

## **NFLA August 4, 2012 Business Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order at 8:05pm; there were 32 members in attendance.
2. Roll Call of officers: Debo Powers, Betsy Holycross, Karen McDonough, Tom Edwards, Lee Secrest, Flannery Coates, Alan McNeill, Bonny Ogle
3. Members and new attendees were welcomed; Flathead Forest Supervisor Chip Weber was introduced
4. July meeting minutes were read and approved as read.
5. Treasurer's report (Bonny)

Total Income \$ 403.53

Total Expenditures \$ 193.30

July Net Operating Income: + \$ 210.23

TOTAL CASH ASSETS: \$ 13,620.72

6. Board report. Debo reported that the BOD did not meet in July but would meet in August
7. NFLA Committee Reports
  - a. Fire mitigation. Molly reported that the Annual Firewise Day was well attended and thanked members for their participation. Also reported that money is still available for eligible projects and that application forms are available on the website or in the newsletter. Members are also invited to talk to Molly, Larry or Lynn about applying.
  - b. Weeds. John Frederick reported on the NFLA Third Annual Robin Cox Memorial Weed Roundup which took place at Sondreson Hall on July 24 and had 26 attendees and Tris Hoffman, U.S. Forest Service Weed Coordinator. Other guests

- included Steve Robinson, Flathead County Education Compliance officer who explained the new Montana Weed Law and expert Dawn LaFleur of Glacier national Park who led a weed identification session. The weed committee will again submit a proposal for RAC monies in collaboration with the USFS. John also reported that he has backpack weed sprayers available at his place for members to use.
- c. Social Committee. Gerri reported that some of July events were poorly attended and asked if there was perhaps too much on the calendar. Nobody seemed to think so. Gerri detailed the numerous August events and Debo thanked the social committee for all their hard work.
  - d. Trails Report was given by Debo who reported that the trails in the Whitefish Range were beautiful, bug free and had far fewer people than trails on the Park side. Hike reports are posted on NFN and folks are invited to check there for the latest trails news.
  - e. Hall maintenance. Lee reported that the outhouse permit had been approved though the actual paperwork had not been received. Construction will not begin until the paperwork is in hand.
8. Other entities (quasi governmental)
- a. North Fork Patrol. Mark reported that we won't see the patrol vehicles around as much since folks are up here at their cabins. He reminded everybody that the patrol is not law enforcement so if there is a problem, let them know and they will notify law enforcement. Larry is looking for the owners of a vehicle with "ahjeez" license plate.

- b. Fire chief. Lynn reported that there “are no fires tonight” and reminded people to be careful and not to have bonfires or brushfires. John F. said that the Polebridge fire truck is back in working order.

#### INTERMISSION—FILM “THE LOOKOUT” WAS PLAYED

Then Chip Weber from the USFS spoke briefly about the ongoing search for a new ranger to replace DeHerrera, saying it could be 6 weeks before a decision is made. He also reported that planned pre-commercial thinning is being halted by litigation. He voiced appreciation for the firewise work the community is doing and for the weed work. He explained that the Forest was in the process of revising its Forest Plan and suggested we might want to invite Rob Carlin (one of his planners) up to speak about the process. There was a discussion between Chip and various members about the possible relocation of one of the SSTs from Ford or the border to Sondreson Meadow. Some members expressed support for a plan to get some kind of privy there; others expressed concern that that would lead to even heavier usage.

#### 9. Old and Continuing Business

- a. Website. Patti recommended folks go to the website to learn more about Firewise Day if they missed it
- b. Mile Markers. Alan reported that they’ve gotten the stencils and reflective coating for the markers

#### 10. New Business

- a. Proposed Bylaw Revisions. Two proposed by laws were presented and voted on.
  - i. **Proposal #1: Article IV—Officers/Elections**

Everything in the section describing the Secretary-Treasurer will remain the same except:

--All references to the "Secretary-Treasurer" will be changed to "Treasurer"

--Delete from the Treasurer's duties: "take and keep the minutes of association meetings" and "write letters, as directed by the president or the board of directors."

Following brief discussion, the question called and the bylaw revision was passed unanimously.

**ii. Proposal #2: Article V—Dues**

Delete: "Each member shall be in good standing and eligible to vote for one year after receipt of payment of dues."

Replace with: "Each member shall be in good standing and eligible to vote if s/he has paid his/her dues for the fiscal year (September 1-August 31)."

There was no discussion. The question was called and voted on. The bylaw revision passed unanimously.

11. August Elections. Elections were held. Debo Powers was nominated for President. A motion was made and seconded to elect Debo by acclamation which she was. Karen McDonough was nominated for Vice President and was elected by acclamation. For South Director, both incumbent Alan McNeill and Richard Hildner were nominated. Ballots were cast and counted. Alan McNeill was reelected. For North Director, only Larry Kinsolving was nominated. The motion to elect him for North Director was made and seconded and Larry was elected.
12. Following the elections, newly reminted President Debo Powers reappointed Bonny Ogle as Treasurer.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45