

2019 Annual Report Maine Chapter Appalachian Mountain Club

Maine Chapter Executive Committee

Chair – Cindy Caverly

Treasurer – Janet Roderick

Past Chair – Kathleen Redmond-Miller

Conservation – Chris Franklin

Outings – Bill Brooke & Denise Fredette

At-Large – Doug Chamberlin - Retiring

Vice-Chair – Bill Brooke

Secretary – Jeanine Libby

MWI & Nominating – Paul Hahn

Membership – Kristen Grant

Trails – Phil Coyne

Chapter Chair's Report – Cindy Caverly, Chapter Chair

I am happy to be serving as chair of the Maine Chapter for the 143rd anniversary of the AMC and 63rd anniversary of the Maine Chapter. I stepped into the position in January after Kathleen Redmond-Miller resigned as Chair. Kathleen served as Vice-Chair and Chair and continues to serve as Past-Chair. I am indebted to her for the skillful and organized manner with which she led the Chapter. It has made my job easier.

This was somewhat of a building year for the Chapter as several people retired from the Executive Committee with no replacements. We began the year with a planning meeting to set goals for the year. The plan was to "reach out, recruit, and retain," both chapter members and non-members. This goal aligned with the Club's goal of recruiting and retaining volunteers, committee members and officers. Goals would be accomplished mainly by improving communications and marketing.

Our marketing progress was hampered somewhat by the AMC branding change. Things got off to a slow start with logo updates, but we now have the new branding to use for marketing materials. We were able to utilize more emails to inform membership about issues and events. Several social events were held in mid-coast and southern Maine.

We use emails, newsletter, Facebook, Meetup, and Instagram to publicize events and volunteer openings. We have recently had members contact us to volunteer for the Executive Committee positions of Communications Chair, Programs Chair, Young Members Chairs, and At-Large positions. Last year we filled the Conservation Chair and I have high hopes that we will have a full Executive Committee next year.

Looking forward to next year, I hope to continue to improve communication and volunteer outreach. With the 50th anniversary of Earth Day next year, the Chapter would

like to make conservation the underlying theme of all our recreation and education activities.

I would like to thank my Executive Committee for their volunteer service and support of AMC's and the Chapter's missions. I would especially like to thank John Mullens for his untiring efforts as Northern Regional Director on behalf of the Maine and New Hampshire chapters. We couldn't do it without you.

Regional Director's Report – John Mullens, Northern Regional Director

I'm pleased to update the Maine Chapter membership on AMC-level activities and progress for this current year. Two projects will be of interest to the Maine Chapter and all AMC members.

The first is a report on the goals and activities of AMC's Chapters Committee (CHCM). The CHCM is a sub-committee of AMC's Board of Directors (BOD) composed of the chair from each of the 12 chapters plus 5 board members. Cindy Caverly, your chapter chair, and I both serve on this committee. The committee voted to have two goals this year: expanding communications and growing and retaining volunteers.

To expand communications and increase transparency among chapters, the BOD, staff, and other club units, the CHCM added two one-hour phone conferences in addition to our three in-person meetings each year. The phone conferences are a combination of news and updates from AMC to the chapters and a time for questions and discussion among the chapter chairs and regional directors. Further, the committee now collects and shares quarterly updates on AMC's Web and IT status and progress. The goal is to keep chapter chairs more knowledgeable about current status and timelines for AMC's IT and web improvements.

To recruit and retain members as volunteer trip leaders, committee members, committee chairs, and chapter officers, the CHCM worked to identify both proven and innovative methods of volunteer recruitment that can be tailored to specific chapter needs. At our 3-day May retreat and subsequent work, we identified efficient processes and structures to maximize volunteer efforts and methods to institute a more robust, complete, and consistent volunteer on-boarding process.

In addition to running the chapter locally within Maine, Cindy Caverly and Bill Brooke, Maine Chapter Vice Chair, also participated in the five AMC-level meetings and retreat and were heavily involved in all these efforts.

The second AMC-level project is the BOD's work to review and refine AMC's mission and vision for the next six years. Dubbed "AMC150" to acknowledge that the end of this six-

year period in 2026 will be AMC's 150th anniversary, the project is updating AMC goals and developing a roadmap to achieving them.

