



North Fork Landowner's Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sondreson Hall
August 9, 2021 6:30 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
Jim Rittenburg, South Director
Kevin Ulrichsen, South Director

Board Members Absent

Irv Heitz, North Director

Minutes

Minutes of August 8, 2021 meeting were reviewed, corrections noted and approved by board members.

New Business

President's Comments on Board Functionality

Richard Hildner presented his thoughts for 2021-2022 and board discussion centered on the following issues:

- Agenda driven meeting management with membership and board meetings lasting no more than 1 hour.
- Adjustments to agenda format to be discussed with the secretary.
- Board meetings should be scheduled to minimize the number of evenings committed each month. This will have to be balanced by the need for set up time by NFLA presenters. Consensus was to leave board meetings at 6pm on the same day as membership meetings. Additional meetings or date/time changes may be made as necessary.
- Board meetings off season may be necessary given the issues faced by the NFLA. The board is open to holding winter meetings over zoom to maximize efficiency and board member involvement.
- Timing for the NFLA budget presentation to membership. It was decided to hold the board discussion in September and presentation to the membership in October. The NFLA budget year is September 1 to August 31. The board affirmed it wishes to keep a balanced budget philosophy regardless of the bank balance.

NFLA Business

- Maintenance – finishing the ceiling is a priority. Jim Rittenburg will take the lead on getting quotes and work with Irv Heitz. Richard will talk with Arne Boveng and get information from him regarding finish types and the acoustic impact.
- **Action:** The board appointed the following members to the North Fork Land Use Advisory Committee members for next year. The LUAC member term starts the first Saturday in August per NFLUAC bylaws.
 - Richard Hildner
 - Kevin Halsey
 - Karina Pettey
 - Kenna Halsey
 - Irv Heitz
 - Jim Rittenburg
- **Action:** The board agreed to remove Larry Wilson and Bill Walker from the NFLA accounts and add Richard Hildner.

NFLA Priorities for 2021 – 2022

Richard Hildner presented his initial list of priorities for the coming year and solicited input from each board member.

- Richard Hildner:
 - New membership survey regarding what the members would like the NFLA to be doing.
 - **Action:** A three step process was supported by the board. 1) Chris Heitz will pull old survey and results and get to Richard. 2) Input is expected from ALL board members with regards to survey content. 3) Develop a meaningful survey. The board noted the urgency of completing the survey.
 - Kenna is willing to assist in survey development.
 - Review 2017 NFLA Bylaws and provide comments by January 28. Any changes will be proposed at the July 2022 meeting. We will not review bylaw changes prior to 2017 at this time.
 - Enhance our agency partnerships with small groups of NFLA board members visiting with our partners and discussing, “How can we work better together?” Partners include the USFS, DNRC, GNP and Flathead County (Planning/Zoning, Roads, Commissioners, etc).
- Bill Walker:
 - Bill recommends bringing all organizations and partners together around the table to discuss the following issues in a “Whitefish Range Partnership” style format (he will provide a full issues list to Richard):
 - Large visitor influx
 - Impact of GNP ticketing system
 - USFS distributed camping emphasis and issuance of special permits
 - North Fork Road conditions and urging GNP and USFS to step up financially and work with the county to maintain the road.
 - Bill fundamentally disagreed with the approach laid out by the NFLA President. The topic generated considerable discussion. The board prefers to follow the approach laid out by the NFLA President.
 - Continued website development.
- Kevin Ulrichsen:
 - Firewise Committee and fire mitigation at Sondreson Hall.
 - Sondreson Hall ceiling
- Jim Rittenburg:
 - Keep zoning issues actively in front of NFLA membership and encouraging the NFLUAC to keep moving through phases of zoning starting with review of the Neighborhood Plan.
- Kevin Halsey:
 - NFLA needs to be the resource for issues that the Flathead County Planning Board clearly stated were community issues and not zoning issues.
- Kenna Halsey:
 - We need a timeline to accomplish the priorities laid out. We do not want to waste the winter and start addressing these issues in the spring. We must engage with partners now to have an influence on their decisions regarding Summer of 2022.
- Karina Pettey
 - Review of all NFLA subcommittees and determine what is currently needed. Committees should have a purpose, clear goals, leadership, board accountability and a budget if necessary. This needs to be done before the budget process.
- Chris Heitz
 - Bill management, who authorizes and signs checks?
 - Fiscal responsibility and division of responsibility with regards to receipts.

Hay Creek Fire

Hay Creek fire leadership call community representatives are currently Bill Walker and Lynn Ogle. Richard requested that Bill send him call information so he can join the morning calls.

Additional Board Meeting

August 23, 2021 at 6pm at Sondreson Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8pm

Minutes prepared by Karina Pettey, Board Secretary.