

## **MONHEGAN ASSOCIATES ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**August 17, 2018**

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** Greetings; it's a pleasure to welcome you to the 65<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Monhegan Associates (MAI) members! I'd like to start by recognizing past President Clare Durst, current MAI Trustees and Officers (please stand), and MAI Counsel & Parliamentarian Dave Soule. I'd further like to note with respectful sadness members who have recently passed. (David Boynton, Buffy Krause, Victor Lord, Mo Oberman, Sally Rand and Gerry Tam)

As I conclude tonight my 10 years as President, I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to all of you for generously sharing your precious time and wisdom. I'm also concluding my 41<sup>st</sup> summer on the Island, which I know pales in comparison to a number of you here or on the membership rolls, but it's been great to supplement my love of Monhegan and the Wild Lands with getting to know the Monhegan community even better. It is a treasure that I hold dearly.

As you will hear, tonight we can celebrate that MAI's investment portfolio is at its highest point, about double its 2009 level, when we were a recently designated 501(c) 3. While we remain "rich" with volunteer members who deeply care about Monhegan, we are responding to the changing realities of how much time families are able to stay on the Island by investing in Monhegan centric resources who care about both the Wild Lands and the Island community. They are likely to be part of the "next generation" of MAI's key members, and they include people like Rebecca Fitzpatrick, our Wild Lands Co-ordinator plus seven other folks who have formed our Stewardship Crew and Intern team. Plus, anyone remember a capable young dynamo named Willow Bates? How about Lillian Harris, the talented author of our Nature Guide? I don't think Monhegan has seen the last of these folks either!

Due to the dedicated leadership and efforts of Trails Chair Fred Grey, a 14 year veteran who is currently stepping down, co-chair Rick Cameron and many others, our Trails are fully navigable. Further, the Trails Committee has been working collegially to develop more specific standards, of which you will hear more tonight.

While the ecology area strives hard to develop a fully balanced and informed consensus, there has been definitive progress on mapping our Wild Lands and gaining and sharing information on how to move forward responsibly. I wish we were further down this path but I am optimistic that we will get there.

Challenges will always remain, but MAI is in very good hands with Fred, the incumbent leadership and new leadership represented by the three new Trustees. You'll even see me in those comfortable chairs next time around!!!!!!!!!!!!

Humbly submitted,  
Glenn Burdick, President

**VICE-PRESIDENTS' REPORT:** I intended to give a different report tonight. It would have been more of a book report. Though the subjects would have been the same: an alternative view point about so-called 'invasive' plants. I have been concerned over the years that the advice Monhegan Associates has been given about invasive plants has come from one stream of opinion. This wasn't because of a conspiracy. It was just that the experts most readily available in Maine, willing to share their time with Monhegan Associates, all had a similar viewpoint. Their job was removing invasive plants. They thought that was a good thing. And they advised us to remove them and how to remove them.

I have felt there was probably more to the young field of invasive biology than we were hearing. This winter I searched Amazon for books on the subject. Ordered quite a number. And found a few whose titles I want to share with you at the end of this report. I had intended to talk about them tonight. But after Robin Wall Kimmerer's talk I thought a book review might seem rather dry. So instead I'm going to give you my own thoughts.

Before I do, I would like to thank Emily Morse for inviting Robin Wall Kimmerer to be the most recent speaker in the Ecology Program. And *especially* to thank Emily for showing Robin and her parents the island and making them feel welcome over their three-day stay. Again, I won't try to summarize what Robin said in her Ecology Lecture and on her walk with a smaller group along the Red Ribbon Trail. Many of you heard her. And if you missed hearing her, there are videos of some of her talks to other groups on YouTube, and, of course her words are available in two books, *Gathering Moss* and *Braiding Sweetgrass*. What I can say is that I hope Robin will come back – and that others offering a different perspective will come here - so that there is more balance to the advice about 'invasive' plants that is offered to Monhegan Associates.

It is no secret that I have been skeptical about the Associates making the removal of so-called 'invasive' plants a large part of what we do. A principal source of my skepticism is the belief that one of the things you can say with certainty about the natural world is that it is constantly changing. And global warming increases the pace of change. Birds, insects, plants, and trees are all shifting northward as the climate warms. The forest that we see today will likely be different in a hundred years. Very different in five hundred years.

