

September 7, 2013 NFLA Business Meeting

1. Call to Order

President Karen McDonough called the meeting to order at 8:05. There were 25 people present including the Board.

2. Roll Call of Officers

Karen McDonough, Bonny Ogle, Larry Kinsolving, Alan McNeill, Allen Chrisman, and Debo Powers were present. Donna Harrison and Flannery Coates were not present.

3. August Minutes

Debo read the minutes for the August Business Meeting and they were approved with one correction.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bonny gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of August. At this point, we have 195 NFLA members. We raised \$5108 from the Auction.

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| Income | \$5628 |
| Expenses | \$1158.96 |
| Cash Assets | \$15,922.20 |

5. Board Report

Karen reported on the following items of business from the board's August meeting.

- Board Responsibilities for this year:

Community Hall Supplies & Clean-up Day—Donna Harrison

Community Hall Rentals—Alan McNeill

Community Hall Maintenance—Allen Chrisman

Social Calendar—Larry Kinsolving

Spring Newsletter—Flannery Coates

Minutes for Board and Business meetings—Debo Powers

Records & Correspondence—Bonny Ogle

- Business Meeting Hosts:

June-Debo; July-Alan; August-Larry; September-Bonny; October-Allen

- Board Committees:

Floor Project—Alan (Getting bids for project)

Hall Sign—Allen (Making sign for Sondreson & Terrian pictures)

Computer—Bonny & Bill Walker (Obtaining a computer for NFLA Treasurer)

Budget—Karen, Bonny, Debo (Preparing annual budget)

- 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) Status

Karen reported the board has researched and determined that the NFLA has always been a 501(c)(4) since its incorporation and that this is the best description of an organization like ours.

- Dates were set for upcoming Board meeting

September 18 & October 16 at 4:30 at the Hall

6. Committee Reports

- Fire Mitigation

Allen Chrisman reported that all the money from the current fuels reduction grant has been obligated. However, we have been promised another grant for next year. Allen reported that he is trying to contact the landowners adjacent to the Hall to see if we can get a fuels reduction project to protect the Hall. NFLA volunteer work could make up 25% of the cost of the project (75% would be funded by the grant) so that it would cost the landowners nothing.

- Hall Maintenance

Allen Chrisman reported that the next project is to get the back porch re-built since much of the wood is rotten. He also thanked Tom Edwards for agreeing to continue doing the generator maintenance.

- History

Tom Edwards reported that Esther Chrisman was interviewed during the past month.

- Social

Larry Kinsolving reported that there are two changes on the social calendar for September: The book club will meet on September 10 instead of September 17. Astronomy Night will start at 7:30 rather than 8:30. Larry also reported that the Social Committee will be meeting soon to organize the calendar for next year.

- Trails

Debo reported that this is a perfect time of year to be hiking the North Fork trails and she encourages folks to get out and hike. She also announced that Bill Walker and John Frederick have been opening an old pack trail that leads up to Coal Ridge.

- Weeds

John Frederick reported that Dennis Groebe is organizing a Polebridge cooperative effort to control noxious weeds in the Polebridge neighborhood.

7. Other Reports

- Fire Chief

Lynn reported that there are no fires in the North Fork and due to rain there probably will not be any more this season. However, he pointed out that the fire season is not officially over until the end of September.

- North Fork Patrol

There was no report.

8. Old and Continuing Business

- Floor Project

Alan McNeill reported that he has received two quotes for re-finishing the floor: \$4008 and \$4191. However, this does not include the vinyl for the kitchen and the tile for the

entrance and under the wood stove which would cost an additional \$2500. This would bring us over the amount that we raised for this project, so the board will be considering options.

- Website

The website has been upgraded. Many people expressed appreciation for its new look and all the pictures. Tom asked for a show of hands from those who have looked at the website and it was about two-thirds of those present.

- Insurance

Bonny reported that the board has been looking into making sure that we had coverage for all of our activities including those that are off-site. In order to have coverage, our insurance will increase from \$383 to \$770. Bonny pointed out that this is what we were paying a few years ago for event coverage.

--Dennis Grobe made a motion to approve this insurance coverage.

--John Frederick seconded the motion.

--The motion passed unanimously.

- Computer

Bonny reported that the board has approved obtaining a computer and printer for NFLA business that will be used by the current Treasurer and will be passed on to future treasurers. In the meantime, Patti Hart has donated a laptop for this purpose. Bill Walker is refurbishing it. The cost is estimated at \$200. John Frederick donated a printer.

--Lynn Ogle made a motion to authorize the board to spend up to \$1000 to get a NFLA-designated computer and printer to be used by the Treasurer in order to conduct the business required. It was noted that in trying to keep costs down, it would only be necessary to purchase new equipment if something were to go wrong with the donated items. It was also noted that this expenditure will come out of NFLA savings rather than the annual operating budget.

--Gary McDonough seconded the motion.

--The motion passed unanimously.

9. Other Business

- Ray Brown would like the NFLA calendar to reflect that veterans will be reading the Declaration of Independence at 11:30 preceding the 4th of July Parade. Everyone agreed to this idea. Debo further suggested that Ray write a short announcement for the Spring Newsletter concerning this.
- Larry Wilson announced that he would be selling raffle tickets for North Valley Search & Rescue following the meeting.
- Don Sullivan reported on Canada's plan to do extensive logging north of the border west of the North Fork of the Flathead River. The primary concern is

water quality and that the company control streambed runoff to protect the river.

- Annemaria Harrod announced that the Forest Service field trip to the North Fork is scheduled for September 26.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Minutes submitted by Debo Powers