

## October 5, 2013 NFLA Business Meeting (Draft)

### 1. Call to Order

President Karen McDonough called the meeting to order at 8:06. There were 28 people present including six board members.

### 2. Roll Call of Officers

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

### 3. September Minutes

Debo read the minutes for the September Business Meeting and they were approved.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Bonny gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of September.

Income	\$975
Expenses	\$1519.40
Cash Assets	\$15,377.80

### 5. Board Report

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

- Name Change

Karen reported that the board is working on a position paper regarding the name change and the board's recommendations will be presented at the June business meeting.

- Balanced Budget

Karen reported that the board had worked hard to reduce expenses and create a balanced budget. She noted the increase cost of liability insurance, but added that the board would forego getting Directors & Officers Insurance. To decrease expenses, she said that we will not be spending any money for food at NFLA events with the exception of Thanksgiving. She added that we will be asking for donations at Thanksgiving to defray the cost of the meat. The board will be mailing a fall enrollment letter to all North Fork landowners and will only be mailing the spring newsletter to members who have paid their dues by March 1. In order to balance the budget, the board will be hoping to raise \$1500 in fundraisers. Karen had copies of the budget for anyone who was interested.

### 6. Committee Reports

- Fire Mitigation

Molly Shepherd reported that our 4<sup>th</sup> fuels reduction grant is now in place and landowners can apply by using the application on the NFLA website. Landowners who might be interested should call Bill Swope at 406/250-9812 to request his consultation on a proposed project. The focus of grants will be to improve egress and ingress for fire trucks to private property. There has been no response from the neighbors adjoining the Hall concerning a fuels reduction project, although we will be submitting a grant to reduce fuels on the NFLA property.

- Hall Maintenance

Allen Chrisman reported that the new back porch has been constructed. He thanked Lynn, Gary, and Dennis for their work on the project. He also mentioned that the handrails will be replaced on the front porch.

- History

Tom Edwards reported that Karen is completing the interview with Naomi Hoiland and that he and Debo had divvied up a few other people to be interviewed in the winter and spring. He said that the goal is ten new interviews by next fall.

- Social

There was no social committee report.

- Trails

Debo reported that the mountains are filling with snow making hiking more difficult. She added that Bill and John's project of opening an old pack trail to Coal Ridge has made great progress this summer and fall, but has not yet reached the ridge.

- Weeds

John Frederick read a written report from Val stating that the RAC grant has been denied due to a decrease of funding, but the project will continue anyway. A North Fork Weed Wrangler report was given by Annemarie at the Crown of the Continent Conference in East Glacier in September. It was further reported that Val will use a GPS purchased with past RAC grant money to note where noxious weeds are along bike paths and Debo will do the same with Whitefish Range trails. Two cooperative efforts to control noxious weeds have been organized in the Polebridge neighborhood and the Paradise Ridge neighborhood.

## **7. Other Reports**

- Fire Chief

Larry reported that open burning is now allowed. Permits are not required, but landowners should call to check on air quality before burning.

- North Fork Patrol

Margaret reported that they will have their fall meeting in a few weeks. She reported one case of vandalism where someone shot out the tires on a road grader costing the landowner \$1300. Gasoline was also siphoned out of the machine. In addition, someone was observed illegally cutting firewood along the NF Road and their license tag was reported to proper authorities.

#### **8. Old and Continuing Business**

- Computer

Bonny reported that Bill has taken the laptop donated by Patti, stripped it down, and upgraded it so that it is now ready for Bonny to use. She thanked Patti and Bill.

- Floor Project

Alan McNeill reported that the floor project has been re-scheduled for the spring.

- Food Bank

Karen thanked everyone for donating food. Tom will deliver the food to the Columbia Falls Food Bank.

- Website

There was no report.

- Hall Sign

Debo reported that Paul Genovese has volunteered to make a metal sign for the front of the Hall. The plan is for it to be completed in the next month.

- RAC Grants

Larry reported that there is less funding for RAC grants this year and that the committee allocated all the money for trails and roads, nothing for weeds. Gravel will be added from Camas Creek Road south.

- Cookbook

Lois Walker is helping Gary Haverlandt put together a North Fork Cookbook that will contain a picture of each cook in her/his kitchen in addition to recipes. This cookbook will be sold as an NFLA fundraiser.

#### **9. Other Business**

- Thanksgiving dinner is November 28. The meat will be supplied, but the rest is pot luck as usual. Donations will be received to help defray the cost of meat.
- Christmas dinner is December 25 hosted by the Heaphys and the Caldwells.
- The next NFLA board meeting is October 9 at 4:30.
- The Le Grizz Ultramarathon (a 50 mile race) will be held on the North Fork Road between Polebridge and the Border on Saturday, October 12 starting at 7:00.

#### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02.

Minutes submitted by Debo Powers

