

NFLA June 2012 Business Meeting Minutes

Written and submitted by Flannery Coates

1. Meeting was called to order at 8pm at Sonderson Hall , 17 people in attendance
2. **Roll Call of officers:**
 - a. Present: Debo, Karen, Tom, Flannery
 - b. Absent: Betsy, Lee, Alan, Bonny
3. **Approval of October 2011 meeting minutes- APPROVED** with a motion from Dennis Groebe and a second by John Fredrick
4. **May 2012 Treasurer's Report (Karen)**
 - a. May 2012 Total Income: \$1,895.00
 - b. May 2012 Total Expense: \$729.00
 - c. Net Operating Income: +\$1,166.00
 - d. May 2012 Total Cash Assets: \$13,562.29
5. **Board Report (Debo)**
 - a. Debo reported that the NFLA Board is doing a great job carrying out it's appointed duties:
 - i. Karen organizing Hall Supplies & Clean up, Lee organizing Hall Maintenance, Alan as liaison to the Social Committee, Tom organizing hall rentals, Betsey taking minutes, Bonny keeping the books and Flannery doing the newsletter
 - b. Debo referred to the NFLA website <http://nflandowners.org> as a great resource for North Fork Landowners and encouraged attendees to use it.
 - c. Debo reported that recruitment of new NFLA members will be a major focus of the Board in 2012,
 - d. Community building is the number one 2012 NFLA Board Goal
6. **Winter Interlocal Report (Tom)**
 - a. Tom reported that the meeting was held in West Glacier, hosted by NPS, with good resident turnout.
 - b. Updates were given by government agencies regarding wolves and bears among other things
 - c. Tom reported that there was good dialogue this year but that there needs to be more attendance and participation by NF landowners
 - d. The 2012 Summer Interlocal is scheduled for Wednesday July 11th, at the Hall and begins at 1pm, bring a side dish for lunch at 12:00.
 - e. Tom and Alan attended a County Commissioner Board Member Training Seminar and Tom reported that it may be useful to NFLA Board in the future.
7. **NFLA Committee Reports**
 - a. Fire Mitigation (Molly)
 - i. Molly reported that the committee obtained its 3rd fuels reduction grant since 2003, with approximately 100

landowners having participated thus far. She encouraged people to get their grants in as soon as possible.

- ii. A big “Thank You” from attendees was given to Molly and the committee for their hard work and time they’ve devoted to this effort
- iii. Molly reported that Larry Wilson and herself attended a FireSafe meeting in Polson this winter and it was very useful
- iv. Multiple timber sales will continue through 2012 along with the burning of slash piles in numerous areas in the North Fork
- v. Fire Mitigation Committee plans to host “**Stewardship, Forest Health and Fuels Reduction**” preceding the Summer Interlocal on July 11
 - 1. Guest speakers may include past fire survivors, Fire Safe, the DNRC, with a possible tour of Alan Crismon’s clean property

b. Weeds (John)

- i. July 24th is the 3rd Annual Robin Cox Weed Roundup, burgers and goodies will be provided
- ii. Weed ID session will be the same day as the roundup, bring your weeds you want identified in a plastic bag

c. History Committee (Tom)

- i. Tom encouraged attendees to visit nflandowners.org and listen to interviews, feedback is encouraged
- ii. A “Thanks” to Gary Haverson for helping digitize old square dance records this winter
- iii. Carol Groebe suggested sharing interviews at the Hall
- iv. Tom asked attendees to consider any other potential interview candidates
- v. Bill Walker made a brief announcement that his wife will be moving north soon and is a professional historian who may be of use to the committee

d. Social Committee (Carol)

- i. Cancellations: First June Frisbee and Cribbage and October Bingo
- ii. Details of fly fishing with Irv depends on attendance

e. Trails (John)

- i. Not much to report besides snow. Cyclone trail is clear of snow.

8. Other Entities

- a. North Fork Patrol (No report)
- b. Fire chief (No report)

9. Old and continuing business

- a. Website (Debo) asks all to have a look at it, especially the history committee interviews
- b. Signage (Molly) reported two options:
 - i. NF zoning regs require events advertised to be held onsite

- ii. County zoning regs for public institutions
 - 1. A few more restrictions apply regarding display but this option seemed more easily defensible
- iii. A thanks was extended by BJ Grieve, Planning Director stating "I applaud and appreciate the NFLA's desire to first determine compliance with local zoning".

10. New Business

- a. Jan Caldwell suggested a "thank you" be sent to Dave Prunty, Superintendent of Road, Public Works, from the NFLA Board for excellent road maintenance in 2012, south of Polebridge
- b. Debo reminded attendees to RSVP if planning to attend retirement dinner for Jimmy DeHerrera
- c. Karen reminded everyone to join in on game night, Saturday, June 9th
- d. Bonny sent down Dust Control Road Treatment information on table in back
- e. Molly brought insect and pest information on table in back
- f. Karen reminds folks to renew their NFLA membership
- g. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm by Debo