

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Fork Landowners' Association held Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at the Sondreson Memorial Community Hall

President Debo Powers called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

Officers and Directors present were Debo Powers, Karen McDonough, Bonny Ogle, Alan McNeil, Lee Secrest and Larry Kinsolving. Directors absent were Flannery Coats and Betsy Holycross. For part of the meeting, former president Molly Shepherd was also present. Larry Kinsolving was appointed Secretary for the Meeting to take and report the minutes.

The following jobs were agreed upon for the coming year:

- Hall Supplies & Spring Clean-up Day --- Karen McDonough
- Hall Scheduling --- Alan McNeil
- Liaison to the Social Committee --- Larry Kinsolving
- Hall Rentals --- Bonnie Ogle
- Hall Maintenance --- Lee Secrest
- Spring Newsletter --- Flannery Coats
- Take minutes of board and business meetings --- Betsy Holycross

The Board discussed its current insurance package including directors' and officers' liability coverage. Guest Molly Shepherd gave the board some historical perspective and the application of Montana statutes to the insurance issues.

Upon motion made by Larry Kinsolving and seconded by Alan McNeil, the board unanimously requested Bonny Ogle to review our insurance package with the carrier and report back regarding directors' and officers' insurance as well as any other coverage that may be recommended for an organization such as ours.

Bonnie Ogle reported that the organization gained a few members in 2012 and has about 190 members at the current time. The board decided that it would be a good idea if there were a sign-in sheet used at every meeting so that a determination can be easily made as to whether a quorum is present. Bonnie agreed to do this.

Lee Secrest reported on the progress of the new outhouse. The necessary permits have been obtained and the new vault should be able to be installed by sometime in September. The board decided that if at all possible the old outhouse building would be moved over the new site to save money.

In response to an inquiry from the membership, the board members toured the trees surrounding the hall and concluded that none presently poses a danger of falling on any of the structures. However, the board concluded that the health and stability of the trees should be reviewed regularly.

After a thorough review of issues and the applicable rules from the zoning code, and upon motion made by Alan McNeil and seconded by Karen McDonough, the board

unanimously settled upon a four-point sign plan for the hall. First, there will be no signage placed along the North Fork Road. Second, the current historic "Sondreson Memorial Hall" sign will be maintained as is on the right side of the hall entrance. Third, a new wooden sign made from a 2 x 10 about 9 feet long will be mounted on the bottom beam of the roof triangle consisting of large routed letters saying simply "Community Hall". Fourth, the board will investigate the purchase of a sturdy, perhaps metal, display case that can be placed on the left side of the hall entrance and which will be capable of enclosing flyers and notices to protect them from the weather.

Larry Kinsolving volunteered to search the web for such a display case with glass doors. Lee Secrest will consider the practicality of building a wooden frame around the display case.

The board decided that presenting an operating budget and a separate improvement budget would be the clearest way to represent the association's income and disbursements for fiscal year 2013. Bonnie and Debo will work on the final budget and send it to board members for approval.

In response to an inquiry from the membership, the board noted that the sound system is at the hall, but there is an issue of security, including protection from the rodent population that inhabits the hall from time to time. Unfortunately the new sound system does not quite fit in the available cabinet. Lee Secrest will look into retrofitting the cabinet in such a way as to allow the cabinet to be locked in order to enable the sound system to be available at all times in the hall when needed for events.

Due to the associated regulations of the governing group, the board unanimously decided not to pursue making application for the hall to become a building of historical significance in Montana.

After extensive investigation and discussion, the board unanimously decided to move forward with purchasing a second chair rack. The rack chosen will not only accommodate the chairs that will not fit in the current rack, but will also have room to stack and store the folding tables.

Correspondence from Joe Novak addressing the background of his confrontation with the Park representative at the last Inter-Local Meeting and a fuller discussion of the dark skies issue was made available to and noted by the board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Larry Kinsolving
Secretary for the Meeting