

NFLA - Board Meeting Minutes March 18, 2024



Meeting Date: **March 18, 2024**

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
- ✓ Cheryl Crane, N. Director
 - Steve Berg, N. Director -not present
- ✓ Beth Ulrichsen, Secretary
- ✓ Richard Hildner, Past President

1. Call to order at 4:34
2. Changes, additions
 - a. Add discussion of propane heaters for Hall
 - b. Add discussion of ceiling fans for Hall
3. Minutes from last Board meeting on 2-19-24
 - a. Motion to accept minutes by Cheryl Crane, seconded by Kevin Ulrichsen
4. Spring Newsletter
 - a. Newsletter is ready for the printers, 12 pages.
 - b. Beth will send to printer, Instyprints, this week.
 - c. Lois Walker proof read it for errors.
 - d. Estimated cost is \$1,060, plus postage. This is for an estimated 480 copies.
 - e. Richard suggested we send Newsletter to summer speakers and interlocal people: FWP, Forest Service, Rob Davies... Beth will ask John to be sure they are on the list.
5. Community Hall Use Agreement
 - a. Kevin suggested we keep them as is. Most are probably included due to things that have happened in the past.
 - b. Jim said that the checklist is helpful for people to follow. Helps to be sure things are done.
 - c. Jack said that a member is more likely to know how things are done.
 - d. John is checking on insurance for alcohol use at Hall
 - e. Tabled until John Zardis is present for further discussion.
6. Summer Dance with band
 - a. Approved per the minutes from prior meeting.
 - b. On calendar, added "pass the hat" donations optional.
7. Jim Dahlstrom Recognition at Pizza Night, May 31st
 - a. Jim confirmed he will attend the Friday Pizza event on May 31
 - b. Beth will purchase the Carhart apron and fabric pen, and drop off with Tye at the PB Ranger Station for crew to sign at the end of May.
 - c. Jim will order the pizza oven and the paddle, approximately \$600.
 - d. Jim suggested getting the word out and the use of the donation button. He will talk to Bill and John Z. about the button.
 - e. Board will start spreading the word.
 - f. Beth will post the celebration on Facebook when it gets closer.
8. Financial Report

- a. Financial report tabled until John Z. is present

9. Community Hall Improvements

- a. Budget report – Estimated project cost:
 - i. \$5,040.00 - 1X6 inch T&G nickel gap planed white wood
 - ii. \$ 500.00 - material delivery to site
 - iii. \$3,050.00 - Contractor labor bid (does not take into account discount for additional labor item in original bid)
 - iv. \$900.00 - water based sealer
 - v. \$ 120.00 - nails
 - vi. \$ 315.00 ram board to cover floor
 - vii. \$ 350.00 - Miscellaneous materials to include tape, brushes, rollers, gloves, saw blades
 - viii. \$10,275.00 - Total
- b. Tabled, purchase of a plaque for volunteers.
- c. John S. purchased ram board, tape, brushes and ordered poly acrylic on sale, 35% off
- d. John is gathering materials
- e. Jack and Cheryl have scaffolding and sprayers to loan.
- f. Jim shared that Thane will give a quote on sealing this up before the ceiling project. New ridge vent. Richard asked if the new ridge vent was fire safe, Kevin shared that they were looking at 1/8-inch ember resistant material.
- g. Jim shared that Lois Walker will take the pictures down off the wall and replace them after the project is completed.
- h. John S. suggested we start applying poly to boards 3 days prior to installation. Staining and sealing can overlap.
- i. Cody will oversee install. John will oversee staining.
- j. John will discuss with Cody his bid and what he is comfortable with.
- k. John Stone suggested that we install two ceiling fans to help with air circulation, this would be part of the ceiling project. John will ask Bernie, an electrician, to help him wire for fans and move lighting wires prior to the start of install.
- l. John will organize a schedule. He'll start with all those that he knows have specific areas of expertise and then fill the gaps with more volunteers.
- m. Propane heaters – Jim has contacted Ogle Heating for quotes on vented wall heaters. Kevin shared that he had purchased two ventless heaters with thermostats for \$200 each. Work really well. Richard shared that propane heat as our main heating source would help reduce insurance costs.
- n. Jack appointed Beth to purchase hooks and designate someone to hang them. Beth will consult with Lois when Lois rehanges pictures after the ceiling project is complete.
- o. Jim suggested that we post on Facebook that the Hall will be out of commission during the ceiling construction project in May. Beth will post it.

10. Guest Speakers

- a. June 9 - Justine Vallieres – confirmed. Meeting will begin earlier than usual to allow for bear spray practice.
- b. July 14 - Mark Paulson, president of Big Sky Astronomy Club on dark skies
- c. Aug 11 - Rachel Malison, flathead biological station, chat about stoneflies
- d. Sep 8 - Mark Heaphy has confirmed
- e. Oct 13 – Teagan (confirmed)

11. Legal

- a. No matters to update at this time

12. New Business

- a. Kevin asked if Jack had pulled a burn permit yet. Kevin will burn brush at the Hall once permit is in place.

13. Next board meeting on **April 15 at 4:30**- Zoom Meeting

14. Adjourned at 5:45