



**North Fork**

**Landowners' Association**

**Business Meeting Minutes**

**Sondreson Community Hall**

**August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 @ 8 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call of Officers**

The meeting was called to order by President Karen McDonough. The following board members were present: Karen McDonough, Donna Harrison, Bonny Ogle, Carol Groebe, Alan McNeil, Paul Marotz, and Debo Powers. Allen Chrisman was not present because he was on two-hour call for fire and could not be in the North Fork.

**II. Minutes from July Business Meeting**

Debo read the minutes from the July business meeting and they were approved as read.

**III. Karen welcomed new landowners April and Arna Boveng and Roger Sullivan.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Bonny gave the Treasurer's Report and concluded that there is a balance of \$17,827.57 which is the total for all three accounts-- operating, hall improvement, and criminal/poaching fund.

**IV. Board Report**

Karen reported that the board did not meet in July. Information was presented about the following board projects:

- Bookshelf for Local Authors---Debo reported that North Fork landowner, Kevin O'Bryan, had offered to build the shelf for the books written by local authors and books on the flora and fauna of the Northern Rockies that are available to be checked out.

- Karen reported that the board has approved the use of hall improvement funds for purchase a First Aid Kit for Hall, 3 more folding tables, and oil for staining the interior walls.

## **V. Board Committee Reports:**

### **a. Hall Maintenance**

Paul reported that the interior walls will be stained at a work party. Chris, Carol, and Karen volunteered to do the job.

### **b. Cookbooks**

Donna reported that there are only 60 cookbooks left to sell and that they are steadily being bought.

## **VI. NFLA Standing Committees**

### **a. Fire Mitigation Committee**

Molly reported that they had organized a successful Firewise Day that was attended by over 60 people. One of the highlights was the presentation by Lincoln Chute who discussed wildfire preparedness and personal responsibility. Molly, Lynn, and Larry reiterated that landowners cannot expect firefighters to bail you out if your property is in the path of a wildfire. Embers are a major problem. No firewood should be next to the house. Windows should be boarded up because if one breaks, embers will get inside. The entrance to the wood shed should be covered. John Frederick offered the Polebridge firetruck in an emergency.

### **b. North Fork History Project**

Debo reported that the following new interviews have been added to the history website--Joe Lang, Bob Gramaldi, and a video of Tom Reynolds.

### **c. Trails Committee**

Debo reported that this is prime hiking weather and that folks should get out and enjoy the North Fork backcountry. She added that anyone interested in trail maintenance should contact the North Fork Trails Association through Bill Walker to get involved.

### **d. Weeds Committee**

John announced an upcoming knapweed workshop and said that two weed sprayers are available for loan.

#### **e. Social Calendar**

Carol announced all of the upcoming community events that had been placed on the calendar.

### **VII. Other Reports**

#### **a. Fire Chief**

Lynn discussed more ways for landowners to prepare for fire including sprinklers on the roof of the house and keeping a band of green grass around buildings to slow fire. He said that fire can run at 40-60 miles an hour through deep dry grass. He further recommended that if smoke gets thick to get people with breathing problems out of the area and to take valuable possessions to town. If there is a fire, there will be road blocks and no one but landowners can come up the road.

#### **b. North Fork Patrol**

Mark reported that the sign project that was approved at the last meeting will be refurbished soon. The NF Patrol will meet sometime between bow season and rifle season. Larry reported that two bike riders tried to cross the border in the Park. They were from North Carolina and had entered Canada legally. Six officers tracked them down. The fine is \$5000 per person.

#### **c. NFLA Website**

Patti announced that there were several outages this month, but everything was now working well. She said that the Hoilands had received over 1000 votes and thanked everyone who participated. She also solicited photos for the website.

### **VIII. Old Business**

Karen reported that the Interlocal was well attended. Firewise Day was very informative. The Border Patrol BQ was cancelled.

### **IX. New Business**

Arne Boveng announced that Monday was the last day for comments about the Inside Road project in GNP.

It was announced that there is a summer special on propane until August 10.

Karen said that she had enjoyed being President for two years. She thanked the membership for approving the dues increase because the budget is in the black. She thanked the board members for their service to the organization.

## **X. Nominations & Election for NFLA Officers**

As is NFLA tradition, Larry ran the election.

President--Randy Kenyon was elected by acclamation.

Vice President--Allen Chrisman and Donna Harrison were nominated. Allen was elected.

North Director--Don Sullivan was elected by acclamation.

South Director--Arne Boveng, Jan Caldwell, and Donna Harrison were nominated. Jan Caldwell was elected.

## **XI. New Present Presides**

Karen passed the gavel to the newly elected President Randy Kenyon.

- Randy appointed Heather Sullivan as the new Treasurer and asked the membership for their approval. There was unanimous consent.
- Audit—The following people will serve as the audit committee: Dennis Groebe, Karen McDonough, and Randy Kenyon.
- The retiring board members were thanked for their service: Donna Harrison as Vice President, Bonny Ogle as Treasurer, Debo Powers as Past President, and Carol Groebe as South Director. Karen McDonough was thanked for her two years as President. She will remain on the board as the Past President.
- On the three business accounts (one at Glacier Bank and two at Whitefish Credit Union), Randy Kenyon and Heather Sullivan will be added and Bonny Ogle removed. Allen Chrisman will remain on all three.

