



## NFLA - Board Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2023

4PM

Sondreson Hall

### Board Members:

- ✓ Jack McFarland, President
- ✓ Jim Rittenberg, Vice President
- ✓ John Zardis, Treasurer
- ✓ John Stone, S. Director
  - Kevin Ulrichsen, S. Director– not present
  - Cheryl Crane, N. Director– not present
- ✓ Steve Berg, N. Director
- ✓ Beth Ulrichsen, Secretary
  - Richard Hildner, Past President– not present
- ✓ Guest: Dan Jacobson, Maintenance Committee

1. Call to order 4:09
2. Changes, additions, deletions –Jim requested that a discussion about Thanksgiving host being needed be added
3. Minutes from last membership meeting- no changes
4. Financial Report
  - a. Fiscal 2023 Report from Treasurer.
    - i. John shared that the budget shared was the final fiscal year report (year ended on 8/31/23)
    - ii. The Board agreed and approved the full year financials
  - b. John Zardis will ask Karina Pettey to be on the audit committee for Fiscal 2023
    - i. Jack approved the appointment of Karina.
    - ii. Completion by October 31, 2023 or as soon thereafter as practical
  - c. Budget for Fiscal 2024
    - i. Review draft budget for 2024 vs actuals for 2023
    - ii. The Board considered spending cuts.
      1. Mag Chloride is the third most expensive line item in budget. The Board agreed to cut application of mag chloride to the road for next year. This is a trial to see if every third year application can be suspended. This decision will be reevaluated based on the condition of the road over the year.
      2. Steve mentioned that an increasing number of people have bought into the application of mag chloride. He believes that it is a public service and the residue from past applications does help the following year.
    - iii. Specific spending increases
      1. Mag chloride expenses have increased to \$1,600. Elimination of this item from the budget will help with other budget expenses.
    - iv. Committee budget requests
      1. History Committee has submitted a request. Beth asked John to keep Welcome Committee budget the same as past
      2. John has reviewed all and will maintain all based on actuals from last year
    - v. All spending on maintenance will come from the maintenance fund and will not be budgeted out of the operating budget

1. Dan agreed that the budgeted amount of \$1.500 was an good amount for maintenance expenses
      - vi. Jack will ask Bill Walker about adding the “Donate” button to the website before the Fall Newsletter goes out.
      - vii. John will look at dues that were prepaid (15 people last year, 41 people this year)
      - viii. The Board discussed combining and adding line items to the budget for clarity. John Zardis will add “Social Committee” to carry out calendar activities and “Special Events” to carry out Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.
    - d. Tabled discussions
      - i. Consideration of changing fiscal year to calendar year
      - ii. Raising dues – currently planned for Fiscal 2025 (not for 2024) with a \$5 increase per membership type
5. Legal
  - a. Maintaining MT SOS annual reports
    - i. John Zardis will carry out the submission of these reports
  - b. Discussion of parole conditions of individual present at Pie and Ice Cream Social
    - i. The presence this past summer, at the Pie and Ice Cream social, of an individual thought to be on parole at the time was discussed.
    - ii. Prior to the meeting, Steve Berg obtained a copy of the individual’s parole conditions, copies of which were then sent to all directors before the meeting.
    - iii. The board discussed the conditions and their applicability to the social.
    - iv. The board appointed Steve to privately discuss the following with the individual: the conditions; the relevance of the conditions to the social; whether the individual believed the conditions had been violated in any respect by his presence at the social; and any other matter thought to be relevant by the individual.
    - v. Steve agreed to summarize the meeting with the individual in the form of an email to the board, copy to the individual.
  - a. Burn Permit Needed
    - iii. A Burn Permit is needed for the legal burning of brush piles at the Hall, Jack will obtain the permit for when the piles are burned
6. Community Hall Improvements
  - a. Key projects and budget estimates:
    - i. Pest intrusion including bats
      1. Dan reported that Apex Pest Control would be up in a couple weeks for bat remediation inspection. He will give a quote
      2. Dan has restocked bait stations both in and outside the Hall
      3. Bait stations were found, chewed by a bear, during the brush cleanup.
    - ii. Ceiling project
      1. Review of quotes for ceiling materials.
        - a. John Stone shared a printout of prices from RBM and one price from WBC.
        - b. John Stone made a motion to select White Wood #2 1X6 at .325 (half price) from RBM for a total of \$2,106. John Zardis seconded it. The Board was all in favor of the selection.
        - c. John Stone will double-check the measurements before ordering materials.
      2. Discussion of whether we stain/seal the ceiling
        - a. John Stone expressed that it wasn’t necessary to stain or seal the wood prior to installation. It was agreed that we will not stain the ceiling boards
      3. Review submitted labor bids

- a. John Stone shared that currently we have 3 quotes ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for installation, 2 more are coming in
  - b. Discussed the approach of using volunteers to supplement contractor
    - i. Jack suggested we use volunteers to help offset the cost
    - ii. John Zardis suggested we, the community, do all the labor. He reminded all that the Hall was originally built by the community
    - iii. Steve Berg expressed that we should hire someone to finally get it done
    - iv. Jack suggested we get bids and then decide if we do the work or hire someone
  - iii. Exterior staining and maintenance
    - 1. Dan shared that he is waiting for a bid from Thane, his stepson to give a quote on staining and chinking
    - 2. It was thought that possibly community volunteers could be utilized also for staining and chinking
  - b. Changing locks:
    - i. Reconsidered now that vandalism has been ruled out for the loss of the bait stations. No longer deemed necessary
  - c. Winterization needs
    - i. None required, there are no water lines
- 7. NFLA Coffee Mugs
  - a. Jack will ask Richard to check on status
  - b. Mark Heaphy asked that the Board consider gifting a mug and/or gift certificate to Justine for her support of the community on bear education, this was approved by the Board
    - i. A mug and gift certificate for \$50 to Home Ranch Bottoms will be shared
    - ii. Justine will also be asked to be a guest speaker at a Membership Meeting
- 8. Membership meeting on October 8 at Community Hall at 6pm (Speaker) followed by the regular membership meeting at 7pm
  - a. Guest speaker is Jaime Belt, GNP volunteer coordinator (coordinated by Richard Hildner) Jack will ask Richard to confirm
  - b. Steve Berg will be the “host” for October membership meeting
- 9. Fall newsletter
  - a. Beth provided a status report
    - i. All is in very good shape, Waiting for the President’s letter and the Fall Calendar. Then it is ready to be sent to the printers
    - ii. Beth will handle sending Newsletter to the printer
  - b. Update on website “Donate” button – Jack will contact Bill Walker to be sure he is committed to working with John to ensure this is functional by the time the newsletter is mailed (October)
  - c. Mailing List will be shared with Beth so that Newsletters can be mailed
- 10. Next Board Meeting
  - a. December, January, February, March, April will be via Zoom
  - b. There will be no November Board Meeting
  - c. Jack will call a Special Meeting to discuss things that may come up (i.e. Ceiling Project)
- 11. Adjourned: 5:52PM

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ulrichsen  
NFLA Secretary  
10/2/23