

NFLA Annual Board Meeting
Sondreson Hall / February 28, 2009

Minutes submitted by Secretary-Treasurer Pat Cole:

All Board Members were in attendance as follows: Molly Shepherd, Oliver Meister, Pat Cole, Ed Heger, Frank Vitale, Lynn Ogle, Steve Berg, Jan Caldwell. In addition, Margaret Heaphy attended a portion of the meeting.

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Molly provided an overview of the formation of the road committee and requested an update from the committee members present. Margaret advised that information is posted on the Web site. They met with Dave Prunty of the county and he wanted to know landowners' opinions on the following:

1. The possibility of narrowing the road from Camas south to the pavement from 40+ feet to 24 feet wide. This would reduce gravel maintenance and plowing costs and allow the county to reclaim gravel for a better surface. This is just in the idea phase, not a proposal yet, and there is no cost estimate available. The committee will announce this at the June meeting.

2. A proposal to the Resource Advisory Council (RAC) to put a lift of gravel from the Demers Ridge pit to lay on the road from Camas north to Polebridge. There is \$350,000 in the fund, and this would require half of that amount.

3. The county's cost-share proposal for unpaved roads of sharing the cost 50-50 with landowners for dust abatement treatments of magnesium chloride or oil. The county would only match the cost of applying magnesium chloride, even if oiling costs more. Margaret indicated this option was probably not a good fit for the North Fork.

HALL RENTAL POLICY:

Margaret provided a summary of a proposal to help deal with community requests for frequent or short-term use of the hall. The current policy requires a \$75 fee for members and a \$150 fee for non-members, regardless of the length or frequency of the rental. Margaret's proposal suggested a two-hour rental for \$10, a four-hour rental for \$35, and anything over four hours would remain at \$75. After discussion, the following motion was made:

To replace the current rental policy for NFLA members with the following incremental fee approach:

1. \$10 per each use for a minimum of eight rentals up to two hours each.
2. \$25 for a one-time rental up to 2 hours.
3. \$50 for a one-time rental up to 4 hours.
4. \$75 for a one-time rental over 4 hours.

All agreements to rent are subject to revocation at any time with a proportionate

refund of any monies advanced. The current policy requiring a deposit in the amount of the rental fee remains intact. The rental fee for non-members would remain at \$150 per rental.

The motion was seconded and voted on with unanimous consent. It was agreed that the new rental policy should be posted on the Web site and included in the next newsletter. (Pat will provide to Richard).

BUDGET:

Pat provided a draft budget for fiscal 2009, which included actual results for September through February. Budgeted income and expenses were projected from either fixed amounts or projections based on the prior two years results. The 2009 budget projects a net loss of \$320, due to a portion of the porch replacement expense being paid this fiscal year. Without that expense, the budget would reflect year-end net operating income of \$11.32. The association continues to operate on a near break-even basis. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget. The budget was approved unanimously. It was agreed that a summary of the budget should be posted on the Web site (Pat will provide to Richard).

BYLAWS AMENDMENT:

Molly advised that a question with regard to the timing of the payment of dues and voting privileges was raised last year, which brought to light some inconsistencies in the bylaws with regard to dues. Article II, Section 1 of the bylaws states "In order for a member to be in good standing and eligible to vote, dues must have been paid in advance for the year in which such member desires to vote." Article V stated "Each member, in order to be in good standing and to be eligible to vote in the annual election in August, shall pay annual dues which shall be due on July 1. Active members who were eligible to vote in the previous year's election may pay dues as late as 8:00 p.m. on election night and still be eligible to vote that evening."

A motion was made as follows:

- 1) To delete the following sentence in Article II, Section 1 (Membership) of the bylaws: "In order for a member to be in good standing and eligible to vote, dues must have been paid in advance for the year in which such member desires to vote."
- 2) To change the first sentence in Article V (Dues) to the following: "Each member shall be in good standing and eligible to vote for one year after receipt of payment of dues."
- 3) To delete the second sentence in Article V (Dues).

The board agreed that a bylaws amendment including the above change should be submitted at the July business meeting as a housekeeping item.

BOB GRIMALDI REQUEST:

Molly advised that Bob Grimaldi submitted a letter at the end of the October business meeting that required some action on the part of the board. It was agreed that Molly should respond to Bob's letter in writing indicating that the board discussed Bob's comments and reaffirmed the importance of civility in communications, particularly as it pertains to board-related matters. It was further agreed that Molly let Bob know that his letter and attached e-mails would not be inserted in their entirety in the minutes or posted on the Web site. The minutes of the October meeting do refer to Bob's letter, however. Steve Berg will check the state's non-profit statutes to determine if removal of a board member for cause is already addressed in it.

SPRING NEWSLETTER:

Molly inquired if there were any special items that needed to be included in the spring newsletter, other than the report from the road committee, fire mitigation committee and the new hall rental policy.

Lynn Ogle advised that ALERT is working on getting GPS readings for potential landing sites in the North Fork. Designated Landing Zone sites should be located every five miles, with a minimum 60-foot round circle, but 120 feet preferred. Ideally, they will look for sites that are accessible year-round, and should be posting "LZ" signs in April/May. Lynn suggested mentioning this in the upcoming newsletter.

Lynn also advised that the Border Patrol will have county deputies riding with them at least 3 days per week to increase law enforcement in the North Fork, including traffic stops and responding to 911 calls.

Molly advised that there would be a Fire Mitigation Committee Workshop on Wednesday, July 8, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, followed by lunch, with the Summer Interlocal following at 1:00 p.m., rather than in the evening.

Other calendar items include the North Fork Preservation meeting and annual elections on Saturday, July 26, featuring a guest speaker, Christine Eisenberg, on Predators/Prey Relationships.

A date for the hall spring cleanup was set for Saturday, May 23.

NORTH FORK HISTORY PROJECT:

Molly mentioned that there's a new page, "About the NFLA," on the Web site. The page suggests the possibility of researching and writing the history of the NFLA. Pat has looked through the archives and found some relevant documents. Much of the information, including the list of presidents, is incomplete. Board members generally agreed that it could be valuable to pursue a NFLA history project. Member interest will be determined at the June business meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Molly advised the board that she was approached by Will Hammerquist, a North Fork landowner and Program Manager of the National Parks Conservation Association, about making a presentation to the board on two subjects: 1) Retirement of Oil & Gas Leases on Forest Service Land and 2) Potential Weed Project. The board agreed that Molly should respond to Will and advise that since the NFLA is a broad-based organization, perhaps the North Fork Preservation Association would be a better venue to address these specific topics, especially the oil and gas leases. It was mentioned that as a member of the NFLA, Will is welcome to join in the discussions on weed control at the regular business meetings.

WEEDS:

Molly discussed the need for someone to take the lead on noxious weeds. She asked Oliver to contact the county weed control person and Ed suggested also contacting Brian Manning at the DNRC for suggestions on what the NFLA can do to provide information to its members about noxious weeds. The idea of organizing a specific group weed eradication project this summer was also discussed.

JULY 4th MEETING:

Molly advised that the July business meeting falls on July 4th and wanted to know if we should consider changing the date of the meeting. The board agreed to keep the meeting date on July 4.

Meeting adjourned.