

June 7, 2014 NFLA Business Meeting

Note: Due to the newly re-finished floor needing time to cure, the meeting was held outside with the mosquitoes.

1. Call to Order

President Karen McDonough called the meeting to order at 8:04. There were 23 people present including seven board members.

2. Roll Call of Officers

Karen McDonough, Donna Harrison, Bonny Ogle, Alan McNeil, Allen Chrisman, Carol Groebe, and Debo Powers were present. Larry Kinsolving was not present.

3. October Minutes

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

4. Treasurer's Report

Bonny gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have \$15571.12 in the bank.

5. Board Report

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

- Appointment of Board Member

Karen reported that she had appointed Carol Groebe to fill the remainder of Flannery Coates' term. Flannery had to resign since she sold her share in the Polebridge Mercantile and is no longer a North Fork landowner. Carol has agreed to take Flannery's job as the spring newsletter editor. Allen Chrisman has agreed to take Flannery's job as co-signer on NFLA accounts.

- Name Change

Karen reported that the board had finished working on the position paper regarding a name change for the organization. Allen Chrisman, who had written the paper based on the board's discussions, passed out copies and went over the details. The position paper addresses all of the various issues and concludes with the board's recommendation to leave the name as it currently is. Allen answered questions from the membership regarding the recommendations.

- Recommendation of Due Increase

Karen reported that the board worked hard to reduce expenses and create a balanced budget. Because of increased insurance expenses, the board will need to have a fundraiser to have a balanced budget. The board is recommending that membership dues be raised from \$10 to \$15 per person per year beginning September 1 with the

new fiscal year. Although the bylaws give the board the power to raise dues, the board will be asking for membership approval at the August meeting.

Committee Reports

- Budget

Karen announced that she, Bonny, Donna, and Debo will serve on the budget committee and she asked for another volunteer from the membership. Tom Edwards volunteered to serve on this committee.

- Hall Maintenance

Allen Chrisman reported that the new handrails had been added to the porch stairs. He thanked Tom Edwards for doing this. Allen reported that damage to the fence occurred during the recent Hazardous Fuels Project and said that we will need to determine whether the fence should be repaired, replaced, or ignored. Allen also asked for volunteers to deal with the flicker damage on the exterior backside of the Hall. Allen announced that the Fuels Project is now complete and that NFLA members volunteered 81 hours to the project and that NFLA will be receiving \$300 reimbursement from the grant. Allen gave special recognition to Duke Hoiland for his outstanding contribution in felling trees.

- Hall Cleanup

Donna Harrison reported that the Hall Cleanup Day in May was a huge success.

- Floor Project

Alan McNeil reported that the Hall floor has been re-finished and that the tiling for the entry-way and under the wood stove is scheduled for early July. Karen added that people are invited to come to Game Night on Saturday a little bit early to help set up furniture on the newly refinished floor.

- Fire Mitigation

Allen Chrisman reported on our 4th fuels reduction grant. The focus of grants will be to improve egress and ingress for fire trucks to private property. The annual Firewise Day is July 16 and will include speakers and a video from Colorado on extreme fires.

- History

Tom Edwards reported that oral history interviews will continue this summer and fall. The committee has a goal of ten new interviews by winter.

- Social

There calendar of activities is posted on the front porch and on the website.

- Trails

Debo reported that it was National Trails Day. There was a work party that morning at the new Polebridge Trail. Debo also mentioned that Bill Walker and John Fredrick are continuing to work on Trail 4. Debo thanked Randy Lake for his donation of books on the flora and fauna of the North Rockies which can be checked out from the Hall. Book titles are listed on the NFLA website.

- Weeds

John Frederick reported that the annual Weed Roundup will be held on July 30. Participants can bring weeds to be identified. There will also be a sign up for free weed consultation from a county expert on a first come, first serve basis.

Other Reports

- Fire Chief

Lynn Ogle reported that there are no wildfires currently in the North Fork. Open burning will not be allowed after June.

- North Fork Patrol

Lynn Ogle reported that 100 landowners have signed up for the Patrol. Mark has completed the paperwork for 501(c)(4) status. One North Fork building collapsed in late winter due to snow load.

Old and Continuing Business

- Computer

Bonny thanked Patti Hart for the donated laptop and Bill and Lois Walker for programming and training.

- Website

Although there was no report, one member expressed interest in the meeting agenda being posted on the website.

- Insurance

Bonny reported that we were advised by our insurance agent to create waivers to be on our website for non-members attending off premises activities. We are working on Hold Harmless for non-member contractors; Accident & Release of Liability as well as a change in what was the Hall Rental Agreement. These need to be reviewed by legal counsel. There needs to be a statement on the website somewhere that makes note of the fact that NFLA does not provide or sell alcoholic beverages at any of its functions.

- Hall Sign

Karen asked everyone to sign the thank you card for Paul Genovese who made the new sign for the Hall.

- Fall Enrollment Letter

Karen reported that the Fall Enrollment letter brought in more memberships. Only members who had paid their dues received the spring newsletter.

- Cookbook

Lois Walker reported that the North Fork Cookbook is finished and is being printed. She encouraged members to pre-order a copy before they are sold out.

Other Business

- Bonny announced that the board will be working on a dissolution clause for the bylaws in order to get lower postage rates.
- Lois asked for parade volunteers for a cookbook float. Carol Groebe volunteered to organize this.
- Karen announced that there will be a fundraising dinner on July 19 at the Hall. Tickets will be available at the July meeting.
- Allen announced that the board would like to give a token of appreciation at the Interlocal to Scott Emmerich for his years of service to the North Fork.
- Donna announced that she is willing to set up a CPR & First Aid class at the Hall if people are interested.
- Karen announced that the heavy-duty particle boards on the porch are available to anyone who will take them away.
- Bill announced a meeting of the North Fork Trails Association the second Wednesday night of each month with a potluck at the Walkers.
- Lynn announced that he has 10-15 boxes of books that he would like to give away.
- Donna mentioned starting a book exchange center at the Hall.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09.

Minutes submitted by Debo Powers