



NFLA - Membership Meeting Minutes October 13, 2024

Meeting Date: Sunday October 13, 2024

Location: Sondreson Community Hall

Host: Randy Kenyon and Board

Attendees: All Members invited

NFLA Board:

- ✓ Jack McFarland, President
- ✓ Jim Rittenburg, Vice President
- ✓ Richard Hildner, Past President
- ✓ Beth Ulrichsen, Secretary
- ✓ John Zardis, Treasurer
John Stone, S. Director
- ✓ Kevin Ulrichsen, S. Director
- ✓ Cheryl Crane, N. Director
Ruth Kinsolving, N. Director

6:00 pm: Guest Presentation:

Teagan Tomlin - Geologic History of Glacier National Park – 41 present

7:00 pm: Membership meeting

1. Call to order at 7:24pm, 34 present
2. Welcome and Opening Remarks
 - i. Food Drive – Food and cash donations can be dropped off with Lynn or taken to the Veteran’s Pantry
3. September 8, 2024 Membership Minutes – copies are available at the hall and online
4. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Monthly report - John Zardis reported that there is \$30,000 cash, down from last year due to the ceiling and heater projects.
 - b. It is the start of the new fiscal year, dues are due and can be paid on line using the donate button on the website, mailed to John, or at the meeting.
 - c. John shared that he is working on next years budget
 - d. Audits for 2023 and 2024 were completed by Karina and John Z.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Sunshine -Bonny reported that 11 cards were sent: 8 birthday and 3 sympathy cards (Robert Schepe Jr., Ken Knapp, and Raymond Mosley).
 - b. History -Lois shared that she is editing Walt Hammer’s autobiography and also working on Dr. Robert Funk’s tape-recorded conversations to try and glean some of what was said and determine who was speaking on the recording.
 - c. Maintenance -no report available
 - d. Welcome -Beth mentioned that she and Zoe have met a new couple that have arrived just last month on Paradise and are happy to receive word of another new couple who have purchased Doug Barns’ place on NF Road.
 - e. Fire Mitigation -Kevin shared that Molly is still looking for additional hours and expenses for FireWise Community renewal. Please send your information to Molly by weeks end.
6. Organization Reports (Non-NFLA)
 - a. North Fork Patrol -Mark Heaphy reminded all that general hunting season starts soon and if you see something that doesn’t seem right, call Game Warden Tyler Melville to report issue.
 - i. Mark also shared that he had found a cell phone, but did not know who the owner was. Cheryl will try to see if she can find the owner.
 - ii. Mark reminded all that when you call 911, they will initiate ambulance and fire. You should have someone go to the NF Road to help direct them to your home, leave vehicle on road with flashers on to draw attention. They will call for helicopter if needed.
 - b. Polebridge Bear Smart -Suzanne Hildner shared that the Le Grizz Race was a huge success, many runners, lots of talk of interest for next year.

- i. Suzanne is working on an empty/expired bear spray program for recycling old cans.
 - c. NFPA -Suzanne shared that it was another great Annual Meeting.
 - i. They will continue Bear Smart Program and training.
 - ii. There is a possibility of being able to purchase more bear resistant garbage cans for next year.
 - d. NF Trails -Bill Walker expressed that they had a fun annual meeting at the Rittenberg's and thanked them for hosting. He said they are starting to wind down for the season.
 - e. NFLUAC -Randy shared that there seems to be some activity between the Merc and Ben Rover Cabin. There are two trailers near the river and a vault toilet. County records show that they have a certificate for the vault toilet. Randy will send them a copy of the NF Regulations and Wild and Scenic River rules.
 - f. Fire Chief -Lynn Ogle shared that we dodged a bullet with no fires this summer. He also reminded all that there is to be nothing left or stored behind the woodstove. (A pile of bags were there, but removed immediately.)
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Propane heater for the hall -Jim shared that the new propane stove was installed under budget (total \$1,900) and ahead of schedule (beginning of October).
 - i. The pilot light will be left on for the heater
 - ii. Propane lights will get a new separate shut off valve and will be turned off each time after use.
 - iii. An instruction sheet will be posted above the heater (Cheryl Crane will create the poster)
 - iv. All are reminded that the propane heater is not meant to replace the wood stove. Heater can be used to get the chill out of the room, then wood stove is to be used for the primary heat.
 - v. All are reminded that nothing may be placed on top of the heater, it gets extremely hot and could cause a fire.
 - b. Membership suggestions for speakers for next summer
 - i. All were asked to think of suggestions for speakers for next season's speakers.
 - ii. Jim wondered if there was interest for speakers on Land Trusts/Easements/ Tree Farms. After a discussion it was decided that a separate meeting for those interested might be best.
 - iii. It was suggested that a speaker be asked to come to discuss the proposed fish barrier planned for Moose Creek
 - c. Auction is in the planning phase for next summer
 - i. Richard Hildner will be the auctioneer
 - ii. Quality items and artifacts are wanted
- 8. New Business
 - a. Hall projects under consideration
 - i. Handicap access and covered storage -John Stone is investigating ideas and possibilities for creating a ramp that is more accessible and a place to store tables and chairs.
 - ii. Speaker system for presentations and meetings
 - 1. Bill Walker suggested just getting a lapel mic for the system we already have. This would allow for hands free/un corded movement
 - iii. Suggestions welcomed -now or later, please share ideas with Board members.
- 9. Member Comments
- 10. Jack shared that culverts were replaced on the NF Road,
 - a. The Trail Creek sign will be replaced by Forest Service (Cheryl is working on this)
 - b. No update from Dave Prunty on the guardrail work
 - c. Bill Walker will continue to post road info on the NF Landowners website
- 11. Next Membership Meeting -Sunday June 8, 2025
 - a. b. Presentation: **6pm**, Two Bear Air Rescue will put on a demonstration (extra time needed for the presentation), Mark Heaphy is coordinator
 - b. Business meeting, **8pm** (normal time)
- 12. Adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
 Beth Ulrichsen
 NFLA Secretary
 October 14, 2024