Another reason that I'm skeptical about the advisability of the Associates making removal of invasive plants a major part of its program is that I grew up listening to the founders of Monhegan Associates talk about their concept of wildlands. Monhegan in the 1950's still had wide areas of grassland that had been grazed or farmed in the 1800's: much of the southern end of the island; most of the shore from Green Point to Lobster Cove. In a minute or so I'll pass around a copy of the Danforth map from 1922 which shows by a darker shading the extent of the forest.

The founders of Monhegan Associates had no illusion that the island was a primeval wilderness in 1954. When they spoke or wrote of protecting the Island's wildlands, I believe you have to understand it as an aspiration, a goal of allowing those lands to become wild, with as little intervention as possible.

For Monhegan Associates protecting the wildlands has always included the idea that there would be *some* human intervention. We maintain trails across the wildlands. We need to be mindful of fire danger and take precautions against it. And now I believe we should be having – we need to have - a conversation about what 'wildlands' mean to us. Is it still our *aspiration* for them to become wild with as little intervention as possible? Or do we say we like the way the woods look *now* in 2018 around the Red Ribbon Trail, the Maple Trail, and the Black Head Trail? And we want to try to keep them looking the same way for as long we can? Or something in between? Or something I cannot imagine?

To make informed decisions about the wildlands, I think we need information from from more than one stream. We should certainly take advantage of people in Maine who can advise us. But if finding alternative viewpoints means going to greater trouble and expense, I believe that is worthwhile.

I'd like to end with an analogy. I recognize that analogies are imperfect. However... they can be useful.

Imagine that you are a homeowner who has come to feel that your home is a little cramped. You might ask for advice about what to do. If you asked a carpenter, the likely response would be 'build an addition'. If you asked a plumber, the response might be, 'add another bathroom or half-bath near your bedrooms'. If you asked an architect, her response might be, 'remove some of the interior walls and add windows on the side where you have the best view'. Those are all possible solutions. If you have all three solutions before you, you can choose the best one. Or a combination of one two or three that best fits your needs.

Lets make sure as we decide what to do in Monhegan's wildlands that we're not just asking advice from the carpenter...

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard Farrell*

(Useful books: *Where Do Camels Belong* by Ken Thompson; *The New Wild* by Fred Pearce; *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer)

## **Monhegan Associates Finance Committee**

### **Report for Annual Meeting**

**August 17, 2018**

The Finance Committee is pleased to submit this report on the financial condition of the Monhegan Associates. The investment assets of the Associates as of August 2018 were approximately \$327,000. This represents an increase of about \$7,000 compared with the total assets reported at last year's annual meeting, a change of about 2%. The increase was largely due to growth in our stock mutual funds.

Our budget for 2017-18 anticipated an operating deficit of about \$10,500 reflecting the debut of our Wildlands Coordinator position and the continuing support of our fall trails crew. The actual operating results for last year resulted in a somewhat larger deficit of about \$17,700 due to smaller amounts of individual contributions than expected and not receiving an anticipated grant. However, considering interest income and the gain in value of our stock mutual fund holdings, the total assets of Monhegan Associates increased by a modest amount despite the operating deficit. Bob Smith will provide more detail about the proposed budget for 2018-19 in his following comments.

The assets of Monhegan Associates are invested in cash, equities (such as stocks and stock mutual funds), and fixed income securities (such as U.S. Treasury bonds and notes, municipal bonds, and bank certificates of deposit). The Finance Committee monitors the financial performance of our investments with competitive benchmarks for similar investments. In general, the yields from our investments have been similar to these benchmarks over the past year.

In recent years, the money market yields on our cash investments have been nearly zero. However, the yields on short-term fixed income investments such as U.S. Treasury securities have increased since last year's meeting and now are about 2.6% for two-year notes and 2.7% for three-year notes, providing a higher yield than our current cash accounts without unreasonably limiting our ability to switch to another investment if interest rates rise from their current low levels. The Finance Committee is acting to reduce some of our stock mutual fund holdings and money market cash deposits by investing in a like amount of short-term Treasury notes or federally insured bank certificates of deposits. Accomplishing such a reinvestment of a portion of the assets of the Associates

would result in an allocation of 25-35% cash, 15-25% fixed income, and 45-55% equities. This allocation effectively meets the goals previously endorsed by the Trustees.

