



NFLA Ad Hoc Board Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2025 at 8:30 AM

Zoom Meeting

Attending:

- ✓ Jack McFarland
- ✓ Jim Rittenburg
- ✓ Beth Ulrichsen
- ✓ Kevin Ulrichsen
- ✓ Cheryl Crane
- ✓ Ruth Kinsolving
 John Stone
- ✓ John Zardis
- ✓ Betsy Holycross

- 1) Call to order- 8:33AM
- 2) Minutes from the November 3rd board meeting were approved
- 3) Revised Hall Use Agreement
 - a) All Board Members reviewed the shared document. Jim shared that the main change was the differentiation between member vs sponsor and active full voting member is different than associate member, and the sponsor on the hall use agreement must be an active voting member.
 - b) Kevin shared that the document states that the Hall property adjoins Whale Creek. He shared that the property does not extend as far as the creek. Kevin said that the statement in the document helps to warn people to stay away from the creek.
 - c) All future Hall rental requests should be circulated through the Board prior to approving the date. Beth (secretary) will tell people inquiring that she will bring the request to the Board for approval prior to adding it to the Private Event Hall Use Calendar.
 - d) Cheryl moved to accept the revised Hall Use Agreement. Kevin seconded the motion. All approved the changes (Betsy was not yet present, she joined the meeting following the vote).
- 4) Discussion of Hall use by Region Sauvage for Winter Solstice Event
 - a) Jim expressed that we were meeting due to the risk to the Hall, the event not being a true community event, and price point not obtainable for much of the community.
 - b) Kevin suggested that in the future we not allow for profit venues to use the Hall.
 - c) Ruth voiced concern about the liquor use, who is monitoring usage?
 - d) Ruth asked Kevin his opinion about the risk of fire from the use of open fire pit. Kevin felt that the fire danger was low due to snow cover on the ground.
 - e) Kevin brought up the no smoking policy being enforced, including no vaping or marijuana, on the property.
 - f) Ruth asked if no liquor was still an option for the event.
 - g) Betsy agreed with Ruth that possibly having no organized alcohol provided as an option.

- h) Jim asked if the Taco Loco caterer, who holds the liquor license, should be listed as a co-host on the Hall Use form.
- 5) Kinsey Winters joined the meeting at 9:01
- a) Kinsey shared what her vision for the event is: fire pan (Argentine grill) in parking lot with charcoal, inside will be 2 rows of tables, max of 65 people, breads and salads on tables, lamb served at the counter, Taco Loco carries the liquor license, catering endorsement (county notified) so alcohol can be served, Forloh Camo in Whitefish donated items for a raffle (proceeds from raffle go to NFPA), 2:00pm coffee, tea, snacks served, ski from Hall, and roasting things over the fire on skewers.
 - b) Jim asked about the use of a propane roaster. Kinsey shared that they can rent one as a backup plan if necessary.
 - c) John Z. asked about the bar- open or cash. Kinsey shared that each person will receive one drink ticket, the rest is cash.
 - d) Betsy asked if warming themselves was over the fire that the meat was cooked over. Kinsey said that people gather around the cooking fire, watching the process is usually part of the event.
 - e) Jim reminded Kinsey that there is no smoking at the Hall. Kinsey said she will have staff monitor both alcohol and smoking restrictions.
 - f) Kinsey shared that they are willing to switch to propane grill and no alcohol, if necessary, she is just excited to do an event in the North Fork.
 - g) John Z. asked if we were to ask for a 2-drink limit, would she be willing to work with that. Kinsey agreed that they would be willing.
- 6) Continued Board discussion after meeting with Kinsey Winters
- a) Ruth expressed that we would be breaking a long-standing rule of “no fires”. We would need to write an exemption and that a precedence will be set.
 - b) Jack expressed that we should consider reverting to community events, not commercial use of the Hall in the future.
 - c) Betsy shared that community will be concerned when viewing the fire in the parking lot.
 - d) Jim shared that he will address no smoking or vaping on the property with Kinsey.
 - e) Jack brought up that the liquor insurance certificate does not list NFLA as an added insured. Jim will communicate this to Kinsey and ask for the certificate to be updated to include NFLA.
 - f) The Board agreed to allow Region Sauvage (Kinsey Winters) to proceed with the event, using the firepan with charcoal safely away from the building to cook (John Zardis will help with the positioning) and limiting alcohol to two drinks maximum per person.
- 7) Adjourned- 9:37am

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Ulrichsen
NFLA Secretary
December 3, 2025