



North Fork Landowners' Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
Sondreson Hall
June 11, 2023

1. Call to order
 - a. 8:13 PM
 - b. 30 people attend the presentation by Clint Muhlfeld, 37 members were in attendance for meeting.
 - c. Board members in attendance were:

✓ Richard Hildner, President

✓ Jack McFarland, Vice President

John Zardis, Treasurer-not present

✓ Jim Rittenberg, S. Director

✓ Kevin Ulrichsen, S. Director

Irv Heitz, N. Director -not present

Steve Bergs, N. Director -not present

✓ Beth Ulrichsen, Secretary

✓ Bill Walker, Past President

2. Welcome and Opening Remarks from the President
 - a. Richard welcomed all home again to the North Fork
 - b. A moment to remember all those we have lost over the winter and spring was taken by all.
 - c. Richard presented Lorna and Beth with a gift certificate for dinner for their work with the Calendar and Newsletter
3. October Minutes read by secretary
 - a. Beth Ulrichsen shared the minutes from the October 2023 Membership Meeting.
 - b. Jim Rittenburg moved to accept the minutes as read, Bill Walker seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Treasures Report – Financials and Projector Purchase
 - a. John Zardis was away, Richard proposed that the Treasures' Report be postponed until the July meeting when he returns. The membership agreed to wait for the reading of the report until July.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Sunshine Committee
 - i. Bonnie reported that between October 2022 and present they have sent out 45 birthday cards, 3 anniversary cards, 4 thinking of you cards, 6 get well cards, 14 thank you cards, 9 sympathy cards, 2 retirement cards making a total of 74 cards sent and plus emails.
 - b. History Committee

- i. Lois Walker reported that it has been a very busy winter. She gave updates on the progress being made at Ford Schoolhouse, Larry's tour of his property, A photo album obtained through the help of Diane Boyd, the hopes of organizing someday an Austin Weikert Day, the start of a new project to compile the history of the Polebridge Fourth of July Parade and Home Ranch Bottoms. She also announced that her book on the History of the Polebridge Merc is completed and has been published.
- c. Maintenance Committee
 - i. Richard thanked Dan Jacobson for organizing the Hall clean up and Dawn for providing lunch for all that attended.
 - ii. Dan shared that 20+ people attended the clean up. All that was on the list was completed.
 - iii. Dan also shared that he has bids out for resealing the outside logs.
 - iv. Kevin shared that he has reached out to RBM for a donation or discount on the wood needed to finish the ceiling of the Hall. He is waiting to hear back from them.
- d. Welcome Committee
 - i. Beth Ulrichsen shared that the new Welcome Brochure is completed, they have been busy greeting new folks, passing out the brochures, plaques, and calendars.
- e. Fire Mitigation Committee
 - i. Allen Chrisman thanked all for reporting their hours spent on fuel reduction around properties, \$77,000 was reported as spent. This was well above the \$15,000 required amount to maintain our Fire Wise Community status.
 - ii. Allen shared two up coming events:
 - 1. Basic Fire Training Day on June 22nd at 9:30AM at the Hall, then to Hildners' for a Firewise Home critique, then back to the Hall for Fire Suppression inside structures.
 - 2. Firewise, July 12th at 9:30AM. Discussion of Wedge Canyon Fire, 20th Anniversary., TIP Project discussion, Elmo Fire Clip, and potluck. Interlocal to follow.
- 6. Old Business
 - a. No Old Business reported
- 7. New Business
 - a. Bill Walker reported on use of Camas Road Bypass Permit (Entrance Passes) at GNP
 - b. Richard reported that he is predicting a bumper crop of Huckleberries this summer.
 - c. Bill Walker shared that the Interlocal lunch is being hosted this year by the North Fork Trails
 - d. Tina Lawrence shared on behalf of Ray Hart a concern for the Ford Schoolhouse being flooded and lost as the river changes. Ray suggested moving the schoolhouse to the Hall and possibly using it as a museum.

- i. Larry Wilson shared that he had spoken with Forest Service soil scientist who explained that due to the specific riverbed makeup, erosion of the bank will not occur at the schoolhouse.
- ii. Lois Walker has also raised this concern with the Forest Service.

8. Reports from Non NFLA Groups

a. North Fork Patrol

- i. Mark reported that over 140 places were checked on during the off season. Only normal issues were noted, stove pipes and stacks bent.
- ii. He shared that he has followed up with the county on the property of Doug Barnes. The County Treasure is responsible and they have contacted Doug's family. They are not local and so Mark will contact the sheriff about securing the property and moving things inside as possible.
- iii. Mark also shared that there is a new Burn Permit system. You access it online and receive a code number that is unique to your property.
- iv. Mark also reminded all that with the new start to the water season to wear your PDF.

b. Polebridge Bear Smart

- i. Suzanne Hildner shared that Employee Bear Smart training has occurred at the Northern Light's Saloon and another training will occur at Home Ranch Bottoms in a week.
- ii. Suzanne also shared a new training, First Response Program with FWP. Volunteers have been trained to assist FWP when they get busy, trail cameras and scare devices are available when needed. Suzanne can be contacted.
- iii. Polebridge Bear Smart still has a few bear resistant canisters for purchase, contact Suzanne if needed.

c. NFPA

- i. Suzanne reported that this year's Bear News is at the printers. July 22nd is their next meeting. Speaker from People in Landscapes will discuss roads and wildlife.

d. NFLUAC

- i. No further update at this time.

e. Trails

- i. Bill Walker reported that at their next meeting they will finalize the schedule for hikes and trail work.
- ii. They are working with the Forest Service to form a formal relationship

f. Fire Chief's Report

- i. Kevin Ulrichsen reported that you need to obtain a Fire Burn Permit online.
- ii. Fires must be out at the end of the day
- iii. You should have everything you need to put the fire out before you start
- iv. Kevin encouraged everyone to start getting fire equipment ready for the season. Trailers, sprinklers, tanks should all be in working order.

g. Fourth of July Community Picnic

- i. Richard reminded all that following the parade, all are invited to Dan and Dawn Jacobson's for a community potluck picnic.

9. Members and Guests Comments

- a. Larry Wilson announced Becky's memorial service is to be held on August 5th at the Hall.
- b. Karin Colby shared that she will be on vacation, but not to worry, she will have a sub delivering our mail
- c. Tina Lawrence shared her concern for ATV enthusiasts to be safe when enjoying the North Fork. She asked that we all encourage folks to be careful.

10. Adjourned at 9:03PM