All of the Associates' equity investments are held in socially responsible stock mutual funds. This means that the funds prohibit investing in the stock of companies involved in alcohol, tobacco, gaming, nuclear power, and weapons. Being socially responsible also includes investment policies regarding corporate governance, workplace conditions, and environmental standards such as those related to pollution and climate change. The three equity funds holding the assets of the Associates invest in companies that have positive records and achievements regarding these criteria.

The Finance Committee has consulted with Bob Smith, the Chair of the Budget Committee, regarding the budget for fiscal year 2018-19. As Bob will describe, we anticipate a modest operating deficit.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Finance Committee members who have worked together this year: Glenn Burdick (Chair), Bob Smith, Clare Durst, Morrie Feibusch, Jay Morency, Chris Nelson, and Bill Hidell.

Respectively Submitted,

Bruce Kerns

Member, Finance Committee

Report of the Budget Committee to the Members of the Monhegan Associates, Inc.  
for the Fiscal Year Ending May, 2019

Projected Revenue & Support \$56,885 (Incl. Contributions 32,5; Membership 10,2;  
Trail Map Sales 8,0)

Projected Expenses

Ecology 1,450

Trails 3,500

Labor Resources 33,888  
(Incl. Wildlands Co-ordinator 18,480 - 700hrs;  
Forest Stewardship Crew 10,0 - 500 hrs;

Summer Interns 3,0 - 150 hrs)

Professional Services, Taxes & Other 21,693 (Incl. Plantation Real Estate 9,5; Insurance 3,743; Tax Preparation & Work Force Returns 3,4; Lands 2,5; Fire & Safety 2,0)

Officer Expense 3,000

Fundraising Expenses 2,256

Total Projected Expenses \$65,787

Net Loss from Operations 8,902

Interest and Dividend Income 3,600

Net Decrease in Assets \$6,302

The presentation of these figures continues the new approach to sharing the budget request process with the membership. You have at each row of seats a copy of the breakout by committee or line item of all Revenue & Support and Expense items in the projected budget for the fiscal year ending May, 2019. Officers and Committee chairs can respond should you need clarification.

I wish to thank Officers and Committee chairs for their timely submission of budget requests. I also thank Clare Durst, Fred Faller, Morrie Feibusch, Bruce Kerns and Jaye Morency for their valuable participation in the budget discussions and especially Glenn Burdick for all his help over the years in his leadership role of Monhegan Associates. Well done Glenn.

Respectfully submitted,

August 17, 2018

Robert Smith, Chair

## **MAI Wildlands Coordinator Report for 2018 Annual Meeting**

**(prepared by Wildlands Coordinator Rebecca FitzPatrick)**

*Beginning in January of this year I have been creating monthly reports of my activities. (highlights from these reports are listed below)*

FALL 2017 ACTIVITIES: ● Led Fall Season of Forestry Management Crew Activities (detailed in Trails Report)

WINTER/ SPRING 2018 ACTIVITIES:

