



NORTH FORK LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Sondreson Hall
October 11, 2020, 8pm

NFLA did not sponsor a presentation prior to the Membership Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by President Bill Walker

Board Members Present

Bill Walker, President
Chris Heitz, Treasurer
Karina Pettey, Secretary
Larry Wilson, Past President
Kenna Halsey, North Director
Jim Rittenburg, South Director

Board Members Absent

Steve Kelly, Vice-President
Kevin Ulrichsen, South Director
Irv Heitz, North Director

Opening Remarks

President Bill Walker welcomed attendees to the last meeting scheduled for 2020.

Minutes of September 13, 2020 Meeting

One correction to the minutes was noted by Chris Heitz, Treasurer. The corrected minutes were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Heitz

For the month ended September 2020, the NFLA had 71 paid members. There was \$955 in dues/donations income and expenses of \$74. NFLA fund balance on September 30 was \$28,608.27. The Treasurer was thanked for her report.

Committee Reports

North Fork Patrol – Mark Heaphy

The NF Patrol checks on member properties twice a year and more frequently if there is an incident that may cause property damage. They also respond to emergency incidents when available. The NF Patrol is not law enforcement. Please keep valuables / weapons in a safe or secure location. Crimes must be reported to the Sheriff's Office. Mark provided an update on the 3 break-ins this summer. Law enforcement is making progress in the investigation with assistance from the North Fork Patrol.

Firewise Report – Lynn Ogle

Lynn provided a fire update and stated that small burn piles might be safely burned, but he advises against lighting large piles until more rain/snow occur.

Sunshine Committee – Lynn Ogle for Bonny Ogle

- A total of 13 cards were sent.
- Duke Hoiland passed away on October 2. Naomi is still on the North Fork for those wishing to stop by and visit her. A North Fork memorial service is planned for summer 2021.

- Larry Wilson moved that Naomi Hoiland and Cecily McNeil be granted lifetime NFLA membership in recognition for their years of service to the North Fork. The motion was seconded by Lynn Ogle and approved by acclamation of the membership.

Welcome Committee – No Report

Supply Committee – No Report

History Committee Report – Lois Walker (Attachment 1)

Lois Walker provided brief update on her activities and information requests.

Maintenance Committee Report – Chris Heitz for Irv Heitz

Chris Heitz thanked Dawn Jacobsen for aiding the NFLA by providing 6 rat bait stations.

Old Business

Holiday Dinners

Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by the NFLA is cancelled. Christmas Dinner is a private event sponsored by the Heaphy and Caldwell families. They are waiting until closer to Christmas before announcing a decision regarding their event.

New Business

2021 Speakers - Larry Wilson has volunteered to organize speakers for next summer.

2021 Schedule Organization – Lorna Rittenburg and Bonnie Hankey volunteered to organize the schedule. The NFLA board plans for a normal schedule of activities and will make adjustments due to COVID-19 if necessary next summer.

Spring Newsletter – Volunteers are already lined up to prepare the spring newsletter.

Fundraisers for 2021 were discussed, no one volunteered to lead a fund raiser.

2019-2020 NFLA Audit – NFLA President Bill Walker called for the audit and it was agreed that Bonny Ogle and Bonnie Hankey would conduct the audit.

New Issues Facing the North Fork – Bill Walker and Larry Wilson

COVID-19 Issues created on the North Fork may be a warning of what is to come. As a community we need to start having discussions about how our voice(s) will be heard with regards to Glacier National Park (GNP) and US Forest Service decisions that impact the North Fork Valley. Watch for information on the NFLA website and North Fork social media.

Mark Heaphy pointed out that NFLA policy prohibits it from taking positions on issues and discussions need to involve all interested landowners particularly those who choose not to be involved in the NFLA. Bill Walker stated the NFLA supports getting information out to as many people as possible and facilitating community wide discussions regardless of NFLA membership. Larry Wilson stated that the time may come when the NFLA votes to suspend its neutrality policy and take a position as a representative for a large number of landowners on issues of significant concern.

Larry Wilson highlighted several issues this summer has pushed to the forefront such as inadequate GNP and USFS campground infrastructure; ATVs / side by side rentals; and potential resumption of vehicle traffic on the Inside the North Fork Road. The FLAP road project express purpose is to provide better access to the North Fork. Karina Pettey highlighted the importance of North Fork community involvement in GNP decision making process for 2021 season.

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Reports from Non-NFLA individuals or organizations

North Fork Land Use Advisory Committee .- Bill Walker for Randy Kenyon, Committee Chairman

At the NFLA September meeting it was reported that NFLUAC had filed an appeal with Flathead County Board of Adjustment. Due to changes in contiguous ownership of the properties for which the appeal was filed, the NFLUAC withdrew the appeal, and the text amendment subcommittee continues it's work.

Le Grizz Run – Bill Walker and Larry Wilson

Le Grizz 39th annual Ultra-marathon went well with individuals and teams from a variety of western states participating. Bill Walker received the \$500 Le Grizz donation to the NFLA. The donation is much appreciated.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes recorded and prepared by Karina Pettey, NFLA Secretary



Natalia
Sunshine Committee

from	9/13/20	to	10/11/20
Birthdays	7		
Sympathy	3		
Get Well	1		
Thinking of you	1		
Thank you	<u>1</u>		
Total cards out	13		

Bonny Ogle

A. H. ...

Find comfort, courage and hope by joining us in prayer at stop.org/prayer.

NORTH FORK HISTORY PROJECT

October 2020 report

The Ford Schoolhouse project is official postponed until next year. The historic preservation team out of Missoula is not allowed to overnight or to work with volunteers. I got a note from Jack Poppen with the team. He says they hope to redouble their efforts next summer. They want to get the new roof installed, pour supplemental concrete for the foundation, reinstall the restored windows and doors, and start on the log restoration work.

Bob Graham, Jim Rittenberg, and Bill Walker worked with Meghan Mulholland of the Forest Service to find and document two old log cabins on the former Charlotte Fishel property across the road from our house. Charlotte put a conservation easement on the land about 40 years ago and it now belongs to the Forest Service. Bob offered to help because he knows the area fairly well, having hunted there for many years. Meghan will give me the exact coordinates of the buildings so I can help her determine whose homestead cabins they might have been.

One of the volunteer rangers from Kintla Lake came to go through the archives and look at records pertaining to mining and oil exploration in the North Fork. She's planning to do a graphic novel on the impact of those activities and will probably focus on the Elk River valley.

I helped locate old records for use by the Land Use Advisory Committee.

Family compilations I've pulled together – newspaper mentions

- Adelbert Glover family
- Ben Hensen family
- Ulrich family
- McNeeley - Parrish – Padgett families
- Tacheny brothers
- Matt Brill
- Scotty Beaton
- Adairs
- Block family
- McFarland family
- And a number of others

More recent people

- Hart and Funk families
- O'Hara family
- Wernick family

I'm still working on my history of the Polebridge Mercantile and hope to get a first draft done this winter. It's more work than you can imagine.

See the new Jim Hale display on the wall beneath the Tom Reynolds display. Jim's book, based on his 1981 diary and edited by his daughter Lisa Hale Gallagher, is now available in the lending library.