

August 2, 2014 NFLA Business Meeting

1. Call to Order

President Karen McDonough called the meeting to order at 8pm. There were 47 people present including all eight board members.

2. Roll Call of Officers

Karen McDonough, Donna Harrison, Bonny Ogle, Larry Kinsolving, Allen Chrisman, Carol Groebe, Alan McNeil, and Debo Powers were present.

3. July Minutes

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

4. Treasurer's Report

Bonny gave the Treasurer's Report.

5. Board Report

- Name Change

Allen Chrisman distributed 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 board was asked by the membership last August to make a recommendation concerning the name change.

- Recommendation of Dues Increase

Debo reported on this issue for the board. She reminded the membership that although the bylaws give the board the authority to raise dues that the board was asking the membership for an advisory vote. She informed the membership that the budget had been running a deficit for six years despite the best efforts of the board to have a balanced budget. Copies of a draft budget were passed out and Debo pointed out that with the dues increase, the budget would have a net of \$284, but without a dues increase there would be a deficit of \$1,126. She stated that the board thought that fundraising should be for building improvements not to cover the operating expenses of the organization.

Debo made a motion that the dues be raised from \$10 per person per year to \$15 per person per year. Gary McDonough seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed by majority.

Committee Reports

- Hall Maintenance

Allen Chrisman reported the need to repair the flicker damage and build a covered handicap ramp off the back porch. Allen made a motion to spend a maximum of \$700 for the combined project. The motion was seconded by Debo. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- Floor Project

Alan McNeil reported that the floor project is almost finished with the exception of the trim around the tile and the green board to be placed behind the wood stove to protect the wall. Gerry mentioned that the tile is sometimes slippery. The board will investigate a solution for this.

- Fire Mitigation

Molly reported on a successful Fire Wise Day and reminded landowners that there is still fuels reduction grant money available. She displayed the award that was given to the committee for their efforts in creating a fire wise community in the North Fork.

- History

Debo reported that the history committee will be conducting oral history interviews during the fall.

- Social

Larry reported on upcoming events on the NFLA calendar.

- Trails

Debo reported that this is prime time for hiking before the fall storms close the mountain peaks again.

- Website

Patti reported that she will be conducting a class on Internet access in the North Fork at the Hall on August 22 at 4:00. This is free and everyone is invited. Patti also announced that the Bear Fair is August 23 in Polebridge 10:00-3:00.

- Weeds

Val Cox reported on the success of the 5th Annual Robin Cox Memorial Weed Roundup. She reported on other educational weed activities and requested that the NFLA contribute \$100 towards the mailing of an informational postcard to all landowners. While the project will cost \$430 total, she has found other organizations to contribute

\$340 to the project. An informational postcard has proven effective by other landowner associations in informing neighbors about weed problems and their responsibilities as landowners.

Martha Hutchinson made a motion to include \$100 for the weed project in the new budget. John Fredrick seconded the motion. After much discussion, the motion failed on a tie vote of 18 to 18 with some members abstaining.

Other Reports

- Fire Chief

Lynn Ogle reported that although the current fires in the North Fork are under control that we are not out of the woods yet. He read a report from the Forest Service on the number of acres that have burned so far. He reiterated that extreme caution needs to be taken by all landowners to avoid starting fires or allowing them to get away. Bill Walker announced that both NF News and Gravel.org are posting daily fire information from the Forest Service.

- North Fork Patrol

Mark Heaphy reported that the Patrol is monitoring the property of 135 landowners and has conducted over 500 miles of patrolling in the past year. The Patrol has applied for their own 501(c)(3) status. Mark cautioned people who have radios to make sure that they are not broadcasting on channels other than the Wilson channel.

Old and Continuing Business

- Cookbook

Donna announced that the profits from the color cookbook have been used to purchase the second edition which is in greyscale and is selling for \$20 each. The profit from all sells will go toward Hall improvement projects.

- Free Library

Carol reported that the free lending library has been set up near the Polebridge mailboxes and is being used frequently. She thanked Dennis, Irv, and Chris for building the structure.

- Insurance

Larry Kinsolving reported on the new liability waiver that will be part of the membership signup. Although Larry did not read the entire waiver, copies of the final wording were

distributed. Larry made a motion that the waiver be approved. The motion was seconded by Molly. The motion passed by majority with Bill Walker objecting to not enough time for discussion.

- **Proposed Bylaw: Dissolution Clause**

Bonny read the following proposed bylaw that is being proposed by the board and read at the July business meeting:

“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.”

Carol made a motion to accept the bylaw change and Bill Walker seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Proposed Bylaw: Lifetime Membership**

On behalf of the board, Bonny withdrew this proposed bylaw from consideration.

Other Business

- **Support for Renovation of Kishenehn Patrol Cabin**

Larry Wilson made a motion that the NFLA write a letter to Glacier National Park supporting the renovation to the historical patrol cabin. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Slate of officers**

Donna announced that the following people had agreed to run for the following open positions on the NFLA board:

Karen McDonough for President

Donna Harrison for Vice President

Paul Merotz for North Director

Alan McNeil for South Director

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned and the floor was turned over to Larry Wilson to run the election of officers.

Karen McDonough was elected President by acclamation.

Donna Harrison was elected Vice President by acclamation.

Alan McNeil was elected South Director by acclamation.

Paul Merotz was elected North Director by majority vote in a secret ballot after _____ was also nominated for the seat.
The meeting was over shortly after 10:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Debo Powers