



NFLA - Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 17, 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 4:03
2. Agenda Review and/or additions – no additions needed
3. Minutes
 - a. Last Board Meeting held January 20 - Beth made a motion to accept the minutes as shared. Kevin seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Financial Report (John)
 - a. Financials for 2/28/25 (sent by John) – deferred until John is present
 - b. Mag Chloride sign up for 2025
 - i. Jack wondered about the availability of the cost share for mag-chloride this year. All assured him that it was discussed at the winter Interlocal and that funds were available.
5. Community Hall
 - a. Improvements –
 - i. Kevin shared that a new clock, propane detector, smoke detector, CO detector and trash bin have been installed and are all fully functional.
 - ii. John Stone has researched and organized information on the following (see handouts)
 1. Back porch project update -John Stone shared detailed handouts on two possibilities for providing handicapped access to the Hall. One, a portable ramp that could be used in the front or back. Two, an addition of a storage porch and ramp off the back. Jack asked the Board to collect their thoughts on the proposed ramp ideas.
 2. Sound system – John Stone received quotes for 3 different sound system options that would work best in our space. John also shared that a donation of \$2,500 has been allocated to this project from his mother's estate. Jack asked the Board to collect their thoughts on the proposed sound ideas.
 3. South wall brace project – John Stone has been working with Daryl Johnson on a brace to hold the south wall in place. Ed Nenemen and Daryl will donate materials needed for the project. There will be no cost to the Hall for this improvement.
 4. Broom Closet – John Stone suggested a broom closet be built near the shelving in the kitchen area to neaten things up.
 5. Wood shed doors – John proposed a sliding barn door for the woodshed.
 6. Spare remote for ceiling fans – John Stone shared that he has ordered a spare remote that is capable of being programed for up to 10 fans.
 - iii. Propane lines- Jim discussed testing propane lines and adding an additional shut off at the stove. This can be done during the spring cleanup day.

- b. Hall Use Agreement
 - i. Proposed changes -Ruth shared that she has gone through the current agreement and the proposed agreement that John Zardis shared. She has made a red line copy so that all can see the changes/ additions she and John have discussed.
 - 1. Jack stressed that the use of the Hall should be for members
 - 2. Beth brought forth that a member is not always an active member. They may not be familiar with the running of the Hall.
 - 3. Jack shared that a member should be present while the Hall is being rented.
 - 4. John Stone questioned what our liability is when someone gets hurt
 - 5. Ruth suggested we run our agreement by our insurer.
 - 6. Jack proposed that there be only one fee, not tiered as it is now.
 - 7. Jack asked that the Board read the red line copy and send comments to Ruth.
- c. Spring Maintenance Planning
 - i. Test propane lines and add a shut off at the stove.
- d. Firewise assessment and mitigation plan for the hall
 - i. Jim shared 2 points
 - 1. Carol Daly Gift – Carol worked for FEPC, but never took a paycheck. She saved the money and on her death allocated it to area communities. She specified that the NFLA should receive \$7,500. The Board felt that it should be used towards fire mitigation around the Hall.
 - 2. The NRCS TIP grant can be applied for and used in conjunction with the Carol Daly donation to improve the Hall's firewise standing.
 - a. Kevin will ask Lincoln to come and assess the Hall and make suggestions.
 - b. Kevin will reach out to the adjacent land owners to see if they might be interested in allowing the NFLA to thin on their property to allow for better defensible space for the protection of the Hall.
 - c. Kevin shared that the Fire Mitigation Committee suggested a plaque be hung in honor of Carol Daly. All agreed, and thought that the plaque should be on the outside of the building where people can see the work done in her honor.

6. Event Planning for 2025

- a. Speakers list for the year (Confirmed)
 - i. June 8 Two Bear Air (Mark Heaphy) NFLA Host: Jack
 - ii. July 13 Doug Chadwick (Jim) NFLA Host: Jim
 - iii. Aug 10 Wendy Cole, Wolf biologist (Kevin) NFLA Hosts: Kevin/Beth/Cheryl
 - iv. Sep 14 Montana Wild Wings (John Z) NFLA Hosts: John Z and John S
 - v. Oct 12 Amber Steed, Moose Creek Fish Barrier (Hildner)
- b. Gift Certificates from HRB for speakers (\$50 each)
 - i. Jack will purchase the gift certificates
- c. NFLA mug supply
 - i. Beth shared that there are enough mugs still available for this year's speakers, but we will need to reorder them for next year.
- d. Calendar committee updates -Beth shared that the calendar is full. Lorna has done a great job getting all the events scheduled and hosted. It is ready to be added to the Newsletter.
- e. Events
 - i. Auction update- Ruth shared that she has talked with Bonny and Lynn Ogle, they have both been involved in the running of the auction in years past.
 - 1. Bonny and Lynn have offered to help Ruth with collection and categorizing items
 - 2. Ruth will form a committee to help
 - 3. Possible silent auction for baked goods

f. Summer Interlocal – The Board nominated Richard to chair and organize

7. Old Business

a. Newsletter update- Beth shared that the Newsletter will be ready for printing by next week.

8. New Business

a. Water Rights Claim letter

i. Pat Cole received the NFLA copy, she contacted DNRC and changed the address to NFLA PO Box

ii. Beth will send a copy via email to the Board for review

9. Legal - No matters to update at this time

10. Adjourned 5:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ulrichsen

NFLA Secretary

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