



## **NORTH FORK LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**Sondreson Hall  
July 11, 8:00 pm**

There was no presentation prior to the NFLA membership meeting as the speaker cancelled.

**Meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm by President Bill Walker**

### **Board Members Present**

Bill Walker, President  
Steve Kelly, Vice-President  
Chris Heitz, Treasurer  
Karina Pettey, Secretary  
Larry Wilson, Past President  
Kenna Halsey, North Director  
Irv Heitz, North Director  
Jim Rittenburg, South Director  
Kevin Ulrichsen, South Director

### **Board Members Absent**

None

### **Opening Remarks**

President Bill Walker welcomed attendees to the July meeting.

### **Minutes of the June 13, 2021 meeting**

One correction to the minutes was noted by Karina Pettey, Secretary. The corrected minutes were approved by acclamation.

### **Treasurer's Report – Chris Heitz**

NFLA membership increased by 3 members in June for a total of 360 members.  
Donations/Dues totaled \$115 and total income for the month was \$202.  
Expenses for June totaled \$440.  
Ending Balance is \$32,222.82, \$15,000 is in reserved funds and \$17,222.82 are general funds.

The Treasurer was thanked for her report.

### **Committee Reports**

North Fork Patrol – Lynn Ogle for Mark Heaphy  
Know your neighbors!

Firewise Report – Lynn Ogle (Attachment 1)

Lynn reminded members the Firewise meeting is scheduled for the morning of July 14 prior to the summer Interlocal. There will be in depth analysis of the Camp Fire in Paradise, CA. The smoke we are currently seeing is from the Lolo and Sandpoint fires. Please keep watch for lightening strikes. The fire lookouts are now manned for the season.

Sunshine Committee –Bonny Ogle (Attachment 2)

A total of 25 cards were sent since the June 13 meeting.

#### Welcome Committee – Gerry Stearns

Gerry Stearns provided a brief report.

#### Supply Committee – Richard Hildner

No report.

#### History Committee Report – Lois Walker (Attachment 3)

Lois Walker provided an update on interviews with Jim Hollensteiner, Sr. and Darrin Fishel, grandson of Bud Fishel. The USFS is bringing in a local crew to level the floor of the Ford Schoolhouse and they've hired a contractor to prepare a National Register nomination for the schoolhouse. The first draft should be ready in September.

#### Maintenance Committee Report –Irv Heitz

Initial estimate for a replacement wood stove is \$5,300 this includes a new insulated chimney. Anderson's will come inspect and provide a full quote. There is no change planned to the existing wood cookstove.

A propane furnace with full ductwork was quoted at \$5,900. This does not include the cost of finishing the ceiling or improving the propane tank. The board is not pursuing a propane furnace at this time.

Chris Heitz reported over \$8,400 was raised at the raffle. She expressed her thanks to those who contributed.

Action: Resolution to proceed with purchase and installation of new wood stove with "all due dispatch" was approved by acclamation of the membership.

#### Website Maintenance

Renewal date for hosting service forced website move and update. The new website is functional and more reliable. Please let Bill Walker know of any issues or content errors.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

##### Doug Chadwick Book Signing

Larry Wilson reminded members that Doug Chadwick will be at Sondreson Hall on July 21 for a book signing.

##### Raffle Winners (Attachment 4)

Karen McDonough requested a list of who won the raffle prizes to be added to the minutes as an addendum and posted on the website.

##### August Elections

Really important for good candidates in August elections. We need good people willing to work and engage partners within the community.

##### Interlocal Meeting

North Fork Preservation Association is hosting this year. Lunch is provided, please bring a side dish. This is an opportunity to connect with various agency stakeholders. We've come a long way since 1984 when these meetings started.

