

NFLA - Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2024



Meeting Date: **April 15, 2024**

Location: Zoom

Attendees: All Board Members invited Guests:

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

1. Call to order at 4:40
2. Minutes from last Board meeting
 - a. Richard moved to accept the minutes as shared, John Z. seconded it, all were in agreement to approve
3. Spring Newsletter
 - a. Email version was sent out by John Z. April 4th
 - b. Beth has sent the pdf to Instyprint to be printed and should be mailed out by May 1, 2024
 - c. 200 copies are being mailed; 25 extra copies will be picked up to be made available at the Hall
 - d. The estimated cost is \$530.00
 - e. Copies will be mailed to the names and addresses that John Z. provided, the names and addresses are of all that were members last year and a few new members for this year
 - f. Jim shared that he has printed out and placed current copies of the spring calendar in the NFLA box next to his mailbox
4. Community Hall Use Agreement
 - a. John Z. confirmed that the Hall's insurance policy does cover those that are renting or using the Hall
 - b. All agreed to have John Z. and Beth look over the current policy to see if there are any changes to be made and to be sure the information on the website and that being handed out are consistent
 - c. Richard shared that he has a hard copy folder of the past discussions and decisions made to create the current policy and will share it with Beth
5. Jim Dahlstrom Recognition
 - a. An update by Jim on the approach to collecting donations for the gift for Jim D was shared.
 - b. The gift will be from the NF community, all community members will be encouraged to contribute.
 - c. Bill will post it on the NF page with a link to a donate button and there will be a collection during the ceiling project work days
 - d. Jim has purchased the oven and accessories
 - e. Beth has purchased the apron to be signed by the community, and will give it to Tye at Polebridge Ranger Station to have the GNP folks sign

6. Financial Report

- a. John Z. reported we are on track for revenue, donations are higher, and we received a \$600 rental fee from the Military group
- b. There seems to be an increase in associate members this year
- c. We have gone over on a few items, but most are below. Supplies are high due to the gifting of mugs and social committee is high due to all the folks we have lost this year in the NF
- d. John Z. shared that he has taken money out of the CD so that cash is available for the ceiling project
- e. John has arranged for Karina Petty to help him with the Audit committee for Fiscal 2023

7. Community Hall Improvements

- a. John Stone shared the Ceiling project update: he has received a few more volunteers on the signup sheet, he will call folks to encourage them to sign up, RBM is all set to deliver wood by May 1st, wood will be finished on all 4 sides, 15 gauge nails will be used to secure boards, John S will put down paper on the floor
- b. John S. consulted with Bernie Weidman on the instillation of ceiling fans, it was decided that the fans will be installed after the ceiling project by rewiring the lights and fans to integrate them into one conduit, the result will look better
- c. The rodent quote from Thane came in at about \$3,000 to \$4,000, this did not include the work needed on the ridgeline
 - i. Richard asked that consideration be made for use of fire-resistant materials when making improvements to the roof. It was agreed that 1/8-inch hardware cloth be used
 - ii. Kevin offered to order the bat boxes so they can be installed now to give the bats a new home before we seal off the roof
- d. John S. will make a list of needed supplies (sawhorses, nail-guns, etc.) for volunteers to bring

8. All guest speakers have been confirmed for the summer Membership Meetings

- a. June 9 - Justine Vallieres with inert bear spray practice included, starting early at 6:30
- 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 with canine team
- e. Oct 13 – Teagan Tomlin

9. Old Business

- a. Jim is waiting for a quote on auxiliary propane heating from Ogle's
- b. Kevin reported that he burned the brush pile at the Hall on 3/15, used the online burn permit

10. New Business

- a. none

11. Next board meeting on Thursday, May 23, in person at the Hall, at 11:00am

12. Adjourned at 5:55

- a. Motion to adjourn by John S., seconded by Kevin

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Beth Ulrichsen

NFLA Secretary

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