- Read relevant MAI archival records in the interest of gaining a more comprehensive understanding of MAI's history and overall mission (Including past trails committee. reports, grant application information, stewardship plans, intern reports, etc.)
- Researched and compiled information about invasive plant management & resources
- Created a draft version of a "Quick Guide" to Invasive Plant Management on Monhegan. (To have on hand for volunteers, crew members & interested private landowners).
- Created a preliminary list of Grant Funding options and resources.
- Cleared winter storm debris as needed to keep trails accessible to year-round hikers and yearly "Spring Clean-up" of all trails.
- Completed mapping (using iMapInvasives) all known areas of Barberry, Bittersweet, Black Swallow Wort and Invasive Honeysuckle on Northern half of island.
- Replaced, repaired, and repainted all pre-existing trails-related signage.
- Organized and led two community-based volunteer Beach Clean-up events at Lobster Cove and Calf Cove to Pebble Beach.
- Coordinated and led service projects for the Sierra Club volunteer group (detailed in Trails Report). SUMMER 2018 ACTIVITIES TO DATE:
- Implemented weekly Wednesday afternoon Invasive Clearing Volunteer Meetups (with summer intern Garrett Chisholm). Areas worked on include Bittersweet on and near the Whitehead trail, Barberry btw the Red Ribbon and Whitehead trails, & Black Swallow Wort on the Alder Trail.
- Worked with Trails Committee to develop new Trails Signage and Bridging of Wet Trails policies.
- Met with visiting lecturer Nancy Olmstead to review invasive plant mapping progress and get feedback on Invasives Management efforts to date. Also attended her talk on Invasives and participated in a walk with her and a group of trustees.
- Coordinated and led service projects for the Camp Kawanhee volunteer group (detailed in Trails Report).
- Attended and participated in a hike/ visit with Deb DiQuinzio from the National Natural Landmarks program.
- Ongoing targeted clearing/ treatment of small invasive plant infestations.
- Currently working with Trails Committee on a list of activities for this season's fall crew.

## **MAI Trails Report for 2018 Annual Meeting (prepared by WildLands Coordinator Rebecca FitzPatrick)**

Fall 2017 Forestry Management Crew Activities:

Crew Members: Rebecca FitzPatrick, Willow Bates, Joan Brady, Jim Buccheri, Andrew Dalrymple, Christian Dederer, Anna Whitaker

Trails Projects Completed:

- Rebuilt bog bridges on Gull Cove Trail
- Placed Stepping Stones into muddy trail bed of Fern Glen Trail
- Light trail maintenance including debris clearing and waterbar cleaning misc. locations Invasives Projects:
  - Bittersweet: Cut back vines in all known locations on the northern half of island & re-treated vines on Underhill trail
  - Barberry: Cut back shrubs in all known locations on northern end of island
  - Black Swallow Wort: Collected unopened seed pods from large area of the Alder Trail

Spring / Summer 2018 Volunteer Group Activities:

Sierra Club: The Sierra Club, was on island for their annual service trip on the the week of June 3rd. Their meals and accomodations were arranged by Emily Morse and I arranged their service projects. As usual, they were a great group and got a lot of work done including the following:

- Monday they worked on an Invasives project with the Island Farm.
- Tuesday they spent the day with Rebecca and Garrett working on Barberry on the Whitehead trail and Thursday they spent the day working on Barberry with Judy Grey
- Friday they cleared trails 1/1A with Fred Grey in the morning and with trails 5 & 6 with Rebecca in the afternoon. Camp Kawanhee: The Camp Kawanhee Jr. Counselor volunteer group was on the island July 31st through August 2nd.
- Tuesday they worked with Garrett clearing Barberry in the woods off of the Red Ribbon trail
- Wednesday the worked with Rebecca hauling lobster traps and other trash from Pebble Beach

Fall 2018 Forestry Management Crew Update: The trails committee is working toward approving a list of trails projects for the 2108 crew to work on. As of now, all members of the 2017 crew with the exception of Willow Bates, who is not on the island this year, plan to return.

## **Trails Committee**

A great deal of trails work has been accomplished in the past year since we met here last August. I'll now give you an overview of that work with which I am familiar.

Since our last annual meeting, the Trails Committee has welcomed two new members. They are MAI Vice-President, Richard Farrell and long time Friday morning trails volunteer and trail adopter, Sue Cohn.

Many individuals work on our trails each year including members of the Trails Committee, Friday morning volunteers, adopt-a-trail volunteers, volunteer groups, MAI employees, and independent contractors. Others provide support such as offering lodging for volunteers, transportation for volunteer groups or transport of materials needed for trails restoration.

Friday morning volunteer sessions continued to mid-September 2017 and began again this year on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Those who adopt trails continued their work and trails have been adopted this summer of 2018 as well.

Last summer of 2017, Trails Committee Co-Chair, Rick Cameron, led the Trails Committee on formulating a clarification and update of the MAI trails policy. Wildlands Coordinator, Rebecca FitzPatrick, assisted us in that effort. That revision was approved by the trustees at the Trustees meeting last August 2017. The updated trails policy is available for viewing on the MAI website.