## **Reports from Non-NFLA individuals or organizations**

### North Fork Land Use Advisory Committee-

The next meeting of the text amendment subcommittee is scheduled for July 20. The committee is working towards September presentation to the planning board. Each member of the subcommittee has taken on specific responsibilities as it moves forward:

Kenna Halsey – public relations

Kevin Halsey – presentations

Karina Pettey – document management and formatting

Jim Rittenburg – text amendment revisions

Betsy Holycross – research

### **Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm**

Minutes recorded and prepared by Karina Pettey, NFLA Secretary

#1  
Fire wise on Web - Interlaced

Camp fires Only  
No Open Burning  
Except in Pits

Going To Stage 1 Soon

Smoke from holo fires &  
SAND point fires

Many lightning strikes  
Mostly NORTH of the Border

lightning in Park

2/11/21

#2

Sunshine Committee since  
June meeting

14 Thinking of you

8 Thankyou

1 Anniversary

1 RD

1 Sympathy - Jimmy Slinter <sup>passed away</sup>

25 cards



Bonny L. Ogle

Learn more about the Lakota (Sioux) culture at [stjo.org/culture](http://stjo.org/culture).

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## NORTH FORK HISTORY PROJECT

July 2021 report

During Jack and Sue's tour of Big Prairie, I conducted an interview with Jim Hollensteiner, Sr., who was just shy of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He and his late wife Wanda have been great benefactors of the Museum at Central School, as well as Flathead Valley Community College. His family first came to the valley in the 1880s, originally to Demersville, where his grandfather, Walter Hollensteiner, was the freight agent and was responsible for unloading boats coming up Flathead Lake and forwarding freight on to mining concerns in British Columbia. He then ran a successful business in Kalispell.

The Hollensteiner family has been closely associated with the Park from its earliest days. His father helped work on the Going to the Sun Road, and he himself worked trails in the Park under Bill Yenne. He said that of his 90 birthdays he has spent 88 of them in the Park. Jim and his family own a number of properties in the North Fork. He was one of the founding members of the Moose City River Airport and Beaver Dam Protection Association with George Ostrom and was formerly president of the organization. His shared a book about his uncle Art Stahl had numerous mining claims in the North Fork, Eureka, Roosville, and on the Peace River in Canada. Stahl Peak and Stahl Lookout in the Whitefish Range are named for him.

I had a nice talk with Darrin Fishel, grandson of Bud Fishel, and got good information about Bud and his first wife Rita, as well as his second wife Charlotte, who many of you knew. Also information about their properties. I had not known that Bud's family owned a good bit of property up here from the early days, as well as the property that Charlotte inherited from her husband Sonny Bowman when he died.

I'm still working on my history of the Polebridge Mercantile. I recently interviewed Ron & D'Ann Wilhelm about their memories of Ben and Annette Rover and the Ben Rover Cabin.

### Ford Schoolhouse

Meghan Mulholland of the Forest Service informs me that, sadly, the historic preservation team from Missoula will not be able to come up this summer, so they won't be replacing the roof on the schoolhouse. A local crew, however, plans to work on leveling the floor. They've hired a contractor to prepare a National Register nomination for the schoolhouse, and they should have the first draft by the end of September. I'll be reviewing it for them.

Lois Walker  
North Fork History Project

**July 8, 2021  
Raffle Winners**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Donor</u></b>	<b><u>Winner</u></b>
Key Lime Pie	Ruth & Larry Kinsolving	Jay Erickson
Red Bobber Cooler	Gary Byers	Wes Martin
Pink Bobber Cooler	Gary Byers	Carole Bartram
Huckleberry Pie	Janet Leigh	Randi Rognlie
Napa Valley Cabernet Savon	Steve & Sandi Kelly	Jane Gidlewski / Katie Christy
Plant Based Dinner for 6	Barbara Youel	Jane Gidlewski / Katie Christy
Home Ranch Bottoms Pie	Flannery Coates & Dan Freund	Don Bennet
Rhubarb Pie	Ruth & Larry Kinsolving	Sandi Kelly
Cinnamon Rolls	Krista & Rebecca Johnson	Steve Berg
Huckleberry Liqueur	Rayna Eyster	Todd Lando
Home Ranch Bottoms Certificate & Massage Certificate	Angie Agnew / Lahnne Lamb	Sue McFarland
42 BF Milled Douglas Fir	Tom Holycross	Carole Bartram