

# May 28, 2014 NFLA Board Meeting

## 1. Members Present

The meeting was held at Bonny Ogle's cabin and the following board members were present: Karen McDonough, Donna Harrison, Bonny Ogle, and Debo Powers.

## 2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Karen McDonough shortly after 4:30.

## 3. Budget

It was noted that we are operating within budget parameters and are on track to end with a balanced budget this fiscal year if we have some fundraising activities.

Thanksgiving donations covered the cost of that event. Both membership dues and other donations are higher than predicted for this fiscal year. The board concluded that this is due to the Fall Enrollment Letter which served as a reminder to landowners.

Another factor may be that the Spring Newsletter only goes to those whose dues are current.

The board discussed ideas for a fundraising dinner on Saturday, July 19. Debo will contact Robin Chopus to see if she is still interested in coordinating the dinner. There was discussion about having entertainment and planning for about 90 people.

## 4. Computer/Printer

Bonny reported that she now has the refurbished NFLA computer and printer set up in an office where she can work without interruption. She expressed thanks to Patti Hart and Bill & Lois Walker for their help in setting up the computer.

## 5. Floor Project

Alan McNeil was not able to attend the meeting, but he let the board know that the floor refinishing is scheduled for June 2-5. Debo and Karen volunteered to open the Hall on the days that they will be working.

## 6. Maintenance Report

The Hall Clean-up Day was a success and Donna will report about this at the June business meeting. Tom Edwards has installed the new handrails off the front porch. Allen Chrisman will report on the Hazardous Fuel Project at the June business meeting. Working with the insurance company, Bonny has developed waivers for non-members who participate in NFLA activities off site.

## 7. Social Calendar

Larry was not present at the meeting to make a report, but everyone likes the new format for the social calendar.

## 8. Name Change

In August, the board was asked by the membership to discuss the issues around a name change and make a recommendation this summer. Allen Chrisman organized the

board's thinking into a position paper which will be summarized by Karen at the June meeting. Copies will be available for anyone who wants to read the entire document. The board expressed appreciation for Allen's work in compiling these ideas.

**9. Dues Increase**

At the June business meeting, the board will propose an increase in dues from \$10 to \$15 per person starting September 1. The membership will vote on this at the August business meeting. Because the bylaws say that a vote by the board is required for a dues increase, the board will vote following the membership vote.

**10. Cookbook**

Lois Walker has almost completed the North Fork Cookbook and is soliciting donations and pre-orders to defray the printing costs. The board expressed appreciation for Lois' hard work and Bonny will set up a meeting with Lois to find out more about the details.

**11. Fall Enrollment Letter**

The board expressed its intention to have another Fall Enrollment Letter to all landowners. The cost for this fiscal year was \$126 for printing and \$104 for postage. The North Fork Patrol paid half of the cost because the letter included their enrollment form also.

**12. Change from "rental" to "use"**

Bonny announced that we will be changing the wording in our rental documents from "rental" to "use" in order to avoid some liability issues. All user fees will be recorded as donations in our budget and accounting program.

**13. Grants**

The board agreed that all grants need to be approved by the board prior to their submission.

**14. Bank Account Co-Signer**

The board approved Allen Chrisman as the co-signer with Bonny on our bank accounts. Allen is replacing Flannery Coates in this duty.

**15. Dissolution Clause**

Bonny reported that we need a dissolution clause in our bylaws in order to get postage reduction. She will ask Larry Kinsolving to help craft the wording for this bylaw change which needs to be presented to the membership at the July meeting and voted on at the August meeting. Our postage for newsletters could be \$.13-\$.19 rather than \$.49 each and would lower our costs significantly.

**16. Community Hall Sign**

Karen will bring a thank you card to the June business meeting for people to sign thanking Paul Genovese for making the sign for the front of the Community Hall.

**17. Board Appointment**

Because Flannery sold her share of the Polebridge Mercantile and is no longer a North Fork landowner, she has resigned from her position on the board. The bylaws are silent on how to fill vacated board seats. Karen asked the board to approve her appointment of Carol Groebe to fill out Flannery's term as South Director. This position is not up for election until August 2015. Karen added that Carol is willing to organize and edit the Spring Newsletter. Every board member was enthusiastic about Carol serving on the board, although one board member expressed concern that the membership may want to have the right to confirm Carol in August 2014 for the remainder of the term.

**18. Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, June 25 at 4:30 at Bonny's cabin.

**19. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 followed by hamburgers, potato salad, and baked beans.

Minutes submitted by Debo Powers.