

NFLA Business Meeting
Sondreson Hall / August 2, 2008

Minutes submitted by Secretary-Treasurer Pat Cole:

Molly Shepherd took roll call of board members. All were present.

Molly read the July meeting minutes and they were approved.

Pat Cole gave the financial report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use Planning: Jon Cole brought a copy of the finalized neighborhood plan for viewing. He advised that he will not be running again, but will stay on as chairman until next month when a new chairman can be elected at a land use advisory committee meeting to take place at 7:00 p.m., prior to the September 4th business meeting.

North Fork Patrol & Law Enforcement: Lee Downes advised that there was a fire at Cyclone this week. Larry Wilson advised that there were complaints about border patrol vehicles speeding. Larry said to note the time and date and advise him, Lynn or Lee. Lynn Ogle advised there were no new fires on the North Fork, but we were getting into fire season. No open burning is allowed except for campfires in a ring.

Fire Mitigation: Molly advised that the plaques for Bill Swope, Mike Justus and Mason Richwine will be awarded at the October 4th business meeting. Molly also advised that there are multiple appeals on the Red Whale Project, and it is on indefinite hold. The DNRC offered to conduct a tour of the Mud Lake and Moose sections and wanted to know if there was any interest. Gerry Stearns, Annemarie Harrod and Larry Wilson expressed interest. Molly advised we will need to set a date and post it on the website.

Website: Richard Wackrow advised that members let him know about any problems or suggestions regarding the website.

ReVision Committee: Molly advised that there was some confusion at the last meeting as to why the committee suggested striking Article VIII of the bylaws. She explained that is was a housekeeping matter and that unless deleted, this article would need to be changed each time a new bylaw amendment was added. It is a snapshot of the bylaws as they existed in 2001.

CONTINUING AND OLD BUSINESS:

Porch Project: Frank Vitale advised that the porch project was a success with volunteers working two weekends to complete it. Thanks were also given to Tom Edwards for his \$1,000 donation, Rob Alm for donating the gravel and Lee Secrest for milling and donating the wood.

Winter Interlocal: Molly advised that the DNRC had agreed to host the next interlocal on February 10. Brian Manning is trying to reserve space at the Fish, Wildlife & Parks building on Meridian in Kalispell for the meeting.

Don Sullivan Request: Molly advised that Don Sullivan requested that he be added to the agenda to discuss the purpose, use and control of the hall. Molly read Article I of the bylaws as they pertain to the use of the hall. Molly also advised of the rental policy established years ago to charge rent for non-NFLA-sponsored events. Molly handed out a summary of hall income and expenses and discussed the reasons for the board's decision to charge a rental fee for any non-NFLA sponsored event.

Don Sullivan advised that the board rules and restrictions are limiting the value of the building. Don advised that religious services were held here a long time ago. Don read a letter that he sent to the board, advising that he did not want to rent the hall, but open it to the community for worship services. Larry Wilson made a motion that the NFLA sponsor an ecumenical services event on Sunday's. The motion was seconded and voted on. The motion was defeated 30 to 14.

Don Sullivan made a motion to have the board appoint a committee comprised of a mix of the members for a one year study of Sondreson Hall and its appropriate use and control along with a study of traditional practice and current changes to the bylaws, and report back to the NFLA next year. The motion was seconded and voted on. The motion was defeated with 5 in favor.

Bylaw Amendments: Molly read the proposed bylaw changes. A motion was made and seconded that the proposed bylaw Article VI (Process for Divisive Issues) be voted on. After discussion, the proposed bylaw was defeated 27-23, without the 2/3 majority necessary for passage of a bylaw amendment.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on Article VII (Contributions). After discussion, the proposed bylaw was approved 46-2.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on striking Article VIII (Complete and Current Bylaws). After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt a bylaw submitted by Bob Grimaldi prohibiting officers in the North Fork Road Coalition for Health & Safety ("NFRCHS"), the North Fork Preservation Association or North Fork Compact from running for or holding office in the NFLA, and vice versa. After discussion, the motion was defeated 38-13.

NEW BUSINESS:

Molly advised of the need for a bookshelf to hold the increasing number of brochures and books on the back tables. She requested that the board pursue the expense of purchasing a bookshelf. Larry added that a map case was also needed.

Molly read a letter that the board received from Bob Grimaldi requesting that the NFLA partner with the NFRCHS in its efforts to influence and require Flathead County to become proactive in seeking solutions to the dust problems. Molly summarized the reasons for the board's recommended response that the NFLA decline to partner with the

NFRCHS. A motion was made and seconded that the NFLA members discuss the issue tonight and vote on the board's response to the letter. After discussion, the motion was voted on and approved 28-19. After further discussion a motion was made that the membership reject the offer to partner with the NFRCHS per the board's recommendation. The motion was seconded and voted on and approved 37-10. Bob Grimaldi requested a written response from the board to his letter.

Bob Grimaldi submitted a resolution stating, in summary, that the NFLA 1) supports the NFRCHS in its efforts to require the county to seek all possible measures, consistent with environmentally sound practices, to initiate dust abatement procedures on the North Fork Road, 2) recognizes the importance of dust control as it relates to health and safety and 3) will endeavor to ensure its members are informed of issues affecting the road and actions taken to effect improvements. A motion to adopt the resolution was made and seconded. The motion was voted on and failed to pass with a vote of 32 opposed and 22 in favor.

ELECTIONS:

Larry Wilson and John Frederick conducted the election proceedings. Molly Shepherd was nominated for president and after three calls for other nominations; a motion to elect Molly by acclamation was made. The motion was seconded and passed.

Oliver Meister was nominated for vice president. With no further nominations made, a motion to elect by acclamation was made. The motion was seconded and passed.

Steve Berg was nominated for north director. With no further nominations made, a motion to elect by acclamation was made. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jan Caldwell was nominated for south director. With no further nominations made, a motion to elect by acclamation was made. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.