

NFLA - Board Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2025 at 4:00 pm Location: Zoom

Attendees: 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

- 1) Call to order at 4:05
- 2) Agenda Review and/or additions – no additions
- 3) Minutes
  - a) Last Membership meeting held October 13, 2024 and Last Board Meeting held October 7, 2024
    - i) Kevin moved to accept the minutes from both meetings, Cheryl seconded it, all were in favor
- 4) Financial Report (John)
  - a) Financials for 12/31/24 (emailed by John)
    - i) Kevin inquired about mag chloride for the road and when does the Board need to arrange for that. John Z. will contact Dave Prunty for information
  - b) Proposed budget for fiscal 2025 (email sent by John)
    - i) Jim moved to approve the budget for 2025, Cheryl seconded it, all were in favor
  - c) Insurance cost changes and estimate to replace Hall
    - i) \$125 increase in insurance premium due to our distance from a fire hydrant
    - ii) John Z. has discussed with Ray Brown the replacement value of the Hall. It is currently at \$317,000, it was felt that that was adequate for building replacement
  - d) 2023 and 2024 Fiscal Year audit status have been completed by Karina Pettey and John Zardis
  - e) Poaching fund payout of \$125, Whale Creek Road incident
  - f) Raising dues – has been deferred to fiscal year 2026 with a \$5 increase per membership type
    - i) The Board agreed that we are still breaking even, with relying on donations
- 5) Community Hall
  - a) Improvements
    - i) Back porch project -John Stone reported that he has had Polly draw up a sketch and he has compiled ideas for wheelchair access. He will email the documents to the Board
    - ii) Sound system - John Stone explained that he is still working on improved audio and he is also working on purchasing extra remotes for the ceiling fans
    - iii) Solar panel for generator battery has been tabled. Kevin explained that with additional education, people have been able to correctly turn off the generator eliminating the need for a solar panel to keep battery charged.
    - iv) Kevin recommended the installation of a CO Detector and smoke alarm now that we have a propane heater. Jim suggested a propane detector. Kevin will look into purchasing and installing an LEL propane detector, smoke detector, and CO detector.
    - v) Jim asked if we should consider an additional propane shutoff for gas lights, placed near the gas stove in the kitchen. Jim will discuss the idea with Dan Jacobson and also ask Dan to add “check all joints for propane leaks” to the spring clean up list.
    - vi) Beth asked that we purchase a clock and a smaller trashcan to be used during smaller events. Beth will look into purchase and installation of both.

- vii) John Stone reminded all that we had discussed during the spring cleanup the installation of a brace for the south wall. Daryl Johnson had structural ideas on how to support the wall. John Stone will contact Daryl for more information
- b) Hall Use Agreement - Review the revised Hall Use Agreement sent by John
  - i) John Zardis cleaned up the document to condense areas and make it clear to renters. Ruth will connect with John Z. to make a few revisions so that the contract is binding. Ruth will contact John
- 6) Event Planning for 2025
  - a) Speakers list for the year (All are confirmed)
    - June 8 Two Bear Air (Mark Heaphy) **NFLA HOST- Jack**
    - July 13 Doug Chadwick (Jim) **NFLA HOST- Jim**
    - Aug 10 Wendy Cole, Wolf biologist (Kevin Ulrichsen) **NFLA HOST- Kevin/Beth and Cheryl**
    - Sep 14 Montana Wild Wings (John Z) **NFLA HOST- John Z. and John S.**
    - Oct 12 Amber Steed FWP Fish Biologist- Moose Creek Fish Barrier (Richard) **NFLA HOST -Richard**
  - b) Membership meeting hosting assignments -Beth will assign each Board Member with a monthly meeting to host
  - c) Calendar committee updates -Beth reported that the summer calendar is well underway. Lorna held a calendar meeting and by popular demand, again this summer, there will be a history theme
  - d) Auction
    - i) Confirmed date, Friday July 18, 2025
    - ii) Ruth Kinsolving will host the auction
    - iii) Richard agreed to be the auctioneer
    - iv) Important to stress the type of donations we are looking for, quality items
    - v) We need to decide what the proceeds will be used for, John Z. suggested it could be put back into the improvement fund to replace what was spent on the ceiling project
- 7) Community Topics
  - a) Law enforcement resources option
    - i) Jack shared that we would need a multi-year commitment, share a portion of an officer with other communities (one day a week coverage), and we would need a commitment from our commissioners to assure that our money raised would be allocated to our community, approximate cost would be \$25,000 per year
  - b) Road Condition
    - i) Trail creek road sign- Cheryl was told by Dan Toth that it will be replaced in the spring. Cheryl will follow up in the spring
    - ii) Road updates on website – it was decided that it was no longer necessary. Logging and road work up north has been completed for now. Cheryl shared that most people check the webpage for current up to date information on the road posted by people who drove the road that day
- 8) Old Business
  - a) Missing friendship cookie plate – Jim has reported that both have been located and will be put back into circulation
- 9) New Business
  - a) Summer Interlocal – The NFLA is in charge, hosting this year. We will be in charge of the meal/setup/cleanup
  - b) Getting the Hall fire wise
    - i) Crown spacing, pumps
- 10) Legal
  - a) No matters to update at this time
- 11) Adjourned at 5:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Ulrichsen  
NFLA Secretary  
1/21/2025