Between October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, independent contractor, Travis Dow, assisted MAI by clearing our trails of fallen trees. The blow downs were numerous during that period. This summer I cleared two trees that had fallen on the Red Ribbon Trail.

This summer of 2018, the trails committee met twice at the library. I scheduled the first meeting for June 24<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the trails budget proposal, the state of the trails and plans for the upcoming season. The second meeting was scheduled by trails Co-Chair, Rick Cameron, for August 1st to discuss policy in regard to signage and bog bridge construction. To facilitate the process, Rick Cameron and Rebecca FitzPatrick prepared Google Docs to address guidelines for trail signage as well as for bridges on trail sections that are perpetually wet.

To date, MAI trails on the south half of the island, from Whitehead Trail #7 south, have been maintained. On the north half, Trail #1 between Blackhead Trail #10 and Pebble Beach Trail #14, Pebble Beach Trail #14, Trail #1 between Whitehead and Long Swamp Trail #12, Long Swamp Trail #12, Cathedral Woods Trail #11 from Blackhead road to Long Swamp Trail #12 and Red Ribbon Trail #9 have been maintained. Our MAI intern, Garrett Chisholm, is now continuing the Friday volunteer sessions for the remainder of this season. Garrett has prepared and posted new signs to replace the current ones. The session time period on Fridays has changed. It is now 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please see his posted signs for details if you'd like to volunteer.

On behalf of the trails committee, I would like to thank all those who help Monhegan Associates care for the trails. Volunteers are always needed. Accompanying this report is a list of many people who helped us in our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Fred Grey, Co-Chairman

Friday morning volunteers since the last annual meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 include:

Carroll Arbogast	Sue Cohn	Julia Wander
Meg Kivus	Mitch Wander	Thais Gloor
Mike Gloor	Sue Avery	Edie Bowers
Noni Hollmann	Fuzz Freese	Karsten Dewey
Rick Cameron	W. Fred Grey	Gary Nugent
Galvin Nugent	Talin Nugent	Danielle Nugent
Doug Moore	Mara Lamstein	Bill Oram
Joseph Uliband	David Theis	Linda Rae
Susan Wiley	Eric Read	Peter Pearce
Elisabeth Rucell	Andrew Perret	Jean Smith
Kaitilin Griffin		

Volunteers who have adopted trails since the last annual meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 include:

The Cameron family	Judy Grey	W. Fred Grey
Matt Holtzman	The Faller family	Linda Rae

2017/2018 MAI Forestry Crew members include:

Rebecca Fitzpatrick*	Willow Bates	Joan Brady
Jim Buccheri	Andrew Dalrymple	Christian Dederer
Anna Whitaker		

\* Crew leader & Wildlands Coordinator

2018 MAI intern:

Garrett Chisholm

2017/2018 Independent Contractor:

Travis Dow

2017/2018 Trails Committee:

Rick Cameron*	W. Fred Grey*	Glenn Burdick**
Judy McDonough***	Matthew Holtzman	Penny Smith
Angela Iannicelli	Judy Grey	Fred Faller
Richard Farrell	Sue Cohn	Lillian Harris

\* Co-chairman      \*\* MAI president      \*\*\* past Trails Committee chairman

### **Ecology Committee Annual Report – August 17, 2018**

The summer lecture series 2018 featured two top experts in their fields. The Ecology Committee decided last fall to invite at least a couple of scientists who would not only give talks, but also take a

quick look at the invasive plant problem areas along some of our trails, and then give an assessment and some advice regarding management. The hope was to gain a deeper understanding of what we are dealing with as we go forward making policy and decisions on action.

The first guest speaker was Nancy Olmstead who is an invasive plant biologist with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

She heads up the invasive plant management division of the Maine Natural Areas Program and has extensive experience dealing with ecology issues that invasive plants present.

A group of MAI trustees and other members enjoyed a 2 hour walk with her. She answered numerous questions with deep explanations of “why” a given invasive plant endangers the ecology - which is so important for those of us responsible for the welfare of our Wildlands to have heard. Although the following summary doesn’t go deep, into the “WHY’s” here is her summary.

