

# TRAILWRITES

## MAKING TRAILS RIGHT



### Ray's Ramblings

It is almost spring again, at least down south of Concord! Our **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Sun. April 6 at Fox Forest. Before the season starts to get busy we will do the

regular inspection and repair of tools, and we will discuss possible changes in the bylaws for membership if the members want to simplify the process. Also we need to work more closely this year on supporting the Fox Forest trails system.

After our quarter-century mark, I would like to return to our original purpose, which would require us to "Reach Out" to our Partner Organizations more aggressively in helping train trail volunteers in the " Art " of maintaining our trails.

Already started in this direction, we have updated the web site at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests ( SPNHF ) and sent the same outreach to the State of New Hampshire Website to help bring more visibility to our organization.

The trails community in general is getting behind in keeping open the trails already built, even as we contemplate adding new ones.

The Chatham Trails Club has asked for our support again, as well as the Mount Monadnock work ( FUN ) week to help these well used trails. I expect we will be asked to support the Disabled Access trail at Mount Tom State Park in Holyoke, Ma. This will be a plus to the 57 foot bridge we helped build and the trails we worked on out there. We will also continue to train their volunteers in basic trail maintenance and help them with some projects

In the afternoon of the Annual Meeting, Ray Turmelle, famous presenter of the "Hiking in the White Mountains" show will provide this experience for us. The general public is also invited.

April 2014

Please join us at Fox Forest for the Annual Meeting to share your ideas for this coming year.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,  
Raynold Jackson  
President

### **Spring/Summer work schedule:**

**April 6**, Annual meeting, Fox Forest, Hillsboro, NH. 9:30 - 4:00. Bring pot luck dish. Call any director.

**April 12**, AMC awards-Stratham, NH. Call Hal Graham for details.

**May 17**, Artist's Bluff, Franconia Notch State Park, basic maintenance. Call Hal Graham for details

**May 19** Open meeting of Board in Concord. Call any director for details.

**May 23-26** - Cold River Camp, Chatham Trails Assn. Basic Maint. Register with Chathamtrails.org or Sandy Finn - sandycta@comcast.net

**May 30-June 1** - CTA special projects - complete trail reroute, drainage and treadway improvement. All CTA outings include room & board. Registration required.

**June 7** - NH Trails Day - Winslow Trail, Mt. Kearsarge. Call Hal Graham for more info.

**June 16** - Open meeting of Board in Concord. Due to the harsh winter conditions this year, more work may come up unexpectedly. Workdays are being scheduled as we are permitted by the state. Check our website for updates.

Go on our website at  
[www.trailwrights.org](http://www.trailwrights.org)



Mt. Marcy, NY

## ELECTIONS

Nominees for Board of Directors:

**President** - Raynold Jackson has been president since 1997. He was education chairman for 3 years before that, and Publicity in 1991.

**Vice President** - Bob Spoerl has been vice president since 2004. He was a director for 6 years, and trailmaster 3 years before that.

**Secretary** - Peggy Graham - has been secretary since 1987 except for two years when she was vice president and hiking chair.

**Treasurer** - Ralph Potter has been treasurer since 1999. He was a director before that.

**Tool Master** - Dave Dick has been tool/trail master since 1996

**Trail Master** -

**Hiking Chairman** - Dan Blanchette has been hiking chair since 1995

1 **director** opening - Rick Blanchette's position is open after 3 years.

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Balance 1/1/13 \$2592.54

### Income:

Dues	195.00
Donations	225.00
Interest	0.52
Shirts	78.00
Patches	10.00
Decals	<u>3.00</u>
Total	\$ 511.52

### Expenses:

Newletters	131.43
Annual Meeting Dinner	55.02
Pizza meetings	172.86
Pizza trail work	123.16
Postage	9.20
Email post box	20.00
Website	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$711.67
Balance 12/31/13	\$2392.39

## TRAILWRIGHTS' STORE

Member Non-Member

Blue or gray tee shirts	\$ 8.00	\$10.00
Blue or gray sweatshirt	\$12.00	\$15.00
Hooded sweatshirts	\$15.00	\$17.00
Bumper sticker	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
Logo decal	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
Logo patches	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
Pins	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

Items available at outings. Please call or email Peggy for sending through the mail.

**Don't forget to stop at The Old Man viewing and find our 12x24 paver.**

## Trailwrights Directory

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Welcome new members!

Andy Furey, Epsom, NH, and Theresa Gerene, West Boylston, MA

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