



NFLA Board Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2024 at 4:03 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
- ✓ Cheryl Crane, N. Director
- ✓ Steve Berg, N. Director
- ✓ Beth Ulrichsen, Secretary
- ✓ Richard Hildner, Past President

1. Call to order at 4:03
2. No changes, additions, deletions to last month's minutes needed
 - a. Cheryl made a motion to accept the minutes as shared, Kevin seconded it
 - b. At the Membership meetings, Beth will share that the minutes are available on the NFLA web site and will bring hard copies to the meeting for people to read. Beth will read only the agenda highlights at the Membership Meeting and Board Meeting
3. Spring Newsletter

Beth reported that the Spring Newsletter was mailed and delivered by the May 1st deadline.
4. Community Hall Use Agreement
 - a. Beth reported that she has tracked down the most current Hall Use agreement, revised in March of 2022
 - b. Beth will share what she was given by Karina with the Board
5. Jim Dahlstrom Recognition
 - a. Jim shared that the link set up by Bill on the webpage for donations for the gift
 - b. Beth and Kevin have donated the apron "card", to be signed by all who would like to sign. Signing will continue at the Pizza Party at the bridge
 - c. Jack confirmed that Jim D. will be present at the Pizza Party
6. Financial Report
 - a. Financial report was sent via email to all Board Members, John Z. was not able to attend the meeting
7. Community Hall Improvements
 - a. Ceiling project
 - i. John S. shared that the final cost was about \$8,800 for the completion of the ceiling project
 - ii. The total was about \$1,000 less than expected
 - iii. A great group of volunteers gathered to complete the projects (ceiling, roof, oiled logs)
 - iv. \$350 was spent for roofing materials to vent and screen out pests, the work was done by volunteers
 - v. Due to the wonderful turnout of volunteers, the outside of the Hall was also treated with log oil during the week of building
 - vi. Kevin will finish the chinking around the logs of the ceiling

- vii. John S. will paint the electrical boxes
- viii. Lois Walker will rehang the displays
- ix. Bernie Weidman will install the ceiling fans
- x. A group from the Board will go on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 to complete the cleanup
- xi. Jim will talk to Dan about replacing the gas light mantles
- xii. Beth will order curtains, rod, and hooks for the opening of the new loft area
- xiii. Jim will make louvers for the fan opening
- xiv. Kevin will check on the AED battery and pads to see if they are expired
- xv. Jim will ask Dan about the status of generator maintenance
- xvi. John S. has replaced the lightbulbs where needed
- b. Budget update (last estimate was \$10,275)
- c. Final clean up date/schedule
- 8. Guest Speakers – all speakers have been confirmed, no changes
 - a. June 9 - Justine Vallieres with inert bear spray practice included
 - 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 and NVSR dogs
 - e. Oct 13 – Teagan
- 9. New Business
 - a. Propane heater for the Hall – Jim Rittenburg
 - i. Jim received a quote for \$6,000
 - ii. Jim proposed that we install the heaters with volunteer help
 - iii. Cost of a heater is approximately \$2,600
 - iv. More discussion on where to place the heater, the height off the floor, and consideration of snow obstructions from the exhaust
 - v. Motion to proceed with the installation of a secondary propane heating source was made by Kevin, seconded by Cheryl, all were in favor
- 10. Next board meeting
 - a. Discussion of summer schedule and a regular date for Board meetings
 - i. The Board Meetings will be on Mondays, one week prior to the Membership Meeting

Adjourned at 5:06

Respectfully submitted by,
Beth Ulrichsen
NFLA Secretary
May 23, 2024