



North Fork Landowner's Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Sondreson Hall
September 8, 2020, 7pm

Board Members Present

Bill Walker, President
Chris Heitz, Treasurer
Karina Pettey, Secretary
Larry Wilson, Past President

Irv Heitz, North Director
Kenna Halsey, North Director
Jim Rittenburg, South Director

Board Members Absent

Steve Kelly, Vice-President
Kevin Ulrichsen, South Director

Minutes of August 9, 2020 Meeting

Minutes were reviewed and approved by board members.

Committee Reports

Welcome Committee – Gerry Stearns (Attachment 1)

Gerry Stearns presented proposal from the Welcome Committee to do a one-time mailing at a proposed cost of \$900 to all landowners in the spring of 2021. This mailing includes:

- Cover letter from the Welcome Committee
- Welcome Brochure
- Zoning Regulations
- Living with Wildlife brochure (printing paid by the North Fork Preservation Association)

Discussion focused on the following points:

- Proposed cost given the financial position of the NFLA – NFPA will pay for ½ of mailing costs. Gerry is willing to work with Chris Heitz on ways to reduce the cost of the mailing. This would be a substantial expenditure for the NFLA in 2021 and is not something the Treasurer can support without additional revenue.
- Karina Pettey recommended the Welcome Committee seek donors or sponsor a fund raiser next year to mitigate the cost of the mailing. Recommendation was supported by the board.
- Gerry presented the Welcome Committee recommendation that the NFLA spring newsletter be mailed to all landowners as well. The board deferred a decision until the 2020-2021 budget review later in the meeting.

Old Business

NFLUAC Update – Kenna Halsey for Randy Kenyon

NFLUAC subcommittee prepared letter of appeal to the County Planning Office letter of determination issued to Brooke Allison (Rising Wolf Resort). It was filed by Steve Berg who also paid the filing fee. Steve filed a complaint regarding

NFLUAC (a county entity) needing to pay a filing fee. Mark Mussman, Flathead County Planner waived the fee. The North Fork needs a strong showing at the October Board of Adjustment meeting scheduled for October 6, 2020.

New Business

Review of NFLA Year End Financials & Annual Report– Chris Heitz

- (Attachment 2) NFLA ended the year on August 31, 2020 with 370 paid members, cash assets of \$27,752.27, and a net loss of \$673.44. A result anticipated given the lost fundraiser revenue and decreasing donations (COVID-19 related) plus unanticipated expenses for pest control and the propane leak.
- (Attachment 3) The financial statement for August 2020 showed a net loss of \$1,934.05 due to payment of insurance premiums. Chris Heitz transferred Improvement Account Funds to cover the shortfall in the operating fund.
- (Attachment 4) provides the detail of NFLA income/expense for 2019-2020 by month with notes.

2020-2021 NFLA Budget - Chris Heitz

- (Attachment 5) NFLA Budget provides 5 years of actual income/expense, the 2019/2020 budget, the average income/expense for each category for the past 5 years and then two budget proposals. Budget #1, the treasurer recommends based on 2019-2020 income and COVID-19 implications and Budget #2 incorporates what various committees have requested for funding and other expenses.
- There was extensive discussion regarding the budget, Welcome Committee request and the requests for funding by other NFLA committees. What follows is a summary of the discussion and the board action.
- Proposed NFLA Income Budget 1 and Budget 2 Comparison
 - Budget #1 does not anticipate income from fund raising and reduces expected donation income below the 5 year average for Total Income of \$6,975.00. Budget #2 does not anticipate income from fund raising and increases donations and dues by \$200 each for a total income of \$7,375.00
 - **Board agreed to Budget #2 income and added \$1,000 in fund raising activities for 2020-2021 as we are learning how to work with COVID-19. Karen McDonough would be an excellent person to head up these efforts.**
 - Fund raising ideas included auction, rummage sale and pie social.
- Proposed NFLA Expense Budget 1 and Budget 2 Comparison
 - After discussion of expenses, the board decided to proceed with Expense Budget 2 and propose to the membership that the NFLA run a budget deficit for 2020-2021. Any deficit at year end will come from NFLA reserves. Budget #2 was approved with modifications listed below, Chris Heitz will provide an updated spreadsheet prior to NFLA membership meeting.
 - Firewise Committee Budget moving from \$30 in 2020 to \$200. **Board approved \$50.**
 - Historical Photos & Stories Committee (new), at the July meeting, NFLA membership proposed a request for \$300 to add additional tributes at Sondreson Hall. **Board approved \$100**
 - Sunshine Committee had requested \$350. **Board approved \$300** as listed in budget.
 - Welcome Committee requested \$900 (see attachment 1). Budget #2 recommended \$1,200 per initial estimate from Gerry Stearns, **Board approved \$1,000** for Welcome Committee project.
 - Fall Enrollment Letter and Postage of \$300 and \$100, respectively. **Board approved \$250 and \$90.**
 - Hall Supplies budget of \$175. We did not use supplies this year due to COVID-19 and event cancellations, there are significant supply quantities on hand to be used. **Board approved \$100.**

- Interlocal Meeting budget of \$75. Bill Walker to confirm who is hosting the meeting. If not NFLA, **Board approved \$0**. Bill confirmed on 9/9/2020 that NFPA is responsible for hosting the 2021 meeting.
- PO Box Rental **Board approved \$80**.
- Road – Mag Chloride Application – significant discussion regarding skipping a year as we have the recommended 3 consecutive years of application to the road surface. **Board approved \$1,500 for 2021 application** due to anticipated traffic on the North Fork.
- Thanksgiving Dinner budget of \$200, **Board agreed to set budget to \$0 and notify membership at September meeting of the cancellation of Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners unless there is a change in statewide COVID 19 guidelines**.

Will Hammerquist Letter - Due to time constraints, board agreed to table discussion of letter to October Board meeting.

Fall Newsletter – Board agreed to proceed with normal fall newsletter mail out.

Spring Newsletter – Board agreed to send newsletter only to paid members. Welcome Committee cover letter will highlight the benefits of being an NFLA member and encourage landowners to pay their dues prior to the spring newsletter being mailed. The Welcome Committee letter is being sent with address change notification requested so the NFLA will have current addresses on as many landowners as possible prior to the Spring newsletter mail out.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm (approximately)

Karina L Pettey
NFLA Secretary