

NFLA BOARD MEETING – August 15th at 10:00 AM Community Hall

Minutes

Present: Karen McDonough, Donna Harrison, Bonny Ogle, Larry Kinsolving, Allen Chrisman, Alan McNeil, Debo Powers.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Karen McDonough at 10:05. She welcomed new board members: Donna Harrison, VP & Allen Chrisman, North Director.

2. Insurance

Bonny introduced Bobby Pfennigs from Hub International Insurance Agency. He spoke to the board about the need for Directors and Officers Insurance. Bobby said that the cost would be in the ballpark of \$1000 for liability insurance to cover officers & directors including extra defense in case of law suit. They will give us an estimate soon.

We also discussed ways to cover our liability for outdoor, off-site activities, including the use of release forms, removing NFLA sponsorship by placing these activities in a separate calendar, and not list a host for each activity.

We discussed the need to increase membership dues to cover insurance needs. Although the bylaws state that the board can make this decision, it was agreed that this is an issue that we want to take to the membership. We agreed to talk to our neighbors about the issue. The board will present a resolution to increase the dues at the September Business meeting and explain the issues. However, there will not be a membership vote until the June Business meeting when more landowners are present and have had time to think about the issue. If passed, the new dues will start on September 1, 2014.

3. 501(c)(3) vs. 501(c)(4) status

Molly Shepherd spoke to the board about the differences between 501(c)(3) & 501(c)(4) tax exempt status. Much discussion followed.

Motion: *After much discussion and research, the board agrees that our organization falls under the provisions for a 501(c)(4) rather than a 501(c)(3).*

Debo made the motion which was seconded by Bonny. The motion was approved unanimously. It was further noted that our organization has been a 501(c)(4) since we first incorporated.

4. Jobs for next year

Karen outlined the board jobs and asked each board member to take one. The job assignments for this year will be:

Hall supplies & Spring Clean-up Day—Donna Harrison
Hall Scheduling & Liaison to the Social Committee—Larry Kinsolving
Hall Rentals—Alan McNeil
Hall Maintenance—Allen Chrisman

Karen pointed out that two logs have rotted away on the back porch of the hall.

Spring Newsletter—Flannery Coates
Take Minutes for board & business meetings—Debo Powers
Keep records of board & business meetings & correspondence—Bonny

Hosts for NFLA business meetings: June-Debo; July-Alan; August-Larry; September-Bonny; October-Allen

5. Floor committee

Alan will contact possible contractors to get bids on re-finishing the Hall floor. If we can't find anyone who can do it this September, we will wait until next spring (May/June) or fall (September/October) when temperatures are warm enough but the Hall isn't scheduled for lots of activities. Alan will report back to the board about dates, plans, and prices. We discussed the need to move everything out of the Hall and a place to store it during the project.

We are interested in having a high quality vinyl floor in the kitchen for easier cleaning and tile under the wood stove to provide more safety. Karen, Debo, and Donna will decide on colors and materials.

6. Hall Sign

Bonny will ask Lynn to make the sign for the Community Hall. Lee had said that he would donate the board for the sign.

We discussed the fact that there is no identification for Ruth & Lloyd Sondreson's pictures that are hanging in the Hall. Alan volunteered to make the sign on his computer.

7. Computer/Printer/Program

We discussed the need to have a designated NFLA computer (with a financial management program) and printer for the NFLA Treasurer to use. Bill Walker has volunteered to investigate and recommend the best deal to the board. Alan, Allen, and Patti will consult with him on what is needed.

Once we decide what we need and the cost, we will take it to the membership for a vote because the money to purchase it will need to come out of savings since there is no room for it in our annual budget.

8. Budget

This year's budget committee will be Karen, Bonny, and Debo. They will meet to look at the budget and actual expenditures this year and will recommend to the board a budget for the new year based on this information.

9. **Fall Enrollment Letter.**

There is some interest in sending out a letter or postcard this fall reminding people to pay their dues to North Fork Patrol and NFLA. This issue was postponed until the next board meeting.

10. **Time & Dates for board meetings**

Karen said that she would like to have regular monthly board meetings at a designated time. We agreed on the 2nd week after the regular business meeting. Our next board meetings will be on Wednesday, Sept. 18 and October 16. Karen will let us know what time.

11. **Additional Agenda Items.**

- Oil in generator needs to be changed—Allen will talk to Tom Edwards who has done this in the past.
- Karen said that we needed to postpone the name change discussion because there were too many other things that we have to deal with presently.
- Karen asked Allen to represent NFLA at the Winter Interlocal and he agreed.
- Fuels mitigation on land adjoining the Hall—Allen will contact the adjoining landowners to see if they would be interested in a fuels reduction grant to help protect the Hall from wildfire.

Minutes submitted by Debo Powers.