



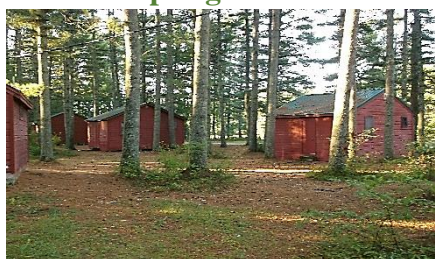
# THE NORTHEAST NEWS

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North East  
Odd Fellows  
Assoc. Inc.

### Annual Camp Dir.'s Meeting

It was a nice day as an number of early members arrived for a great weekend on Friday afternoon, September 11th, for the Annual NEOFA Meetings at the Camp grounds. After



choosing a comfortable place to bunk for the weekend. It was time to get unpacked and ready to choose which local eatery to go out to for an evening supper. Saturday morning 9-12-15 was check-in time at the registration table and getting your meal tickets for the weekend.

The Directors of Camp NEOFA, who are from all of our seven jurisdictions and before their meeting in the Arts & Crafts building, which begins around 9:00 am; it was first ordern of business for the Interview committee (comte) to conduct their business of finding a new Director of Camping for the 2016 season, to replace the out going director. This year's meeting was called to order by Chair Alice Bennett

at 9:15 am. An before a Roll Call, John Farwell was asked to give the opening prayer, which he solumnly did and very well. The minutes of the last annual meeting were accepted as corrected.

Next we were informed that one of the Maine lodges, which closed and handed in their Charter, left to the North East Odd Fellows Association's (NEOFA) a nice donatiion of \$30,015.24. This was split up in half, with \$15,015.24 going for camperships and \$15,000.00 for camp maintenance.

Next the Administrator of Camping Bonnie Adkins



handed out previous reports which were accepted as printed. Her final report was accepted on a motioned by Charlie Kettles, second by Katherine Tweedie and so passed.

Next it was the Director of Camping Alice Bennett's report on this past camping season. It was moved by Jane McCollister and second and passed with the addition that six walky-talky's

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THE NEW FLOATING DOCK

# THE ANNUAL NE'S MEETING

The NE Directors held their Annual Meeting for Members in the Mess Hall with Pres. Katherine Tweedie presiding and she called for order at 2:05 pm. After a prayer, by Sharon LaSota, the roll call was taken. Then Communications were next, which was the usual go around with the IRS on 501-C3 vs 501-C8 and the involvement of SGL in the mix?

The Annual Secretary's report was next on the agenda and it was accepted as printed and so moved. A motion to include the NH Conclave's Report with the minutes was passed.

Allen Knights report on the tree removal project was accepted as read. Then the Investment Report was deemed in good shape by Keith Ploof and was presented, accepted and passed Alice Bennett then introduced



Mike Sang, the Assist Dir. of camp-ing for this

past season, as our newest Dir. of Camping for 2016. Michael spoke [See Pix] of some of his plans for the upcoming year. Next was the report on Memorial Day work weekend by Sharon LaSota where they got a lot done and served 35 folks this year. The report was accepted as presented and this year there will be a work week from May 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>h</sup> and there will be a free Lobster supper for

those signing up. Sharon LaSota and Don Ritchie are the co-chairs of the Maintenance Comte and all the meal during that week they will provide at no cost to the workers.



Next Sharon reported on the success of the Race track car that ME has been sponsoring.

Next Allen Knights reported as chair of Insurance and Tree comtes on the harsh winter and the tree project. His reports was moved and approved.

The AP Conclave Report by Patty Heighton showed a profit of \$3,520.00 and plus a hundred of so still coming in. The report was accepted and passed. \$500 was earmarked for the dam savings account.

Then Keith Ploof [See Pix] showing the new road signs for the camp. He then presented the



Legislation Report. First item was for the By-laws Comte on the non-payment of jurisdictional dues to NEOFA. And any member attending from a non-paid jurisdiction shall have no voice and no vote at NEOFA Meetings. It was second and passed.

Next was a change of the term

lengthens of 2 yrs. for the NE officers. Starting in 2016-17 the Pres.; 1<sup>st</sup> VP and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP will be elected for 2, 3 and 4 year terms. The Sect'y & Treas. are for 3 years each staggered terms. It was moved and passed.

The 2016 CONCLAVE will be held at Camp NEOFA on MAY 27th to MAY 29th.

The proposed budget was held off until tomorrow's meeting?

The Dam Comte Report was a none report of any results.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm until Sunday after the Memorial Service.



It was time for supper and evening activities.

After breakfast and the Memorial Service; the meeting resumed at 9:00 am.

The first items were the accepting of the changes to the By-laws: Such as ART III; Sec. 1 and ART IV and ART V; Sec. 1 & Sec. 3, which were all moved, accepted and passed.

Next it moved by Keith that our Tree Service be continued under the guidance of Allen Knights; it was 2nd and passed. A vote on the budget was moved by Jin Lawrence and so passed. Nominations were made, moved and the Slate was approved.

Long Range Comte had a long shopping list. It was passed that the Sect'y & Treas. purchase a comm'l coffee pot, comm'l toaster and a new double door refrig & freezer. Sharon told the Long Range Comte we need

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## Camp Dir's Cont.

were donated to the camp.

Next it was passed to recommend that legal representation be put on retainer by the NE and camp NEOFA.

The report of the Interview Comte, which met with Michael Sang, who was the Assist. Dir. of Camping this past season.



Jane moved, seconded by Jim Lawrence that we recommend he be hired as the new Director of Camping for 2015-16 season. So voted.

Next was to add to the Policies and Procedures Handbook: the uses of the Golf Cart and that no drivers under 18 years old is to drive it, etc. etc.

