

# August 20, 2014 NFLA Board Meeting

## 1. Members Present

The meeting was held at the Community Hall and 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.

## 2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Karen McDonough shortly after 5:00.

## 3. Closing the Hall

It was noted that once again someone left the back door of the Hall unlocked after an event. The board discussed ways to inform event hosts of their responsibilities. It was decided that a large laminated check-list of Hall closing duties should be posted on the back door.

## 4. Budget

Since the membership agreed in an advisory vote to a dues increase, the board will continue to work on the draft budget that reflects the dues increase. A few changes were made to the proposed draft budget. Bonny will send a revised copy to members of the budget committee (Karen, Donna, Debo, Bonny) who will finalize it and bring it to the board for final approval.

## 5. Maintenance

Paul reported that he had met with Lee to discuss various hall maintenance projects. Lee has hauled off the heavy particle board that has been cluttering up the hall front porch. Lee has installed the wood trim around the tile and roughened the tile surface to make it less slippery. Lee is also making the threshold for the door and has cut the board and batten to repair the flicker damage. Paul will work with Lynn's porch design to create a materials list. Lee will mill the lumber. It is hoped that these projects will be completed by the end of September. Karen mentioned that Lee should be paid for his work and materials rather than expect free labor.

## 6. Floor Project

Alan McNeil reported that the only remaining task was to install the fire-proof board to protect the wall from heat from the wood stove. He noted that the wood stove needs to be set up before cold weather arrives.

## 7. Board Jobs

The following jobs will be held by the following board members:

Hall Supplies & Clean-up: Donna Harrison

Social Calendar: Carol Groebe

Scheduling Hall Use: Alan McNeil

Hall Maintenance: Paul Merotz

Meeting Minutes: Debo Powers

Fall Letter & Spring Newsletter: Allen Chrisman (Karen will be asking Allen if he is willing to do this.)

Treasurer (accounting, reports, and correspondence): Bonny

Presidential duties (coordinating everything): Karen

## **8. Meeting Hosts**

The following board members will be the hosts for the NFLA business meetings next year:

June: Debo

July: Bonny

August: Carol

September: Alan

October: Donna

## **9. Housekeeping for Treasurer's Reports**

The following things were agreed to:

- The Whitefish C.U. Savings account will now be listed as Emergency Reserve Fund. The goal is to keep the balance as close to \$10,000 as possible. Debo made the motion which was seconded by Carol. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Poaching Fund will now be listed as Criminal Activity/Poaching Fund. The motion was made by Carol and seconded by Donna. The motion passed unanimously. Karen noted that the NFLA board can vote to approve up to one half of the reward that will be matched by the North Fork Patrol.

## **10. Standing Committees**

The board agreed to the following things that will be communicated to committee chairs by Karen:

- To shorten the duration of business meetings, all reports given at business meetings will be limited to five minutes each followed by questions and/or discussion.
- Requests for funding should come to the BOD first before being brought up at a business meeting.
- In order to keep the board informed, committee chairs should give the BOD a detailed report on all projects.
- All reimbursements must have a receipt for the amount spent.

## **11. Other Issues**

--Carol reported that one of her constituents told her that she thought that the spring newsletter should be sent to all landowners and not just to those who have paid their

dues. While this comment was duly noted by the board, there was no action to change the current process.

--Debo announced that she would not be able to attend the September business meeting and asked for a volunteer to take the minutes at that meeting. Carol volunteered.

#### **12. Ideas for Improving Meetings**

Karen suggested that we should have some kind of a program or film at the June, September, and October business meetings in order to generate more interest in attending the meetings. (We generally have high attendance in July and August.) Many ideas were generated including the following:

--Show the Polebridge video at the October 2014 business meeting

--Have a slide show of North Fork beauty at the June 2015 business meeting

--Organize a Silent Auction of Baked Goods at the July 2015 business meeting

--Present information about North Fork Birds at the October 2015 business meeting

The board decided that these special presentations should happen at the end of the business meeting and before refreshments.

#### **13. Support for Renovation of Kishenehn Patrol Cabin**

Allen Chrisman wrote a letter in support of Glacier National Park's renovation of the historic Kishenehn Cabin. The letter was read and the board approved unanimously. Karen will sign the letter and send it.

#### **14. Cookbook**

Copies of the second edition of the cookbook are selling. The profit from this project is earmarked for Hall improvement projects. Since \$1011.30 has come in already, the board agreed to move forward with the final stage of the floor project which is installing a high quality vinyl on the kitchen floor. Alan McNeil will contact the floor company with whom we have been working in order to schedule the project as soon as possible.

#### **15. Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 24 at 5:00 at the Hall.

#### **16. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.