Elizabeth Ehrenfeld, Maine Chapter member, is not only the chair of AMC's BOD, but also chair of the board subcommittee tasked with developing the new draft vision and mission. Elizabeth has met with chapter chairs five times this year to both communicate current status and thinking and to solicit feedback on draft versions. We all appreciate Elizabeth's work and her commitment to including chapter leadership in AMC-level planning decisions as we move forward.

At its October retreat, the BOD drafted the final version of AMC's new mission and vision complete with strategic themes, key strategies, three-year goals, and long-term outcomes. Following another review, the new plan is scheduled to be approved by the BOD in December and presented to members at AMC's Annual Summit in Norwood, MA, Saturday, January 25, 2020. I encourage each of you to attend. The day will be full of workshops and information sessions and is a wonderful time to meet and connect with AMC members from every chapter. Details on this AMC-wide gathering will be on AMC's website beginning in December. I hope to see many of you there.

My thanks to Cindy Caverly and Bill Brooke for leading the Maine Chapter this calendar year and I look forward to continuing to work with them in 2020.

Happy trails to you all.

John Mullens
AMC Regional Director

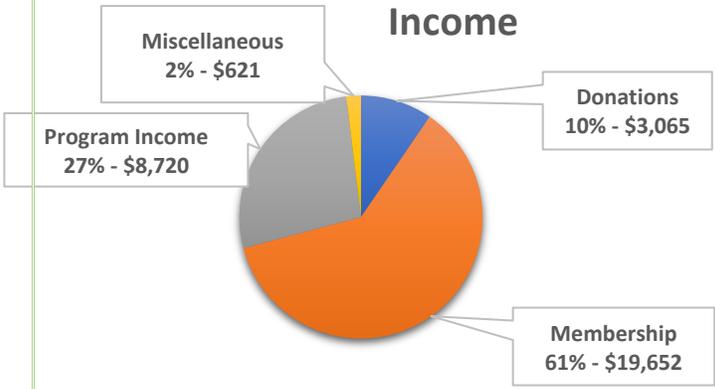
Treasurer’s Report – Janet Roderick, Treasurer

The following Treasurer’s Report is for the period beginning November 1, 2018 and ending October 31, 2019

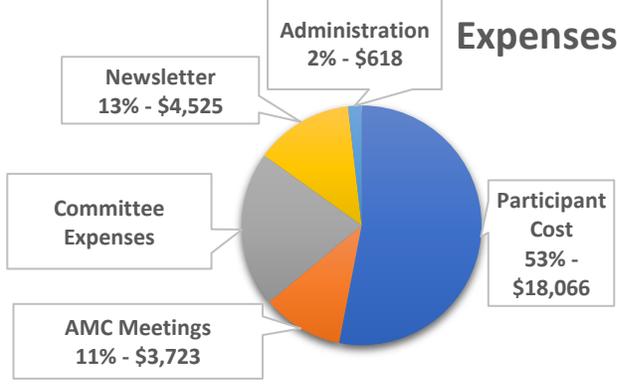
Assets held by Chapter as of October 31, 2019

Total Cash	\$ 14,519
Cash Reserves Held by the Club	\$ 5,400
Invested Reserves	\$ 32,739
Sue Blood - Endowment	\$ 13,144
 Total Assets	 <u><u>\$ 65,802</u></u>

Income



Expenses



The Chapter continues to be in good shape financially. We are easily able to cover operating expenses annually and we have a large reserve. We will be working, over the next year, on finding projects to use some of those reserves.

Committee Reports

- **Membership – Kristen Grant, Chair**

As of the end of September, the Chapter has 6,627 members, an increase of 1% from the 2018 year-end. Membership has been growing for several years.

50-Year Members	25-Year Members
<i>Jane Baldwin</i>	<i>Tony & Betty Beardsley</i>
<i>Carol Denison</i>	<i>Robert Clarke</i>
<i>Ruth Johnson</i>	<i>Douglas & Leslie Couper</i>
<i>Matthew Robinson</i>	<i>Lynn Deeves</i>
<i>Jerry Sass</i>	<i>Russ & Judy Florenz</i>
<i>Kurt Wray</i>	<i>David Gelinas</i>
	<i>George Harrington</i>
	<i>Richard Hero</i>
	<i>Hans Larsen</i>
	<i>Mary Lou Moulton</i>
	<i>John & Pamela Murton</i>
	<i>Vicki Oleary</i>
	<i>Joleen Rice</i>
	<i>William & Joanne Rush</i>
	<i>Thomas Sidar</i>
	<i>David & Diane Snyder</i>
	<i>Richard Spillane</i>
	<i>Richard Taylor</i>
	<i>Cyndy Thayer</i>
	<i>Sally Thompson</i>
	<i>Stephen White</i>
	<i>Jane Whitney</i>