There were changes to the job description for the Admin. Dir., as revised, this position will now become a NE position on a motion by Jane, seconded by Karen Hawkins and so passed. Next was a review of the revised [9-12-15] job description of the Director of Camping position and John Farwell, seconded by Polly Burlock and so voted by the directors to recommend to the Northeast.

The next item was setting the calendar for the camp's work week and the annual Conclave.

A motion by John Farwell, seconded by Karen Hawkins to recommend the following 2016 camping dates to the Northeast: CIT Week: June 28 -July 1; Camper Weeks: July 2 - 8;

July 9 - 15; July 16 - 22; July 23 -29 was so voted.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm for lunch in the Mess Hall and will resume on Sunday afternoon.

### SUNDAY 9/13 MEETING

The Camp Directors were called to order at 1:10 pm by Chair Alice Bennett. A Prayer was offered by John Farwell.

Roll call showed the following were present: OFFICERS:

President, Karen Hawkins; 1st Vice President, David Lent; 2nd Vice President Doreen Slaney; Secretary, Jane McCollister; Treasurer, Polly Burlock.

DIRECTORS: ME: Verna Jones, Sharon LaSota, Boyd Norman; MA: John Slaney; NH: Jim Lawrence, John



Farwell; RI: Nancy Gombeyski; VT: Don Ritchie, Alice Bennett; AT LGE Charlie Kettles. We added John and Doreen Slaney and Boyd Norman. And we lost Katherine Tweedie, Allen Knights, Ginny Wallace, and Brent Adkins from yesterday's meeting.

The newly elected Chair and Vice Chair of the Directors for the 2015-2016 are: Chair is Alice Bennett, Vice Chair is John Farwell.

The following meeting dates were established for the year:

Sunday, Nov. 1 - 9 am at Dover, NH

Saturday, Feb. 27 - 2 pm at Dover, NH

Sunday, May 29 - 9 am at

NEOFA/ Conclave, ME

Saturday, Sept. 10 - 9 am at NEOFA, ME

Sunday, Sept. 11 - 1 pm "ish" at NEOFA, ME



Motion to accept the Assistant Director of Camping Job Description with changes made by Don Ritchie, seconded by Doreen Slaney and passed.

Doreen Slaney moved and Nancy Gombeyski second to institute the Office Mgr. position for 2016.

Mike Sang will bring new ideas and costs for the Office Manager at the November Director's meeting in Dover.

Next Charlie Kettles moved and a second by Nancy Gombeyski to continue the 'Send 10 and Pay for 7 Campers' program for 2016.

Moved by Jane, seconded by Doreen Slaney to set the Director of Camping's wages for 2016 and to add a \$10 per camper week over 150 camper weeks as a bonus - this excludes



the campers from the American Youth Camps program. This was so voted and approved.

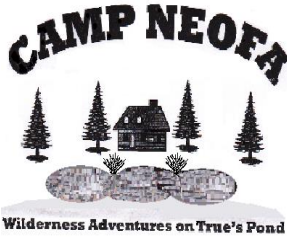
The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

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## OFFICER'S LISTING

2015-16

President: Karen Hawkins  
1st V. Pres.: David Lent  
2nd V Pres. Doreen Slaney  
Sect'y: Jane McCollister  
Treas.: Pauline Burlock  
Asst. Secty: Verna Jones  
Asst. Treasurer: Vacant  
Jr. P.P: Katherine Tweedie  
Chap: Ernestine MacMillan  
Parliamentarian: Keith Ploof

## NE Directors:

AP 1 yr. Patty Heighton  
2 yr. Joan Heighton  
CT No one present  
ME 1 yr. Verna Jones  
2 yr. Sharon LaSota  
3 yr. Boyd Norman///  
MA 1 yr. Ginny Wallace  
2 yr. John Slaney  
NH 1 yr. Jim Lawrence  
2 yr.VC John Farwell  
PQ No one present  
RI 1 yr. Nanc Gombeyski  
2 yr.  
VT 1 yr. Donald Ritchie  
2 yr.CH Alice Bennett  
AT LGE 1 yr. Charlie Kettles  
2 yr. Joyce Higgins

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a new small Salad Bar with a refrigerator for the camp. Next was a change to camp NEOFA Work Weekend. It is now a work week with meals provided starting MAY 20th THRU 26th, so sign up and bring your tools – one meal will be a Lobster supper. Contact co-chairs Sharon LaSota or Donald Ritchie.

### NEW CONCLAVE DATES:

This year the Conclave at NEOFA will be held on MAY 27th – MAY 29th it will be a joint effort by MA/RI jurisdictions. Mark your calendars.

### Recommendations to NE:

- 1- Legal council should be retained by the NE – passed.
- 2- The job of Administrative Director is a NE position, not a camp one – passed. Let people in the order know this.

**3- CAMP DATES FOR 2016  
CIT WEEK JUNE 29th – July 2nd; Camper weeks: July 3-9, July 10-16, July 16-22, July 24-30. The camping fees are the same as last season, including the 7 for 10 program – passed.**



Caretakers Honarium for Eugene and his daughter is \$500 each - so voted.

David Lent will work with Ed Copping to maintain the web site and will have \$500 for expenses this year – passed. Charlie Kettles nominated Joyce Higgins for At Large

Director for 2 year term.  
**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE NORTHEAST:**  
The Slate with one person running for each position; it was moved to have the Sect'y cast on ballot for the whole Slate – passed.



The new Officers [See Pix] were sworn in to their new

Offices by the Marshal. The retiring President was presented [See Above] with a Plaque for a job well done. The meeting closed at 12:55 pm. **FOR THE OFFICIAL SET OF MINUTES – CONTACT OUR SECRETARY JANE MCCOLLISTER.**