



NORTH FORK LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Sondreson Hall
August 8, 2021, 8:00 pm

There was no presentation prior to the NFLA membership meeting as the speaker did not attend.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00pm 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 August meeting. There will be a community meeting with the Hay Creek Fire Team in the Sondreson Hall parking lot at 6pm on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

Minutes – Karina Pettey

Minutes from the July 11, 2021 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Heitz

- NFLA membership is 361 members.
- Donations/Dues totaled \$60 while expenses totaled \$3,444.06. The wood stove fundraiser balance is now \$9,710.00 as additional donations continue to come in. The NFLA ending fund balance is \$38,548.76. There is currently \$15,000 in reserve funds any remaining funds (estimated at \$3,700) from the wood stove fundraiser will be added to Improvement Fund after final payment is made on the stove. Treasurer was thanked for her report.

Committee Reports

North Fork Patrol – Mark Heaphy

If you spot a fire or see an illegal campfire, please call it in to Kalispell dispatch at 406-758-5260. If it is not a fire related issue, call 911. Stage II fire restrictions do not prevent target practice or using a propane grill that can be shut off as long as it is in a cleared area of at least 3 feet in diameter. Mark was thanked for his report.

Firewise Report – Lynn Ogle

Watch for lightning started fires, we had over 100 lightning strikes north of Polebridge today. The rain received over the past week, while extremely helpful is not a season ending rain event. Current forecast shows area temperatures will be back in the 90s by the weekend. We are in Stage 2 fire restrictions. Shutdown equipment in the woods by 1pm and conduct one hour of observation before leaving the area.

Sunshine Committee –Bonny Ogle (Attachment 1)

A total of 7 cards were sent since the July 11 meeting.

Welcome Committee – Gerry Stearns

No report

Supply Committee – Richard Hildner

No report

History Committee Report – Lois Walker (Attachment 2)

Lois Walker provided an interesting summary of her research on Moose City and interview with George Ostrom who is 93-94 and lives at Buffalo Terrace. She also provided information about Tom Reimer to Greg Macker, who now owns Tom's property.

Maintenance Committee Report – Irv Heitz

Andersons came out and provided a full quote for the wood stove at just under \$6,000. The stove will be positioned close to the location of the old stove due to the purlins above it. Installation is scheduled for October. The cookstove is fine given the amount of use it receives. We need to set it up on blocks, so it is not directly on the floor.

New Business

NFLA Officer Elections for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

Officer election was conducted by Larry Wilson, who called for nominations three times for each position. Nominations were then moved and seconded by members in attendance and voted by acclamation of the membership when there was only one candidate. If there is more than one candidate, a secret ballot must be taken and counted. The current terms for North Director, Kenna Halsey, and South Director, Kevin Ulrichsen expire in August of 2022.

President – Richard Hildner, by acclamation

Vice-President – Kevin Halsey, by acclamation

Treasurer – Chris Heitz, by acclamation

Secretary – Karina Pettey, by acclamation

North Director – Irv Heitz, by acclamation

South Director – Jim Rittenburg, by acclamation

Certificate of Appreciation

Hay Creek Fire Commander presented a certificate of appreciation to NFLA President, Bill Walker at the NFLA board meeting which preceded the membership meeting. He also provided an informal fire update to board members.

2021-2022 NFLA Membership Dues

Please pay membership dues promptly for the next fiscal year. Dues should be paid by September 1, 2021.

Appreciation

Gerry Stearns acknowledged the contributions of Bill Walker, Past President, during a challenging two years for the NFLA. A hearty round of applause followed.

Reports from Non-NFLA individuals or organizations

North Fork Land Use Advisory Committee- Randy Kenyon

It is hoped that documents will be presented at the October planning board meeting after community review and NFLUAC approval.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm

Minutes prepared by Karina Pettey, NFLA Secretary