

NAWAKWA OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION, INC

MEETING MINUTES

Date/ Time: August 2, 2022, 7 PM

Via- Zoom

In Attendance:

Susanne Flower, Ray Kozma, Alex Wilkie, Marty McDonald, Carole Burns, Guy Lingley, Eve Mancuso, Teri Gabel, Suzanne Rocheleau.

Ingrid Strauch is excused.

Committee Chairs: Jerry Flower, Ellen King, Edie Blum, Bill Burns

Call to Order 7:04 PM

Meeting Minutes:

Correction – of June 29 minutes - Ira Stahl resigned from conservation committee, Don Gabel expressed interest in taking over that position. The matter was tabled for further discussion.

Motion : Meeting Minutes of June 1, Motion offered by Susanne F to accept meeting minutes, Seconded by Alex W. Vote In favor : unanimous. Motion passes.

Motion: Meeting minutes of June 29, Motion offered by Carole B to accept meeting minutes as amended, Seconded by Susanne F . Vote in favor: unanimous.

Motion: Ratify prior email Motion to have John Caffrey, Esq., to be retained to review the amended bylaws for a fee of up to \$ 5000. Motion offered by Ray K, seconded by Susanne F.

Vote in favor – Ray K, Teri G, Suzanne R, Susanne F, Marty M , Alex, W Carole B, Ingrid S, Guy L., Eve M.

Chairs Report – Ray Kozma

1. Reported on accident on hike last weekend, Joe Rinaldi injured himself. Park Police and PIPC assisted.
2. Register with NYS charities bureau, Nawakwa is a not-for-profit organization. Are we eligible for 501C3 status- the answer is no as we are primary a member's club that leases a lodge, not a club that is open to the general public.
3. Thus, we are a 501C7- the primary income source comes from the members with some small percentage, from outside sources- advertising, selling Trail Marker etc.
4. The revised lease with our new NOANY name has been received.

Treasurers Report- Suzanne Rocheleau

Suzanne provided a brief summary of income:

\$ 3112 camp fees

\$ 1120 locker rental fees

\$ 6875 passport fees – 55 passport holders to date

Have received some Annual Fees from members for 2023 season.

Discussion followed. Electronic membership cards will be developed and sent out in the near future.

Discussed fee. The latest Nawakwan list has to be provided to Suzanne R.

Two new applicants from the general membership list have submitted application forms to become Nawakwans.

Ray will develop new a membership card, Suzanne R will send the list of names to Jerry Flower and Jerry F. will send out the membership cards electronically.

Discussion regarding utilizing Zelle for camp fees. Tabled for further discussion for implementation potentially next year.

MCI – the purchase of gravel may be used, receipts are to be forwarded to Suzanne R.

Next project will be a boat rack- Bill Hladky will potentially volunteer time and materials. The design of the rack was being discussed with Don G. and the camp committee; details remain to be finalized.

Bill Hladky rebuilt the steps down to the waterfront with existing materials = no cost.

MCI paperwork to be submitted within 1 or 2 months as per Alexandra from PIPC. Approximately, \$ 700 left to draw down.

Discussion followed regarding spending/budget. Check billing each month. Membership fees may have to be adjusted next year as we move forward. Current balance of accounts is approx.\$ 85 k

Bylaws Committee – Susanne Flower

The committee has been meeting regularly. Final in-depth review is being performed. We anticipate 1 or 2 more meetings. The Bylaws now have simplified language so it is easier to read; there are no major changes.

Camp Committee – Teri Gabel

- Teri has been trying to coordinate a meeting with Edie Blum and Carole Burns to discuss waterfront / bathing beach plan. Teri G and Carole B will talk.
- Eve M. and Ray K. met with Edie B. for a brief introduction, further discussion is needed.
- Teri G, Carole B. and Edie B. will meet in person potentially Friday morning, 8/5, or Susanne F. can set up a Zoom meeting for them to meet virtually, if requested.
- Camp signage: have checked all the dimensions, have sent an email to Tony re: message, materials, color and size.
- Work weekend will be August 27 and 28. Teri G. will send write up to Marty M. to post to the website. Potentially Bill Burns and Elizabeth Gomez will prepare lunch. Gas Inspection is needed – report will follow.
- Teri G. will coordinate with Beth Bloedow , regarding the gas inspection, to see what needs to be done to be consistent with ACA.

Activities Committee – Edie Blum

Nature Walk is scheduled this Saturday at 4 pm. Edie B. will try to re schedule nature walk to coordinate with the hosting schedule .

Ray K. suggested a photo presentation of members vacations. Edie B. will research the cost of a projector to accommodate this activity.

Game night, music night, square dance at ACA were all suggested.

Committee on the Environment – Marty Kellerman

No report

Membership Committee- Jerry Flower

There are currently 227 Nawakwans.

7 new applicants in July.

8 declined to pursue membership.

The letter sent to the general NY Chapter member generated 2 new potential Nawakwans to date.

Trail Committee – Bill Burns

Bill Burns is open to staying on as Chair, but would pass it on if someone else is interested in assuming that position.

Old Business

Open Board Meeting – September 10 – Zoom. Committee reports and Guy L's letter needed.

Eve M. will send out an email blast. Ray K. to draft announcement.

September 28 – is the next regular BOD meeting.

Discussion regarding Environmental advocacy / teaching.

New Business

Conservation and education committee – vacancy looking for a new chair. Perhaps Don G.

Dave Hayes has offered to replace Don G. as Camp Committee Chair.

Additional Matters

- Correspondence from Jacqueline re Bears: education is needed. Teri suggested the Parks offer a talk during a hosted weekend. Members would attend, summary could be drafted to post in the Trail Marker and on the weekend.
- Invasive species meetings – August 9, K 20 Kanawakee , from Millie Hurd, 10: 30 am , Eve M. to send email to Edie B. to ask if Edie B. may be able to attend.
- Conflict of Interest Policy – every BOD member to send to Ray K.
- Trail Conference Annual Gala Oct 15 Rio Vista Clubhouse Mahwah. Sponsorship of \$ 75 to \$ 1000 levels. Can we support them as a club, or perhaps this year we support them individually? Ray K. to send out.
- Marty M will follow up to send the Trail Conference our new club info.

Motion to adjourn Teri, seconded by Suzanne

Vote: In favor Unanimous, meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Eve Mancuso

Board Secretary.