



North Fork Landowner's Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sondreson Hall
August 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

Richard Hildner, President
Kevin Halsey, Vice-President
Chris Heitz, Treasurer
Karina Pettey, Secretary
Bill Walker, Past President

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

Board Members Absent

Kevin Ulrichsen, South Director

1. Minutes

1.1. August 9, 2021, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by board members.

2. Treasurer's Update

2.1. Chris Heitz reported that Suzanne Hildner will assist with division of responsibilities. She will pick up the mail at the Post Office and maintain a separate mail log for the receipting of member dues / donations beginning September 1, 2021. The mail will then be handed over to Chris, who will record and deposit the checks.

3. Committee Reports

3.1. Maintenance Committee

3.1.1. Stove - Irv is waiting for information on the floor tile from Suzanne Hildner before proceeding with the floor modifications in preparation for stove installation in October.

3.1.2. Ceiling – Richard, Arne, Irv and Jim will coordinate information and quotes. The goal is to present information at the October Membership Meeting.

3.1.2.1. **Action** - Richard Hildner will schedule a meeting between Arne Boveng, Irv Heitz and Jim Rittenburg to discuss ceiling materials after which, Irv and Jim may move forward and obtain quotes.

3.2. Fire Mitigation Committee

3.2.1. **Action** - Karina Pettey will email Kevin Ulrichsen regarding status on fire mitigation evaluation for Sondreson Hall. In addition, the board discussed development of a fire preparedness plan. The board agreed to ask the fire mitigation committee to be responsible for organizing fire mitigation work, developing a fire preparedness plan and equipment list.

4. Old Business

4.1. Timeline for 2021-22 Priorities - Board will revisit a timeline after further development of priorities.

4.2. 2018 Membership Survey - Board members reviewed the Fall 2018 survey and after discussion determined that a completely new survey is not needed. The following items were noted:

- 4.2.1. Date/Time questions – no need to repeat.
 - 4.2.2. Meeting attendance questions – no need to repeat on a new survey.
 - 4.2.2.1. **Action** - Bill Walker will post agendas for future membership meetings on NFLA website and NF Classifieds Facebook page prior to the meeting with a brief note highlighting agenda items of interest to encourage attendance.
 - 4.2.3. Issues important to members – Discussion centered around how member surveys (41 of 65) supported both being a social organization and taking positions on issues approved by members. The list of issues identified was reviewed.
 - 4.2.3.1. **Action** - Richard Hildner will talk with Mark Heaphy regarding how best to reword the “issues” question and “issues” list so that we may receive more accurate survey results.
 - 4.2.4. Social activities question – There was interest indicated in continuing certain events listed on the survey. COVID-19 significantly impacted the calendar for summers of 2020 and 2021. It is hoped that more events can be done in 2022. See additional discussion documented under Events Committee for clarity.
 - 4.2.5. **Membership Agenda Items:**
 - 4.2.5.1. Propose moving membership meeting from 8pm to 7pm. While the date is stipulated in the bylaws, a time is not stipulated.
 - 4.2.5.2. Review summer events list from the survey and have membership vote idea up / down and identify volunteers willing to host the event.
- 4.3. Enhancing NFLA / Agency Partnerships - Richard Hildner reported on his meeting with Dave Prunty, Flathead County Road Department regarding road improvements that are part of the FLAP project (Glacier Drive and last 5 miles of the North Fork to the border).
- 4.3.1. Richard plans to continue meeting with various agencies to promote improved communication and the importance of keeping the Polebridge community informed before decisions are made that impact the community. He will report the results of these meetings to board members via email and provide updates to membership.
 - 4.3.2. The board emphasized that transparency with North Fork landowners is important.
 - 4.3.3. **Action** - Richard will use his “President’s Letter” in the fall newsletter to share his vision.
 - 4.3.4. **Membership Agenda Item** – Richard plans to provide an update of his meeting with Dave Prunty at the next NFLA membership meeting.
- 4.4. Review of NFLA Committees - Each committee/responsibility needs at least two active participants for continuity and will provide a summary of their purpose, plans and budget requirements for the upcoming year to the board before September 9, 2021 as this information is needed for the budget discussion and presentation at the October Membership meeting.
- 4.4.1. Existing Committees
 - 4.4.1.1. Fire Mitigation – chaired by Allen Chrisman and Molly Shepherd, members include Dick Leigh, Ed Heger, Jerry Wernick, Larry Wilson, Lynn Ogle, Kevin Halsey
 - 4.4.1.2. History – Lois Walker
 - 4.4.1.3. Maintenance – Irv Heitz, Jim Rittenburg
 - 4.4.1.4. North Fork Patrol – Mark Heaphy or Lynn Ogle normally report. This is a separate organization and not a committee of the NFLA. Move to the Non-NFLA Organizations portion of the agenda.
 - 4.4.1.5. Sunshine – Bonny Ogle
 - 4.4.1.6. Supply – Suzanne Hildner volunteered to handle this responsibility. It is no longer a committee.
 - 4.4.1.7. Welcome – Gerry Stearns, Annie Konkler, Jerry & Linda Wernick, Karina Pettey, Irene Brooks, Joyce O’Hara
 - 4.4.2. Proposed Committees
 - 4.4.2.1. Audit – Audit is a responsibility, not a committee. It must be completed between September 1 and the September membership meeting.
 - 4.4.2.1.1. **Action:** Jim Rittenburg will contact Bonny Ogle and John Zardis to participate in the audit this year.
 - 4.4.2.2. Events Committee - Responsibility for the social and calendar committees is consolidated in the Events Committee. Event ideas include a pie/ice cream social with square dance at the hall for 4th of July. (This used to be held every 4th of July.)

