



NORTH FORK LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Sondreson Hall
June 12, 2022, 8pm

Board Members Present

Richard Hildner, President
Chris Heitz, Treasurer
Karina Pettey, Secretary
Bill Walker, Past President

Kenna Halsey, North Director
Irv Heitz, North Director
Kevin Ulrichsen, South Director

Board Members Absent

Kevin Halsey, Vice-President
Jim Rittenburg, South Director

Members enjoyed Lois Walker's annual North Fork history presentation marking the 75th anniversary of the NFLA which preceded the membership meeting.

1. NFLA President's Welcome & Opening Remarks

- 1.1. Richard welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the summer. He announced the Silent Auction was open and would close 5 minutes after the meeting. He introduced Jim Dahlstrom, Polebridge Ranger for Glacier National Park, who stopped by to discuss Polebridge entrance ticketing and Camas Road by-pass permits.
- 1.2. Jim provided the following information and answered questions:
 - 1.2.1. Polebridge entrance pass is good for 1 day and covers entrance from 6am-6pm.
 - 1.2.2. Going to the Sun passes do not work at Polebridge, GTS passes are good for 3 days and cover entrance from 6am-4pm.
 - 1.2.3. Camas Road by-pass permits are being issued at the Polebridge Ranger station. These are non-recreational and allow access to/from Hwy 2 via Camas Rd. They do not cover day use at Apgar. The Camas entrance will be staffed starting in mid-July.
 - 1.2.4. Boat inspections are being done on the North Fork this season.

2. Minutes of October 10, 2021, Meeting

- 2.1. Minutes were approved as read and posted on the NFLA website.

3. Treasurer's Report – Chris Heitz (Attachment 1, redacted from online posting)

- 3.1. For May, the NFLA received \$210 dollars in income from dues. Total expenses were \$2,261.97. This included mag/chloride road treatment, which increased 40% from last year. Net change for May, was -\$2,051.97. Cash on hand is \$38,159.77. There are 393 paid members.
- 3.2. Fire insurance was increased to \$250,000 over the winter and will likely need to be increased again in the fall.
- 3.3. The fall newsletter was sent to 540 landowners and the spring newsletter was mailed to 280 paid households.

4. Committee Reports

4.1. Fire Mitigation Committee – (Attachment 2)

4.1.1. The North Fork Fuels Reduction field trip scheduled for Wednesday, June 15 at 9:30am.

4.1.2. Richard Hildner appointed Todd Lando to the Fire Mitigation Committee.

4.2. History Committee – Lois Walker (Attachment 3)

The Ford School House application for the National Historic Register was approved. The USFS has been working around the structure and hopes to replace the roof this fall.

4.3. Maintenance Committee – Irv Heitz

Spring cleaning included a clean out of the Hall attic and repair to the ceiling insulation. The wood cookstove was raised on blocks and the chimney cleaned. A group completed additional tree thinning around the building based on recommendations from our Firewise inspection last fall. Dry firewood will be needed this year. No further progress has been made on installing a ceiling to cover the insulation.

4.4. Sunshine Committee

Richard Hildner announced that Bonny is recuperating from surgery. Let's flood her with cards!

4.5. Welcome Committee – Zoe Zardis

The Welcome Committee met on June 9 and is planning to host lunch for the Interlocal. They are also planning activities and visits focused on new North Fork residents for the 2022 season.

5. Old Business - None

6. New Business

6.1. NFLA Bylaw Revisions – Richard Hildner (Attachments 4,5 & 6)

6.1.1. Over the winter, board members held workshops to review and clean up NFLA Bylaws. There are 6 proposed amendments. The board is providing documentation at this meeting and on the NFLA website. Amendments are formally proposed in July and voted at the August membership meeting.

6.1.2. Attachment 4 covers Amendment #1 which is a clean up of grammar, formatting, spelling, punctuation, etc. These changes will be approved/declined on a single vote.

6.1.3. Attachment 5 covers Amendments #2-6. Each of these proposed changes will be voted separately.

6.1.4. Attachment 6 provides a "clean copy" of the proposed NFLA Bylaws.

6.2. Interlocal - Interlocal is set for July 13, 2022, at 1pm. It is preceded by the Firewise meeting and potluck lunch. Entrée is being provided by the NFLA Welcome Committee.

6.3. Weed Committee - If you are interested in leading noxious weed reduction efforts on the North Fork, please reach out to a board member.

7. Reports from Non – NFLA individuals or organizations

7.1. North Fork Patrol – Mark Heaphy reported that the Patrol held its biannual meeting in May. Overall, the North Fork was quiet over the winter. Now that spring is here, operation Stone Garden is in effect, watch for additional patrols on area roads.

7.2. Polebridge Bear Smart – Suzanne Hildner discussed joint NFLA/NFPA efforts to educate summer employees and residents. All local businesses that had bear issues last year are involved and employee training has gone well. The NFPA is sponsoring the following events this summer.

7.2.1. "The Inconvenient Grizzly" July 4, 2022, at 3pm at Home Ranch Bottoms

7.2.2. "The People Before the Park" with Sally Thompson, July 23, 2022, at Sondreson Hall

7.2.3. Bear Fair, July 30, 2022, at Home Ranch Bottoms.

7.3. North Fork Land Use Advisory Committee – Randy Kenyon stated that the revised zoning text amendment was approved by the NFLUAC pending a minor revision pointed out by community members attending the NFLUAC

public meeting in early June. The final draft with cover letter is being submitted this week for preparation of a staff report and it is hoped that it will be on the August agenda of the Flathead County Planning Board.

8. Member Comments

- 8.1. Bill Walker noted that a request for questions/comments for the Interlocal meeting will be coming soon.
- 8.2. Chris Heitz announced that copies of the NFLA calendar are in the back.
- 8.3. Randy Kenyon reminded members that stargazing at Jim Rittenberg's home is scheduled for July 7.
- 8.4. Zoe Zardis announced the solstice hike is planned for Cyclone lookout on June 21.
- 8.5. The next NFLA membership meeting is July 10, 2022, at 8pm. Diane Boyd presents at 7pm.

9. Adjournment