

NFLA June 1, 2013 Business Meeting Minutes

1. Called to Order at 8:02 pm. 22 people were in attendance.
2. **Roll Call of officers:**
 - a. Present: Debo, Karen, Flannery, Lee, Bonny
 - b. Absent: Larry, Alan and Betsy
3. **October meeting minutes were read, corrected and approved.**
4. **May 2013 Treasurer's Report (Bonny)**
 - a. Total Income: \$ 1,328
 - b. Total Expense: \$ 714.06
 - c. Total Cash Assets: \$ 10,726.47
5. **Board Report (Debo)**
 - a. Debo presented the 2013 BOD officer roles: Hall Supplies & Clean up- Karen McDonough, Hall Scheduling- Alan McNeil, Liason to Social Committee- Larry Kinsolving, Hall Rentals- Bonny Ogle, Hall Maintenance- Lee Secrest, Spring Newsletter- Flannery Coats, Take Minutes- Betsy Holycross. Debo announced that the new, corrected version NF Patrol sign-up forms are available at the Hall and on the NFLA website. In the August BOD elections Debo will assume the role of past president. Karen will run for president. Flannery and Lee are up for re-election. Flannery will run for re-election, Lee will not. Alan and Larry have one more year to serve the NFLA. Alan Crisman has expressed interest in running for Lee's position as North Director.
6. **NFLA Committee Reports**
 - a. Fire Mitigation Committee. Lynn reported that members of the committee toured the North Fork to observe Firewise work thus far. The Annual Firewise workshop will be held at 9:30 am before the Summer Interlocal.
 - b. Hall Maintenance Committee. Lee reported that the outhouse project has been completed with many thanks to all who helped, some folks volunteering many hours and materials. The Hall Clean-up focused on landscaping, final touches on the outhouse project and cleaning up the generator shed. 23 people attended. See article on NFLA website for report and photos.
 - c. Weeds Committee. Val reported that a lot of work has been done over the winter. Changes in school of thought regarding non-indigenous plant species (NIPS) management were shared with the membership. Val reminded the membership of the 4th Annual Robin Cox Memorial Weed Roundup where we will learn how to identify weeds with 3 specialists on site. Bring questionable plants to be identified. Members can call Tris Hoffman at **758-3510** with any questions regarding weeds. Val also gave us tips on how to limit spread of weeds at trailheads. Rocks, topsoil, dogs, cars, socks are all carriers of seeds and weeds. Report weeds frequently. Don't let weeds go to seed, just pop off heads. Flag weeds as flowers appear and map property each year including water sources, density, property

boundary, etc. to predict spread. Weeds committee is investigating ways to raise funds for weed management in our community by becoming a Cooperative Weeds Management Area. MT Weed Trust Fund is one of many funding ideas.

- i. RAC funds may “dry up” this year depending on sequestration effects.
 - ii. John has weed sprayers to lend for spraying
- d. History Committee. Debo reported that 4 new interviews have been added to NFLA website with new interviews in the works. CD Copies of interviews will be available to check out from the Hall.
- e. Social Committee. Debo reported that a 2013 social calendar will be available at the Hall in the new bulletin board, on the NFLA website and in your newsletters. June events were read.
- f. Trails. Debo announced that a link on the NF News website was created to inform landowners about and encourage landowners to access our trails. Books on flora and fauna of the west are available to be checked out from Hall.

7. Other Entities

- a. North Fork Patrol. Lynn reported no new break-ins. Lots of patrolling during hunting season. Landowners reported that border patrol has been helpful with patrolling. Bill and Lois Walker have joined NFP committee. Larry Wilson presented neighborhood conflict resolution advice: if you have a problem with your neighbor, talk to them about it.
- b. Fire chief. Lynn reported fire season is approaching. Landowners must have a burning permit to burn in June. Available online or through DNRC. Permits can be renewed in the fall. On a side note: tent moths were reported south of Novak’s property. Bag them and dispose at landfill, they will eat all leaves of trees.

8. Old and continuing business

- a. Debo reminded landowners to visit the nflandowners.com website to stay informed and connected.

9. New Business

- a. Auction in July-need committee. We agreed that it be changed to Friday, August 2nd due to scheduling conflict.
- b. Floor Project. It is the BOD’s goal to complete floor project in September if funds are raised by the August meeting. \$5000 will be need for project. Fundraising is necessary. Money from auction will go towards project. Project will be hired out.
- c. Debo reported that the Hall grill is broken. Lynn volunteered to conduct maintenance on grill before considering buying new.
- d. Dave Hadden with Headwaters Montana announced that Steve Daines will present reciprocal legislation to protect the North Fork Valley.
 - i. Saturday, July 13th is Banquet on the Border. The event is intended to help develop media coverage and remind locals of importance of watershed protection.

- e. Karen announced game night June 8th- Come play!
- 10. Adjourned at 9:01.**