



NORTH FORK LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Sondreson Hall
July 10, 2022, 8pm

Board Members Present

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

Irv Heitz, North Director
Jim Rittenburg, South Director
Kevin Ulrichsen, South Director

Board Members Absent

Kevin Halsey, Vice-President
Kenna Halsey, North Director

The membership thanks Diane Boyd for her presentation on Montana's Wolves which preceded the membership meeting.

1. NFLA President's Welcome & Opening Remarks

- 1.1. Richard welcomed everyone to the July meeting and announced that the baseball mitt/bat and the door to the old wood stove would be auctioned at the August meeting.

2. Minutes of June 12, 2022, Meeting

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

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

- 3.1. The NFLA has 394 paid members, 31 of which are associate members.
- 3.2. NFLA YTD income is \$8,320 and expenses currently stand at \$5334. The insurance payment will be due in August.
- 3.3. New fiscal year begins September 1, Dues are \$15 for members and \$10 for associate members.
- 3.4. \$142 received towards the new projector, the goal is about \$700 dollars.

4. Committee Reports

4.1. Fire Mitigation Committee – Molly Shepherd

- 4.1.1. The Firewise meeting is planned for July 13, 9:30 am – 12 pm, an excellent program is planned.
- 4.1.2. Please track your time and money spent on firewise activities. Last year we logged over \$132,000 in activity.
- 4.1.3. Bill Walker will post a reminder to the North Fork Classifieds regarding tracking time/expense.

4.2. History Committee – Lois Walker

No report

4.3. Maintenance Committee – Irv Heitz

No report

4.4. Sunshine Committee – Bonny Ogle (Attachment #2)

See attachment for the significant activity accomplished since the last report.

4.5. Fire Chief – Lynn Ogle

Lynn reported the new fire season is expected to last 40 days statewide. No open burning is currently allowed.

4.6. Welcome Committee – Beth Uhrichsen

Welcome Committee is providing the entrée of Sloppy Joes for potluck prior to the Interlocal meeting on July 13. Many thanks to Mark Heaphy and Tom Holycross for providing the meat. Please bring a side dish to share.

4.7. Wall of Fame – Larry Wilson

Larry is working on selecting photos.

5. Old Business - None

6. New Business

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

6.1.1. Over the winter the NFLA Board Members reviewed the bylaws and are proposing 6 revisions. These revisions will be voted separately at the August meeting. The revisions were discussed at the June meeting and copies provided at the June and July meetings for members to review. The revisions are also posted on the NFLA website. So far, one spelling correction has been noted and made. Members had no questions or comments regarding the changes. Members must be present at the August meeting to vote.

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. Jim Rittenburg will host the meeting.

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. Bill Walker will post a reminder to spray for weeds and provide information about companies who will come and spray on the North Fork.

6.4. August Elections – Elections for board membership occur at the August meeting. There will be three vacant positions. Vice-President, North Director and Treasurer. It is expected that the incumbents will stand for re-election for all other positions and if you are interested in running for office, please do so! You may contact any board member to learn more about any board position.

6.5. Camas Road Bypass Holders – Kevin Uhrichsen reminded members to slow down, show your pass and wait for acknowledgement by GNP staff before proceeding through the park entrance. Bill Walker will post a reminder on the NF classifieds.

7. Reports from Non – NFLA individuals or organizations

7.1. North Fork Patrol – Mark Heaphy reported the Patrol checked all river properties during flood stage and found no damage. Please call reports of speeding or other violations to the Flathead County Sheriff's Office. Red Meadow Rd was closed for several hours on July 9 due to the death of a bicyclist.

7.2. Polebridge Bear Smart – Suzanne Hildner announced all local businesses and their staff have completed Bear Smart training. The bear resistant trash canisters are now available. Please do not tether the can to anything as that gives bears leverage to break it open. The NFPA is sponsoring the following events this summer.

7.2.1. “The People Before the Park” with Sally Thompson, July 23, 2022, at Sondreson Hall

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

7.3. North Fork Land Use Advisory Committee – Randy Kenyon reported that the draft text amendment has been submitted to Flathead County Planning and Zoning for a staff report. It is expected that the text amendment will be on the August 10, 2022, Planning Board agenda.

8. Member Comments

- 8.1. Lynn Ogle reminded members to get out their fire equipment and test it now.
- 8.2. Bill Walker announced that there are still 1-2 openings for the next First Aid / CPR course.
- 8.3. Jim Rittenburg thanked Dawn & Dan Jacobsen for hosting a community 4th of July picnic.
- 8.4. Irv Heitz requested that someone / anyone take the one remaining pile of wood from the Firewise clean up at the hall and that it be gone by July 13 if possible.

9. Adjournment

- 9.1. The next NFLA membership meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2022. It will be preceded with a program from the Polebridge Bear Smart Team.