-Black swallowwort: Will continue to aggressively spread and dominate edges, open areas, and even more isolated areas of blowdowns or other disturbances within forests. Good to keep a “boundary” around the current infestation and try to prevent it from spreading.

-Ornamental (pink) jewelweed: Here is a real success story! Only a small area is known, and there is a solid chance to eradicate this one with repeated pulling, not allowing this annual plant to set seed. Without management, this species could take over the entire wet meadow as a monoculture.

-Canada thistle: There are a few patches of this open-ground plant. It only seems to be in isolated patches, rather than widespread on the island. This presents another opportunity to possibly eradicate the species from Monhegan. More scouting is needed to assess the extent.

-Japanese barberry: This is widespread, but past efforts have allowed trails to be passable. It will continue to spread locally by seedfall and occasionally longer distances by birds. Recommend that folks keep looking in invasive-free areas to spot new plants and remove them.

-Asiatic bittersweet: Progress has been made in certain areas due to diligent effort, and parts of the N end are still free of it. Without treatment it will continue to kill trees and shrubs by girdling and the weight of vines. Recommend focusing on new/small patches, and identification/defense of particular patches of healthy, vigorous native plants within areas of denser bittersweet, to give natives a chance to compete/persist where practical.

-Overall: I applaud the approach of containment / limiting spread via monitoring and early action on new/small patches. Working to contain the boundary from the outside in is a good strategy and uses resources efficiently. Any new invasive species arrivals should be top priority, as in the case of the Ornamental jewelweed.

Our second guest speaker was Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Dr. Kimmerer is a plant ecologist, writer and a Distinguished Teaching Professor at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York. She serves as the founding Director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment whose mission is to create programs which draw on the wisdom of both indigenous and scientific knowledge for our shared goals of sustainability. Her research interests include the role of traditional ecological knowledge in ecological restoration and the ecology of mosses. She is an award winning author, a #1 best seller in the Nature Category, an activist on behalf of Global Warming. Thanks to Kathie Ianicelli for suggesting her as a special guest and to Richard Farrell for offering free accommodations for her 4 day visit.

Dr. Kimmerer also spent time with several MAI members and a few trustees on walk along the Red Ribbon trail. During the walk, we asked her numerous questions regarding invasive plants and if and how to manage them. Her perspective - both indigenous and scientific was fascinating and inspirational.

It's difficult to summarize what she taught us, as her responses were profoundly metaphysical. Basically she said that each situation must be considered individually. Every plant whether native or invasive has purpose and that purpose may go way beyond our understanding. She said that we must observe and learn from the invasive plants – are they harming what we value or are they providing some benefit that we don't yet comprehend? She said that we, as humans responsible for the welfare of our land, must be careful, but absolutely diligent when it comes to protecting native plants and trees from obvious damage such as bittersweet vines and others.

In efforts to continue educating those of us entrusted with the care of the Land Trust, we hope to invite 2 or 3 experts for the 2019 lecture series.

If anyone has suggestions, please let me know

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Morse, Ecology Committee Chair

## **Lands Committee Report**

July 17.2018

Annual Meeting

The Lands Committee has made arrangements to remove debris from the site of the former town dump.

MAI and the Monhegan Plantation are currently working on a lease to replace a letter of permission concerning the site for solid waste disposal at the ball field.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Grey (Doug Boynton, Chairman)

### **Fire and Safety Committee**

- Committee Members during the past year were:

Chris Koerber (MAI Trustee), Greg Rollins (Fire Chief), Mott Feibusch (Assistant Fire Chief), Stew Way (MVFD Member & Road Commissioner), Jes Stevens (MVFD Member & President of Friends of MVFD).

