



NFLA - Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Sunday October 8, 2023, at 6pm

Location: Community Hall

Attendees: All Members invited

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

6pm: Jai Belt, GNP volunteer coordinator

7pm: Membership meeting

1. Call to order -7:25PM
2. Welcome and Opening Remarks
 - a. Veterans Pantry donations were collected
 - b. Committee budget requests were requested
3. September Membership Meeting Minutes were read, Motion to accept by Richard Hildner, Jim Rittenburg seconded it, minutes were accepted as read.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Jack expressed that the report was the same as last month's, all agreed to an update given in June, the next membership meeting.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Sunshine
 - i. Bonny reported that 5 birthday cards had been sent, 4 condolence cards (Cecily McNeil, Lee Downes, Winnie Storli, and Dick Lawrence)
 - b. History
 - i. Lois reported she is compiling a collection on Ralph Thayer and the Grizzly Inn, met with Cindy Mish, helped Larry Wilson organize back issues of his columns, provided historical information to Lee Downes' family, and is compiling a list of where our area North Forkers are buried.
 - c. Maintenance
 - i. Dan reported that Apex will be here on the 13th for Bat mitigation bid
 - ii. John Stone shared that the ceiling project is progressing. RBM gave 50% off on ww#2, 1x6. Bids for labor are still coming in. Five bids to work with.
 - iii. Dan confirmed that there are bids coming in for chinking and staining the outside of Hall
 - d. Welcome – Beth welcomed all and shared that there have been many new faces at events and meetings recently. Some new, some seasoned North Forkers.
 - e. Fire Mitigation

- i. Richard Hildner filled in for Molly Shepard. Molly asked that all hand in their hours and expenses incurred for fire mitigation/Fire Smart/Firewise/projects, including contractors. Report to be sent in early November.
- 6. Organization Reports (Non-NFLA)
 - a. North Fork Patrol
 - i. Mark Heaphy reported that a trap was set on Trail Creek near the Bubble Up bear incident. DNA sample sent to Bozeman to determine if it was a grizzly. Six cameras set up, for 3 nights. No bear sighting.
 - ii. Mark followed up on the trailer on Hornet, appeared to be abandoned, reported it to law enforcement.
 - iii. Mark shared that bears are in the news, NF Patrol spent time checking on cabins in the area.
 - iv. Cheryl Crane reported on the bear incident that happened today, Oct. 8 on Trail Creek. Owner charged by bear at door, dog was taken, owner shot the bear, dog was found deceased/ bear returned to where dog was. Cameras are set up. DNA will determine more.
 - v. Mark Heaphy shared that bear spray could be fired from hip, it is designed to be worn on hip.
 - b. Polebridge Bear Smart
 - i. Suzanne Hildner shared that if bears are being seen, they have game cameras and scare devices that can be loaned out. Contact Suzan for help in trying to avoid habituating bears.
 - c. NFPA
 - d. NF Trails
 - i. Bill Walker reported that the Forest Service has come through with the Cost Sharing. Trails is having an enjoyable month of hiking. Annual meeting will be at Rittenburg's.
 - e. NFLUAC
 - f. Fire Chief
 - i. Lynn Ogle reminded all to get burn permits on line for open burning.
- 7. Old Business
 - a. All topics covered in committee reports
- 8. New Business
 - a. Richard shared a mug with Lois for her talk last month
 - b. Gavin Wisdom shared updates on LeGrizz, 50 mile Ultra Marathon next Saturday. Starts at Big Creek, Volunteers needed.
- 9. Member Comments
 - a. No comments
- 10. Next Membership Meeting
 - a. Sunday June 9 at 7pm
- 11. Adjourn at 8:09 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Ulrichsen