

NORTH FORK LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 17, 2023

4:37PM

1. AGENDA –Call to order

- ✓ Richard Hildner, President
- ✓ Jack McFarland, Vice President
- ✓ John Zardis, Treasurer
- ✓ Jim Rittenberg, S. Director
- ✓ Kevin Ulrichsen, S. Director
- ✓ Irv Heitz, N. Director (4:50pm)
- ✓ Steve Bergs, N. Director
- ✓ Beth Ulrichsen, Secretary
- ✓ Dan Jacobson, Maintenance
- ✓ Bill Walker, Past President

1.1. Changes, additions, deletions?

There are no changes to the agenda.

1.2 Review of last month's Board Meeting minutes

2. Vote to approve Beth Ulrichsen as interim Secretary.

Vote of affirmation, by the Board, to appoint Beth Ulrichsen as interim Secretary to fill the remainder of Karina Petty's term. All were in favor of Beth Ulrichsen filling the position until the next election.

3. Guest speakers. Needed to fill two dates, June and October meetings.

3.1.1. How to use GPS emergency location devices?

Kevin Ulrichsen spoke with Bob, Manager at Sportsman's Ski Haus in Kalispell, about being the speaker for the June 11th meeting. He was willing to bring samples and discuss the different options available, but is waiting to hear back from corporate for permission. Kevin will let the Board know when it is confirmed.

3.1.2. Bear spray practice/discussion hosted by NFPA BearSmart committee?

The NFPA has offered to present at the October meeting. They would have members practice using bear spray through scenarios. It was decided to save this presentation as a backup in the event that the Park Service is unable to speak about the geology of Glacier NP.

3.1.3. GNP Geology?

Richard is waiting to hear back from Teagan. He is hopeful this will work out and a talk about the geology of the park can be arranged for the October meeting.

4. Hall maintenance update: Dan Jacobsen

4.1.1. roof, ceiling, pest management, bats

Dan is still working on finding a contractor to seal the ridge cap on the roof.

Dan will research information on types of bat houses and how many are recommended per acre.

Jack offered Sue's assistance in building them. Richard and Jack both expressed that they have surplus wood they can donate.

5. Hall cleanup May 20

5.1.1. Coordinator?

Dan is the coordinator of the Hall Cleanup.

Bill will post a notice to all members so that people can plan to come help out at the Hall Clean Up. May 20th at 10:00AM.

5.1.2. Task list

Dan has compiled a list of things that need to be accomplished during the cleanup.

- Windows washed
- Kitchen cleaned
- Sweep and mop floors
- Pile branches and weed whack
- Service generator
- Install bat houses
- Clean ashes from stove – Richard has a 5 gallon buck that can be used for ashes
- Replace extension cord to stove blower and route it properly to prevent damage.
- Burn brush pile if weather permits
- Clean outhouses

5.1.3. Lunch

Dawn Jacobson will organize the BBQ, Rittenbergs will also assist.

6. Financials: Discussion and approval

6.1.1. Membership numbers

We are a little behind in membership numbers this year.

John will send an email reminder to all that haven't yet paid, those that he doesn't have an email address for he will mail a post card to.

The Newsletter will be taken to the printers this week. An addendum to the Newsletter (already emailed) will be emailed Wednesday.

Beth stated that there is a reminder in the Newsletter about membership dues.

6.1.2. Financial health

John reported that our financial health is excellent.

John discussed the idea of moving the Improvement and Emergency account savings into an account that will make more interest.

Irv questioned if we would still be able to access the money in an emergency. John explained that the penalty is the loss of the last 2 quarters interest if we were to remove it early.

****John explained that to his knowledge the Improvement and Emergency Funds can be used interchangeably, unless someone has donated money with a stipulation as to how it must be used. Irv shared that Emergency funds and Improvement funds cannot be used interchangeably.***

Richard expressed that we are better off getting 4% interest rather than nothing at all.

Jack suggested that John be allowed to proceed with looking into options for the two accounts. All were in favor.

6.1.3. What maintenance can we afford

Outside exterior is the priority. On May 20th we will assess and then move forward on how to proceed.

Then we will move forward with the ceiling.

It was agreed that at this time we will proceed with the normal maintenance budget, no major maintenance decided on at this time.

7. FireWise field day June 22

Richard will be in charge of the event.

He will create a checklist and comments on what the Hildners' have done, should have done, and still can do.

8. Other business before the Board

Bill questioned when the Newsletter will go out. John stated that it will go out this week.

Bill shared that the NFPA and NF Trails can now accept online donations through PayPal. He would like to work with John to create an account for NFLA.

Bill informed all that Jim Dahlstrom will be sending more information about the construction in Polebridge to be updated on the NFLA website.

Beth mentioned that the floor mats in the Hall are in need of replacement. All agreed. Dan will look into replacing them and pick up replacements.

9. Next meeting?

May 15, 2023 at 4:30 Zoom Meeting will be scheduled

10. Adjourned at 5:20PM