- 4.4.2.2.1. **Action:** Karina Pettey will talk with Lorna Rittenburg and Zoe Zardis about coordinating events and putting together the calendar.
- 4.4.2.3. Communications – Discussion centered around a multi-faceted approach which focuses on content generation, communication frequency and communication tools.
 - 4.4.2.3.1. **Action:** The board will dedicate a block of time at specially called or future meeting to discuss these issues.
- 4.4.2.4. Newsletter – Chris Heitz coordinates fall and spring newsletters. The fall newsletter goes to all landowners, includes the President’s letter, NFLA member sign up and North Fork Patrol information. The NF Patrol makes a voluntary contribution towards printing and mailing costs. The spring newsletter focuses on North Fork Activities Calendar, historic photos and creative content. It utilizes a team of writers.
- 4.4.2.5. Presentations – Larry Wilson. June 2, 2022 is the 75th anniversary of the NFLA/NFIA.
 - 4.4.2.5.1. **Action:** Karina Pettey is responsible to provide speaker reminders next season.
- 4.4.2.6. Weeds – Discussion centered around whether this should be a separate coordinated effort outside of the NFLA / a responsibility / or a NFLA Committee. At this time, it will not be a committee. **(Please clarify at next meeting.)**
- 4.4.3. **Membership Agenda Items:**
 - 4.4.3.1. Ask members for presentation ideas.
 - 4.4.3.2. Ask for a member who would be willing to take on weed coordination.

5. New Business

- 5.1. Reports from Non-NFLA Organizations - In the future this will include NF Patrol, NFLUAC and other organizations as needed.
- 5.2. Comments from board members - All board members were asked if they had additional comments.
 - 5.2.1. Chris Heitz emphasized the importance of Committees providing a summary of their purpose, plans for the upcoming year and a requested budget amount, and there being at least two members on each Committee or responsibility.
 - 5.2.2. Irv Heitz – Bylaw review by January.
 - 5.2.3. No other comments were made.
- 5.3. Next Board Meeting - September 12, 2021 at 6 pm at Sondreson Hall.
- 5.4. Membership Meeting Agenda - Karina Pettey will send out proposed agenda on August 25 for review prior to posting publicly.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8pm
 Minutes prepared by Karina Pettey, Board Secretary.