- MAI Trustees, Richard Farrell and Marlene Arvan are joining the Committee.
- The Committee didn't meet between 8/18/17 and 8/17/18. Efforts of many of the committee members have been focused on basic Monhegan Volunteer Fire Dept. needs up until now. Efforts are now starting to broaden to MAI.
- MVFD's immediate concern has been repair of the Plantation's Fire Engines, with Engine1 in South Barn fixed and work continuing on Engine 2 in the North Barn. A Fire Hydrant Map is in the final stages after an inventory was done in the winter documenting all island structures, as well as locations of propane tank stands. It was recently discovered that the State's 911 mapping for Monhegan needs revisions so that is in progress and the Plantation will be distributing 911 address info to property owners once updating is complete. Efforts are underway to improve 911 radio transmissions which have been problematic for at least the past year. Recently work has been underway to revise and re-implement an island emergency action plan directing residents and visitors on what to do and where to go in large-scale emergencies.
- In the absence of Committee meetings, Chairman Jes Stevens drafted a budget with President Glenn Burdick of \$2000 to be used as follows: \$1600 – research into fire and safety hazards and response, tool purchases and/or clearing of fire breaks, contingent upon recommendations of Maine Forest Service, Univ. of Maine and others and contingent on thorough research into current best practices, and acceptance of committee recommendation by MAI trustees.  
  
\$200 – clearing of east and south portion of Ballfield perimeter with trimmer to maintain field, including for landing zone for LifeFlight, ME Forest Service & USCG helicopters for emergency response. \$200 – life rings, rope and brackets needed to replace aging and broken ones at Lobster Cove, Gull Rock, and other locations recommended for replacement by the committee
- Lease with Friends of MVFD to be renewed November 22, 2018.
- Individual actions that can help MAI Fire & Safety include: checking that fire extinguishers and smoke detectors are operational, keeping the Plantation's Freight Shed clean and uncluttered for use in emergencies, and keeping MAI trails clear for fire fighting, rescues, and evacuation purposes.

Sharing of ideas, concerns, and feedback with the committee is very welcome. Respectfully submitted,  
Jes Stevens Fire & Safety Committee

### **Fundraising Committee**

Eileen Cameron: Chair

Laurie Day, Candis Kerns, Marlene Arvan, Carol Burdick, Morrie Feibusch

House tour was held thanks to the generosity of the following homeowners, Margot Sullivan, Kate and Tom Chappell, Lucia Miller, Mary Beth Dolan, Wendy Pendelton & Mia Boyton for the Library. We had many that helped with the selling of tickets as well as docents. They were, Laurie Day, Thais Gloor, Candis Kerns, Glenn, Carol & Josh Burdick, Garret Chisholm, Janet Henry, Morrie & Ann Fiebush, Karen Byrne, Bob Bartels, Clare Durst, Sara McPherson & Nadia Mykolayevsh. We raised \$1225.00. Always a fun day.

Trail maps continue to be a good source of revenue. Thanks to Rebecca Fitzpatrick who helped keep the trail maps stocked and money collected while I was not on island. Sales to date exceed \$4000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Cameron

### **Membership Committee**

MAI has 176 associate members paid up and 165 full members, according to Clare Durst, who was reporting for committee chair Linda Rae. Durst also urged members who haven't paid their dues to do so.

### **MAI Nominating Committee Report**

- Nominating Committee members for 8/18/17-08/17/18: Jes Stevens (Chair), Ben Odom, Bruce Kerns and Fred Faller. President Glenn Burdick invited to participate as well and did so. Held 2 meetings by phone conference.
- Committee activity regarding trustee nominations:
  - 1) Fewer meetings in past year due to chairman's workload.
  - 2) Continued to work on recruiting individuals for this and future years who we felt would make

*active/participatory* trustees and officers.

3) Attempted to name more nominees than there are trustee slots needing to be filled to give the membership choice and promote thoughtfulness among the membership about the needs of the organization as they select trustees. We talked to many people. Ultimately, we nominated 4 individuals for trustee: Marlene Arvan, Morris Feibusch, Candis Kerns, and Nan Nelson.

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At the annual trustees meeting following this meeting, we will be nominating the following slate of officers, subject to the approval of the trustees: Fred Faller – President, Richard Farrell – Vice President, Bruce Kerns – Treasurer, Ann Hughey – Secretary.

- 2018-2019 Work:

Work for the 2019 trustee elections begins tomorrow with a Nominating Committee meeting at 8 am. The Nominating Committee continues to be very receptive to ideas from the membership about potential nominees for trustees and officers and suggestions for committee leadership roles.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Stevens Chairman, MAI Nominating Committee

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Jessica Stevens  
Chairman, MAI Nominating Committee

