**Nawakwa Outdoor Association of NY, Inc.**

**Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 28 2022

In Attendance: Ray Kozma, Susanne Flower, Marty McDonald, Teri Gabel, Carol Burns, Ingrid Strauch Guy Lingley, Eve Mancuso, Suzanne Rocheleau

Excused – Alex Wilkie

**Chairman – Raymond Kozma**

Opened meeting at 7:04 pm

**Motion:** to approve the minutes of March 10, 2022, motion offered by Susanne Flower, seconded by Ingrid Strauch. Vote In favor, unanimous – motion passes.

**Motion:** to Ratify the prior email vote to approve a payment to the Bachman Law Firm in the amount of $ 4436.98. Motion offered by Susanne Flower, seconded by Carol Burns. Vote In favor- unanimous – motion passes.

**REPORTS**

Ray K read letters into record re: lease with PIPC.

Ray K read into the record: an Announcement re Settlement finalized to be posted in the Trail Marker.

Ray K spoke about the Hosting Committee.

**Motion:**  to appoint Mintari Preston as Hosting Chair. Motion offered by Susanne Flower, seconded by Marty McDonald. Vote In favor- Ray K, Susanne F, Marty M, Carol B, Ingrid S, Guy L, Eve M

Abstain: Teri G

Motion passes.

Discussion followed regarding adding committee members to the hosting committee and perhaps applying term limits. Tabled for future discussion.

Discussion regarding adding Dave Hayes to the Camp Committee.

**Motion:** to appoint Dave Hayes as a member of the Camp Committee. Motion offered by Susanne Flower, seconded by Eve Mancuso. Vote – in favor, Unanimous. Motion passes.

**Camp Committee- Don Gabel**

Teri G discussed Dave replacing the existing signage with NOANY new name. Two prices will be submitted- to renovate and to repair. The Non-Compensation Policy should be followed.

Next Orientation will be on April 9. Lunch will be provided by Teri G. Don G will lead this Orientation. Teri G submitted a Draft Outline. The BOD will review and finalize the outline at the next meeting. All members and applicants are invited. It should be during the orientation that the use of fire road is solely as an access for drop off of gear but not for parking.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussed need for Outreach and Notification to all the members of the new club. Marty drafted outreach area. Discussed distribution. Send Trail Conference letter stating we changed our name.

Distribute to: Adirondack Explorer, AMC, ACA, other ADK chapters, NY NJ Trail Conference, REI, Davis.

Susanne Flower volunteered to develop new NOANY, Inc letterhead. Ray would like to develop new a new Logo. Discussion followed regarding a potential contest for members to contribute logo suggestions. Teri will ask Dave, Ingrid will reach out to Sarah.

Anthony DiLauro is the new head of group camps in PIPC.

Both Park Police and State Police should be notified of our new club and the new name.

Discussion followed regarding rewriting Bylaws. Form a committee to start working on it.

**Motion:** to establish A Bylaws Committee: Motion was offered by Susanne Flower, seconded by Eve Mancuso. Vote: In favor Unanimous , motion passes. The Committee Members will be: Susanne F, Jerry F, Eve M and Marty M, Ray K. the committee may also request additional members.

**Club Fees –** we need to establish a fee schedule. The total current balance in all of the accounts is approx. 86 k

Discussion regarding waiving new fees for the rest of the 2022 year. Send out a letter to all of the NY Chapter list advising them of the same. Set up Open House for all Chapter members to invite them to camp.

Maintain camp fees and Passport fees at the same 2021 level. The Passport will remain $ 125/ year.

Marty M discussed the number of actual recurring, active members and ways to increase membership.

Ray K suggested a Town Hall type meeting to involve members to participate. Recruit members to be on Committees. Perhaps have a theme per meeting.

Send out a Notice in the Trail Marker informing members of the future date for the Town meeting.

Eve M mentioned recruiting Frank Bamberger as a volunteer member to provide telephone outreach. The BOD agrees.

Celebration of Nawakwa Outdoor Association – Open House on Saturday May 7, 2022 – Suzanne Flower and Lewis Ports will Host.

**Motion**: to waive all fees and costs to all members and visitors at the Open House. Motion offered by Eve Mancuso, seconded by Carol Burns. Vote: in favor Unanimous. Motion passes.

**Treasurer – Suzanne Rocheleau**

The $ 50 k check was sent was sent to ADK. We are waiting to receive the signed agreement.

Next meeting date: May 4, 7 PM. Zoom.

**Motion:** Motion to adjourn offered by Suzanne R, seconded by Teri G . Vote: In favor – Unanimous.

Meeting ended at 9:01 PM.



Respectfully Submitted,

Eve Mancuso

Secretary