

NFLA - Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Sunday September 13th, 2026

Location: Community Hall

Host: John Zardis

Attendees: All Members invited

6:00 pm: Guest Presentation:

Rob Davies- Moose Creek Fish Barrier

7:00 pm: Membership meeting

Jim Rittenburg

Jack McFarland – not present

Beth Ulrichsen

Kevin Ulrichsen

Cheryl Crane -not present

Ruth Kinsolving - not present

John Stone

John Zardis

Betsy Holycross

1. Call to order 7:17pm
2. Welcome and Opening Remarks
 - a. Welcome – Jim thanked the Board for the many projects they have completed: the ceiling, the ramp, the closet, the outhouse makeovers, the fire mitigation tank and sprinklers.
 - b. Upcoming memorial for Ray – Sept 27th at Home Ranch Bottoms, RSVP to Morgan Hart
3. August 9th Membership Minutes – Beth shared a short summary (copies available online)
4. Treasurer's Report -John Zardis reminded all that it is time to renew membership dues. There is approximately \$41,000 in the bank after paying insurance premiums.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Sunshine -Bonny shared that 31 cards and 3 Facebook anniversary greetings were sent (see attached)
 - b. History -Lois was not able to attend, but asked Beth to share there was "a nice gathering for Coffee with Larry last week. The transcripts are now available on the NFLA website, for those who weren't able to attend".
 - c. Maintenance -Jim shared that Dan has replenished the mouse bait stations, it has been a bad mouse year everywhere on the North Fork.
 - d. Welcome -Beth shared that the Welcome Committee visited 10 homes two weeks ago. They gave welcome plaques and literature about living in the North Fork to all.
 - e. Fire Mitigation- Richard Hildner shared that there are Community Wildfire Protection Plans available at the Hall. Suzanne Hildner shared that Count Me In forms are available, deadline is October 31st. She will send emails to remind folks to turn them in for maintaining Firewise status.
6. Organization Reports (Non-NFLA)

- a. North Fork Patrol -Mark Heaphy shared that windsocks have been installed at the landing zones, FCC has approved the permit for Patrol radio frequency, bi-annual meeting is coming up soon, and hunting season has begun
 - b. Polebridge Bear Smart -Suzanne Hildner reported that there haven't been may issues to report. Bears are hungry due to no berries this year, be extra careful when out and about.
 - c. NFPA -Suzanne Hildner shared that they had a great annual meeting, wonderful talk and presentation by Dan Fraley.
 - d. NF Trails -no report available
 - e. NFLUAC -Randy Kenyon updated us on Will Hammerquist's proposed text amendment. No additional meetings scheduled at this time.
 - f. Fire Chief -Lynn Ogle reminded all that fire season is not yet over. There is still no open burning.
7. Old Business
 - a. Jim asked for membership suggestions for speakers for next summer
8. New Business
 - a. Community Hall project – John Stone has completed the new back porch ramp. It was accomplished in record time!
9. Community Events Update
 - a. Calendar review and updates- Beth reviewed the remainder of the season's events on the calendar and encouraged all to attend.
 - b. Betsy reminded all that people should leave dogs at home for the next meeting so that the presenters can take out their dogs for demonstrations.
10. Member Comments- no comments at this time
11. Next Membership Meeting
 - a. Sunday October 11th, 2026, at **6:00pm** - K9 Foundation (Betsy is host). **Please do not bring any dogs to the Hall or in cars in the parking area. This will distract the search and rescue dogs**
12. Adjourned at 7:55