

July 5, 2014 NFLA Business Meeting

1. Call to Order

President Karen McDonough called the meeting to order at 8pm. There were 25 people present including seven board members.

2. Roll Call of Officers

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

3. June Minutes

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

4. Treasurer's Report

Bonny gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have \$14,560.17 in the bank.

5. Board Report

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

- Name Change

Allen Chrisman passed out copies of the board's position paper on the name change issue. He revisited the history regarding this issue and stated that it is the board's recommendation that the name of the organization not be changed. The membership will vote on this issue at the August business meeting.

- Recommendation of Due Increase

Karen reminded the membership that the board is recommending a dues increase from \$10 to \$15 a year per person beginning September 1 with the new fiscal year. The membership will vote on this at the August business meeting.

Committee Reports

- Hall Maintenance

Allen Chrisman asked the membership whether the fence that was damaged during the Hazardous Fuel Project should be repaired, replaced, removed, or ignored. The general consensus was that we should ignore it since the fence serves no other function than to mark the boundary of our property. This was followed by a discussion about the flicker damage on the Hall. Allen made a motion that we spend up to \$200 to replace the damaged siding with board and batten. Larry Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Floor Project

Alan McNeil was not present at the meeting so Karen announced that the tiling will occur this week. She also stated that the wood stove needed to be moved following the meeting to make room for the tile. It was noted that the wood stove is probably 40-50 years old and may need to be replaced at some point.

- Fire Mitigation

Allen Chrisman thanked all of the volunteers who worked on the Hazardous Fuel Project. He also discussed the agenda for the Fire Wise program that will be held on July 16 at 9:30 prior to the Interlocal meeting. Allen encouraged landowners to schedule a free fuels reduction consultation to determine how fire safe their property is. There is grant money to help landowners with these projects.

- History

Debo reported that Tom Edwards will be conducting a few oral history interviews in the next few weeks. The goal is to have ten new interviews by winter.

- Social

Larry reported on upcoming events on the NFLA calendar.

- Trails

Debo reported that the snow is leaving the mountains and that it is time to get out and hike.

- Weeds

Val Cox discussed the agenda for the 5th Annual Robin Cox Memorial Weed Roundup which will be held on July 30 at 10:00. She reported on recent weed activities and made a plea for a minimal amount of funding for NFLA committees in the next budget year.

Other Reports

- Fire Chief

Lynn Ogle reported that there are no wildfires currently in the North Fork, but that could change if we get hot, dry weather. He reminded landowners that if they start a fire and it gets away, they can be fined. Lynn further stated that there should be no open burning and no fireworks. Allen Chrisman added that although a below normal fire season is predicted that does not mean that we will have no season.

- North Fork Patrol

Lynn Ogle reminded landowners to keep an eye on neighbor's property when they are away and report any incidents.

Old and Continuing Business

- Cookbook

Lois Walker announced that the cookbook sold out in nine days and made a profit of \$5000. She stated that this money could be used for purchasing copies of a second edition if someone was willing to take over the selling, delivering, and advertising.

Donna Harrison indicated that she might be willing to do this. Lois also thanked those who participated in the cookbook float in the 4th of July parade.

- CPR

Donna Harrison announced that the people who usually conduct CPR training are unable to come to the North Fork to do that. Other alternatives may be explored.

- Insurance

Larry Kinsolving read the new liability waiver that will be part of the membership signup. Copies of the final wording will be distributed and voted on at the August business meeting.

- Interlocal meeting

Karen reminded landowners about the potluck lunch at noon between the Fire Wise program and the Interlocal on July 16. She placed a sheet for each government agency on the table and asked that people write down their questions after the meeting. These questions will be sent to the respective agencies so that their representatives will come to the Interlocal prepared to discuss issues that are of concern to landowners.

- Book Exchange

Carol announced that the free book exchange will be up and ready for business in Polebridge within a few weeks.

Other Business

- **Proposed Bylaw: Dissolution Clause**

Bonny read the following proposed bylaw that is being proposed by the board:
“Upon the dissolution of the North Fork Landowners’ Association, assets shall be distributed by action of the Board of Directors to one or more charitable organizations that qualify for the distribution by the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.”

Larry Wilson added that in the event that the NFLA is ever dissolved, the land deed states that the Community Hall property would go to the heirs of Ollie and Madge Terrian who donated the property for the Hall.

- **Proposed Bylaw: Lifetime Membership**

Bonny read the following proposed bylaw that is being proposed by the board:
“Members voted in by majority vote to be Lifetime Members are eligible to vote without further payment of dues as long as they remain property owners in the North Fork area of Flathead County.”

This proposed bylaw caused a flurry of discussion around the issue of whether a lifetime member must remain a North Fork landowner in order to vote. The issue was finally decided when Dennis Groebe made a motion for the proposed bylaw to stand the way it was written. The motion was seconded by Randy Kenyon and passed by majority vote.

Note: All proposed bylaws must be presented in writing at the July business meeting and are voted on at the August business meeting. It takes a two-thirds vote to pass a bylaw.

- **August Board of Directors Election**

Debo announced that Karen and Donna are planning to run for re-election for their seats as President and Vice President. Larry Kinsolving has declined to run for another term as North Director, so we are looking for candidates for this position. Alan McNeil’s seat as South Director is up for election in August also, but he has not yet indicated whether or not he will run again.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55.

Minutes submitted by Debo Powers