- **Maine Woods Initiative (MWI) Report – Paul Hahn, Chair**

- The Committee (12 members and ExCom Chair) met on April 18 to discuss: acquisition of 25,000 acres by AMC, bringing total acreage owned by AMC to 100,000 acres, the PRTWA Scholarship, and trail work at the AMC Lodges this year.
- The Committee and Chapter awarded 13 PRTWA Scholarships. This Peter Roderick Trail Work Award is given to AMC members who are volunteering for trail work for the first time at the AMC Lodges in Maine. The scholarship pays for lodging and meals. It is divided between three work trips.
- The Committee led four volunteer work trips in the MWI; several trips were comprised of more than one group. The tri[ps] were led by Committee trail leaders, MWI Land and Conservation Manager, Steve Tatko, and the AMC professional crew. The work involved trail improvement, maintenance, development of campsites, and boundary designation. Fifty Chapter volunteers worked a total of 700 hours.

- The Committee continues to donate \$2,000 per year to teen programs in the MWI

- **Outings – Bill Brooke & Denise Fredette, Co-Chairs**

In the past year 21 Maine Chapter Leaders volunteered over 700 hours to lead more than 450 participants on 90 trips and 7 workshops.

Our most popular trips continue to be hiking, sea kayaking, and snowshoeing. Of note was the work between our paddling leaders and the Maine Island Trail Association to jointly sponsor workshops and lead trips. Workshops given were in winter hiking, kayak self and assisted rescue, backpacking, sea kayak navigation and over-night trip planning, map & compass, wilderness first aid, and outdoor leader training. Our outdoor leader training class was well attended, and we currently have eight leaders in training.

Each year we recognize leaders that have led three or more trips per year. This year we have the following 15 leaders in that category:

Frank Brooks
Jo Anne Diller
Denise Fredette
Alicia Heyburn
Lorraine Hussey

Sarah Hunter
Debby Kantor
Michelle Moody
Stan Moody
Peg Nation

Peter Roderick
Kim Sanders
Natalie Skovran
Susan Surabian
Carolyn Welch

- **Programs (Formerly Meetings & Education) – Stan & Michelle Moody**

Michelle and Stan organized 7 potluck presentations at the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick. Presentations were well attended and ranged from three with a paddling theme, Wyoming Wilderness Backpacking, Search and Rescue in the White Mountains, Nature Notes from Maine, and the Maine Mountain Guide by Carey Kish.

- **Trails – Phil Coyne, Chair**

The Trails Committee has had another good year, continuing projects from previous years. We see repeat volunteers and continue to attract new ones and develop new trail leaders. We increased our volunteer trails trips this year to 13 trips.

We renewed our support to Loon Echo Land Trust to work on Pleasant Mountain; we had two trail days with them. We continue to support the trails on Cutler Mountain, located in the town of Hiram, and led two trail trips this year. As we have done for decades, we supported the Maine ATC on our adopted trail segment on the Appalachian Trail near the town of Stratton, ME. We ran two trail days maintaining those trails.

We had trips to Mount Kineo State Park, Moosehead Lake, as well as a trail work trip to the Kennebec Highlands in Rome, Maine.

In conjunction with stewards from Maine Island Trail Association, we maintained trails at Campbell Island near Deer Isle.

The Trails Committee continues to support the Maine AMC Lodges located in the MWI by providing trail leaders, volunteers and tools; we look forward to providing support in 2020.

We are grateful to Peter Roderick for the many hours he volunteers to the trails and lands he loves. Part of our success as a chapter comes from his hard work, dedication, and support.

Plans for the coming year include offering more trail days, increasing support to local land trusts with trail maintenance, and developing the next generation of trail leaders.

Finally, the Trails Committee encourages everyone to volunteer for at least one trail work trip next year. Volunteering is a way to give back to the Maine trails that we use and love. Members should consider bringing a non-member along to join the fun. To join our trail team <http://tiny.cc/MaineAMCtrails>.