



North Fork Landowners' Association

Membership Meeting Minutes

Sondreson Community Hall

September 9, 2018 @ 8:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dawn M Jacobson, NFLA Secretary

Diane Boyd, Wolf & Carnivore Specialist at Montana FWP, and local resident, gave a very interesting, fact-filled pre-meeting presentation called "A Wolf's Journey Home to Montana."

The 8:00 meeting was called to order by President Larry Wilson, and roll call of Board members was taken. All were present with the exception of Kevin Ulrichsen.

Secretary's Report: Dawn Jacobson read the minutes from the August Business Meeting, and they were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Chris explained that August had more expenses than income, and showed a negative balance of almost \$1,300. The Association's largest expense, our General Liability and Property Insurance, is payable in August, creating the deficit balance. However, our Assets amount to \$26,718.80 overall. She has the reports printed for anyone that wants to have a copy, or look at them.

Old Business: The Board approved a Survey asking for ideas regarding meeting times, meeting days, and activities that will be mailed out in the Fall Newsletters. Chris will also send out the Survey by email.

No one has come forward to claim the piano.

New Business: The Hall was rented out to the USFS beginning August 24, 2018 for \$100 per day. However, Larry informed the membership that the Board had decided to cancel the contract as of September 10, 2018, due to the minimal activity of our local fires. John Pierson, Incident Commander of the SW Area Type 1 Team sent us a Certificate of Appreciation for working with them. Larry personally thanked them all, but he will also send a short email letter to the Forest Supervisor, and the Team.

Lynn Ogle said that one of the County's trucks was struck while laying down the mag chloride - the wing was completely snapped off, and it took a day to fix it. So if you know someone that may have done that, please tell them to slow down.

Bill Walker and Karina Petty were thanked for their wonderful job of reporting on the fires.

Lynn Ogle stated there is not going to be a Cell tower in the North Fork, per Verizon, anytime in the near future. But no one was against getting additional info on getting one put in.

The Board has been discussing how to make North Fork History more available to people. We're looking for additional help for Lois Walker.

Patti Hart has given notice that she is terminating her North Fork News website the end of November. She has also emailed the Board that she will be resigning as Webmaster for the NFLA website which is owned by the Association. Larry asked for the membership's help in finding a replacement.

Scott Emmerick's Memorial is October 6, around 1:00, at the Emmerick residence.

Larry said that a member has offered to pay for the construction of bookshelves for a free library if there is enough interest and a location inside or outside the Hall needs to be decided on. Everyone is to think about it and give their ideas in the Spring.

Karen McDonough reported that the mile markers on the North Fork Road are getting very hard to see, and that branches need to be cut back, and maybe spray painting the trees they are on. So some maintenance is needed; let Chris Heitz know if you are interested, and what sections you would be willing to do.

Larry introduced this year's Budget in the amount of \$13,100. The increase is due to 2 large maintenance projects: complete replacement of the fence, and repairs to the outhouse. A motion to pass the Budget as presented was made by Lynn Ogle, and seconded by Irv Heitz. There was a discussion that there would be no new assessments or an increase in membership dues. The Budget was passed unanimously.

Committee reports:

Fire Committee – Fire season is not over till we have a snow event. But we're in pretty good shape.

NF Patrol – It was reported that the roads that were opened for fires are still closed to motorized vehicles even though there is not a gate or Kallie hump - it is still against the law to drive on them. They will be gating and putting Kallie humps back in when the fires are done. The Patrol asked that members do not confront anyone during Hunting Season; bow and bird season are now open.

Sunshine Committee- no report

Welcoming committee- no report

History- Lois brought up the Red Bench Fire article in the Beacon, and mentioned that she had done oral histories with various past and present North Fork residents. She also had various pictures given to her for the history project, and reminded everyone that she will be doing a slide show at the October meeting.

Randy Kenyon would like everyone to review the North Fork Neighborhood Plan and Zoning. If you have any issues, please contact him or one of our Board members on the Land Use Advisory Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.