



NFLA - Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 19, 2024 at 4:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees: All Board Members invited Guests:

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

- 1) Call to order at 4:35PM
- 2) Changes, additions, deletions
 - a) Beth asked that the Board add and approve the purchase and hanging of coat hooks in the Hall.
 - b) Hooks were discussed and the Board agreed to the purchase of hooks and the hanging of hooks after the completion of the ceiling project.
- 3) Sharing of minutes from last Board meeting on 1-8-24
 - a) Motion by John Stone to accept minutes as shared, all were in favor.
- 4) Spring Newsletter
 - a) Beth asked for clarification that the spring newsletter will be printed this year, and printed in black and white. All agreed that it will be printed and mailed, and should be printed in black and white.
 - b) Jack and Jim will work on the President's Letter together and focus on the ceiling project and a need for volunteers.
- 5) Fire Mitigation Committee
 - a) Allen Chrisman requested recognition and confirmation of members of the committee.
 - i) Molly Shepherd Co-Chair
 - ii) Allen Chrisman Co-Chair
 - iii) Larry Wilson
 - iv) Lynn Ogle
 - v) Jerry Wernick
 - vi) Ed Heger
 - vii) Dick Leigh
 - viii) Todd Lando
 - ix) Kevin Ulrichsen
 - x) Richard Hildner, Regular Member
 - xi) Lincoln Chute, Ex-Officio Member
 - b) Motion to approve all members of the Fire Mitigation Committee by Jim, Cheryl seconded it, all in favor.

- 6) Community Hall Use Agreement
 - a) Update from John Zardis was tabled until John is present for discussion
- 7) Summer Dance with band
 - a) Discussion of the history of the event. Debo had shared with Jim that in the past there had been live music after NFLA meetings and the bands were paid by donation. Jack recalled mostly records being played at dances, and occasionally bands, but infrequent.
 - b) This summer event will be a NFLA event.
 - c) Debo thought the payment would be about \$300
 - d) The Board agreed that voluntary donations can be taken at the door from those who wish to, the NFLA will agree to pay the difference if \$300 is not collected at the event, but the host will pass the hat in hopes of collecting the full amount.
 - e) It was agreed that we all think that summer dances are for the community to enjoy, donations should be voluntary, not required. A \$5 or \$10 donation may be suggested, but not required.
- 8) Jim Dahlstrom Recognition at Winter Interlocal
 - a) A NFLA mug and HRB gift certificate were provided (and squirt gun), picked up by Bill Walker
 - b) HRB to be reimbursed (John Z. will contact Flannery)
 - c) Jim R. proposed the purchase of a larger gift for Jim Dahlstrom, cost covered through NFLA funds and then reimbursed by donations by spreading the word. Any additional funds raised will go to Jim D. for his travel plans.
 - d) Jim R. suggested an Ooni Pizza Oven, with a pizza paddle engraved, and a Carhart apron signed by all. Beth will pick up the apron. Jim R. will coordinate getting the pizza oven and paddle.
 - e) Potentially, gift given on May 31 at pizza party at bridge (Jack checking with Jim D. on attendance)
- 9) Financial Report
 - a) Financial report reviewed by Board
 - b) Jack mentioned how large the donations have been so far. Jim pointed out that we are a bit behind on the memberships compared to last year at this time.
 - c) Beth will add a reminder to pay dues in the Spring Newsletter.
 - d) Cheryl asked for a list of current members, it would be helpful for Board members to know who already is a member so we can reach out to neighbors who may have not joined yet. Jack will get a list form John Z.
 - e) Audit committee for Fiscal 2023
 - i) Jim reported that John Z. is still looking for someone to help complete the audit with him.
- 10) Community Hall Improvements
 - a) Ceiling project update (John Stone)
 - i) John reported that he has confirmed that the order is placed and that RBM will deliver materials.
 - ii) John researched that it would cost \$7,000 to have product applied to all sides, per recommendation. So, we will coat the boards ourselves during the first two weeks of May and during the last two weeks of May we will start installation.
 - iii) Jack shared how he sealed and dried his boards, stating that the number of days needed will be determined by how many drying days we will need.
 - iv) Jack suggested we get expert volunteers and then fill the gaps around them.
 - v) John is still looking for the best water-based product to use to seal wood. Estimated \$50-\$60 per gallon, \$300-\$400 to finish boards.
 - vi) John S. asked for a system to organize volunteers to seal boards and installation. 6-8 people are needed for sealing and additional people for installation.
 - vii) Cheryl will post a poll on Facebook to see what kind of interest there is in volunteering.
 - viii) Cody would like to go in early and fir in our gable ends before we start installation.
 - ix) Jim asked for a rough estimate of the total cost of the project. John will get back to us.

11) Guest Speakers

a) The following are on the calendar

(1) June 9 - Justine Vallieres

(2) July 14 - Mark Paulson, president of Big Sky Astronomy Club on dark skies

(3) Aug 11 - Rachel Malison, Flathead Biological Station, chat about stoneflies

(4) Sep 8 - Mark Heaphy will get back to us. He is checking on the availability of rescue dogs on this date

(5) Oct 13 – Teagan

12) New Business

a) Jim suggested that we discuss at our next meeting the consideration of a propane heater as an alternate, supplemental heat source for the Hall.

13) Next board meeting on March 18 at 4:30 (zoom invite has been sent)

14) Adjourned at 5:36PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Beth Ulrichsen

NFLA Secretary

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