

NFLA October 2012 Business Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order at 8:02 pm; there were 29 members in attendance including the Board of Directors. Two guests also in attendance
2. Roll Call of officers: Debo Powers, Betsy Holycross, Karen McDonough, Lee Secrest, Flannery Coates, Alan McNeill, Bonny Ogle. Larry Kinsolving not present
3. September meeting minutes were read, corrected and approved as read.
4. Presentation by J.D. Davis of Nature Conservancy. Described organization, mission, and partnerships with ranchers, agencies and other NGOs. Focused on agreement between British Columbia and Montana to retire mining rights in the NF watershed.

5. Treasurer's report (Bonny)

Total Income \$ 430.00

Total Expenditures \$ 372.74

September Net Operating Income: + \$ 57.26

TOTAL CASH ASSETS: \$ 12,337.00

6. Board report. Debo reported that the BOD agreed to order a bulletin board that will be on the Hall porch and that there would be a "community hall" sign on the crosspiece above the porch. Also reported that the BOD continues to research the insurance issue and agreed on a 2013 budget. Reported that donations were down and that an "improvement budget" had been set aside. BOD also considering ways to fundraise such as an auction, and a cookbook.

7. NFLA Committee Reports

- a. Fire mitigation. Molly reported that next year is the 10th anniversary of the Wedge Fire and the 25th anniversary of the Red Bench fire and she is looking at ways to showcase a “retrospective” for Firewise Day in 2013. Also reported that money is still available for eligible projects and that application forms are available on the website or in the newsletter.
 - b. Weeds. John Frederick reported that the weed committee had been awarded \$2500 in RAC funds for spraying. Val reported on the Polebridge weed pull and reported that she had found the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund through which it was possible for communities to apply for up to \$75K in matching funds either to get chemicals or apply for reimbursement for commercial applicator. She described the application process, reported that the Flathead County Conservation District would administer the process and said that she would write something up about it to be posted on NFLA, NFN and NFPA web sites. She also announced that there is a program through the conservation district which gives money to elderly and disabled in the county to help them deal with their weeds.
 - c. Social Committee. Debo reported that the social committee will be putting together the calendar for next year and there will be fewer events on the calendar.
 - d. Trails Report was given by Debo who reported that there was still time to hike before the snow is too deep in the mountains.
8. Hall maintenance. Lee reported that we are waiting for delivery of the tank for the outhouse and that the project will be finished by winter.

9. Other entities (quasi governmental)
 - a. North Fork Patrol. Margaret reported that rifle season starts October 20. Gave a heads up that there was some suspicious activity up by the border. Bonny reported that the new Border Patrol Commander, Kip Stratton, was very responsive and had gotten involved with an incident concerning a suspicious individual who had been reported on both sides of the border.
 - b. Fire chief. Bonny reported that there was no open burning through October though campfires were OK.

10. Old and Continuing Business
 - a. Website. Patti let folks know that there were new history interviews on the website
11. Mile Markers. Alan reported that getting the markers up was a winter activity.
12. Food Drive. Food was collected at the back of the Hall. Bonny collected cash and checks. Gary Halverson was going to drive the collected foods and money to town.
13. Other Business
 - a. Patti reminded everybody about the New Year's Eve party
 - b. Bonny reported that Karen McDonough and Pat Cole had completed an audit.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Betsy Holycross