund began with a \$5,000 starter gift from Sugarloaf Christian Ministry. Since then over 163 Sugarloafer individuals and families have donated over \$33,000. That is almost \$40,000 to assist laid off employees of the Sugarloaf region with monies for food, rent, utilities and prescriptions.*

*CVOA members have played a critical role in getting this fund off the ground. And sharing the word. We have received donations from 45 clearly identified CVOA members, with their donations exceeding \$12,000. So very impressive. Words do not convey how wonderful it feels to have CVOA members support this effort. FYI: your \$1,000 match was met with the first CVOA member donation! He was quite pleased with that!*

The CVOA Board/Officers encourage members to support the local Sugarloaf Community by making a donation (indicate "CVOA"). To view the Fund's criteria for assisting local folks or to make a donation go to: [sugarloafministry.com](http://sugarloafministry.com).

CVOA Apparel: You may have seen CVOA members modeling their fine-looking hats & apparel with the CVOA logo. All orders have been delivered and many thanks go to Val Hudspeth for her dedicated and hard work taking orders and making deliveries (and YES, Cindy did buy her lunch at Bullwinkle's this winter!) Information will be included in future newsletters if there is interest in making additional orders.

New website: Kudos to Cindy Foster, who among other CVOA hats she wears, recently added the role of web designer to her repertoire. If you haven't seen our new and improved website, which stays current via links to our newsletters, and includes a wealth of other information, please check it out at [www.cvoutdoors.com](http://www.cvoutdoors.com). Diane Stone is working on the new web site for the range, and hopes to have it finished in April.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion:** In recognizing the generosity of our members to the 2020 Community Fund, the CVOA officers are recommending a second donation of \$1,000 be made to the fund.

\*\* The motion was seconded and approved with only one dissenting vote.

**Motion:** Authorize Skowhegan Savings Bank to make the following changes to the signatories on our checking account:

Remove Bonnie Farrar, Past President, and Mary Frank, Past Treasurer, as signatories.

Add Mark Curtis, President, and Sam Hudspeth, Treasurer, as signatories.

[note: Cindy Foster, Secretary, will remain as a signatory.]

\*\* This motion to make the above changes to the signatories on the CVOA checking account at Skowhegan Savings Bank passed unanimously.

There is no other new business to come before us at this time. If you have items you would like to see on future board/membership agendas, please contact Mark Curtis at [cvoa.president@gmail.com](mailto:cvoa.president@gmail.com).

In conclusion, thank you all for your help in conducting the annual business of CVOA.

Best wishes for staying healthy and enjoying the beauty and fresh air that surrounds us in the great outdoors.

The meeting was adjourned at noon on Sunday, March 29, 2020; \*\* the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

**Tabulation of the number of voters and the results of each motion/question is attached to these minutes.** In summary, 77 officers, directors and members-at-large voted, with all but one question being approved unanimously. The vote on donating a second \$1000 to the 2020 Community Fund has one dissenting vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Foster  
CVOA Secretary  
March 29, 2020

## Constant Contact Survey Results - ["Voting Machine"]

**Survey Name:** Mar 23 2020 Survey for current members

**Response Status:** Partial & Completed

**Filter:** None

**OPEN** 7:00pm 3/27/2020 through 12:15pm 3/20/2020

Mar 29, 2020 12:24:06 PM

### 1. Do you approve the minutes of the January 19, 2020 meeting as posted?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YES	75	97.4%
NO	0	0.0%
No Responses	2	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 2. Do you approve the 2020 CVOA and Range Budgets as presented at the Digital Annual Meeting?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YES	76	98.7%
NO	0	0.0%
No Responses	1	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 3. Do you approve the following slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee:\*

**President:** Mark Curtis\* **Vice President:** Stephen Smith\* **Treasurer:** Sam Hudspeth\* **Secretary:** Cindy Foster

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YES	77	100.0%
NO	0	0.0%
No Responses	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100%</b>

**4. Do you approve the following Directors:a - Nancy Makin to fill the one-year vacancy left by Steve SmithANDb - Diane Stone, Sue Strommer, and Mary Frank for the three year term ending in 2023**

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YES	76	98.7%
NO	0	0.0%
No Responses	1	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100%</b>

**5. Do you approve the charitable donation of a second \$1000 to the "2020 Community Fund" as described in the Digital Annual Meeting?**

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YES	76	98.7%
NO	1	1.2%
No Responses	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100%</b>

**6. Do you approve the authorization of Skowhegan Savings Bank to make the changes to the signatories on the CVOA checking account as described in the Digital Annual Meeting?**

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YES	77	100.0%
NO	0	0.0%
No Responses	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100%</b>

**7. Do you approve adjourning the meeting at noon on Sunday, March 29, 2020?**

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YES	77	100.0%
NO	0	0.0%
No Responses	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100%</b>

**8. If you have comments regarding any of the items above, or about the Digital Annual Meeting, please record them here. This "Voting Machine" records votes anonymously. If you'd like a response, or to send us a personal message, please include your name.**

19 Response(s) - [ note: all are anonymous] - in reverse chronological order

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I appreciated the link to the Sugarloaf area ministries. When I made my donation, I saw nowhere to enter my membership in CVOA.

Thank You!!

Thanks, be well everyone!

Thank you for this digital meeting!

Thanks for another great year of CVOA!

CVOA should decide what to do with the 80,000 + \$\$\$. Priorities should be established for the use of this money.

Great job of running a meeting and the voting online! Thank you ....

Excellent way to hold the meeting during these trying times as to the extent possible business must go on. Very pleased with CVOA and its members providing significant support to the local community. I commend the Officers for this initiative.

Thanks, Bonnie, for your leadership and all the work you performed for CVOA.

Thanks to all. It is a blessing and privilege to be a member of CVOA

Thanks for all you do! Such a great organization. Kevin and Mary

Thank you all for your hard work. What a great organization ! And the President is some special!!

Great job in difficult times! Everyone be safe and healthy!

Thank you all for running a first class operation. Bonnie has done an outstanding job as President.

Fantastic job getting this Annual Meeting completed!. Thank you for sharing your expertise and time for the benefit of all. Be safe and well. Gratefully, Mary Berger

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Minor detail, in the January meeting minutes I am referred to as the activities coordinator and the adventure coordinator. I believe the correct "title" is adventure coordinator, but it should be consistent, whatever it is! .... Well done with this! And thanks Bonnie for your dedication during your term as president and always. Patti.

Disappointed there was no cake.♦~♦

Nice job Bonnie!

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