

**Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc.**

**Annual Open Board Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 10, 2022

Time: 11 am, via Zoom

In Attendance:

Ray Kozma, Alex Wilkie, Guy Lingley, Ingrid Strauch, Teri Gabel, Suzanne Rocheleau, Eve Mancuso (leaves meeting at 12:30 pm).

Excused: Susanne Flower, Marty McDonald, Carol Burns.

**Chair Report -Ray Kozma**

Ray opened the meeting and introduced himself.

He spoke about disruption to camp due to:

1. Pandemic, reminded members to continue to be vigilant and self-test at home prior to arriving in camp, and do not come to camp if you are not feeling well.

Thanks were offered to Don Gabel for his service from 2018 to 2022, and in assisting in keeping camp operational during Covid.

2. Lawsuit with ADK – discussed the need to enter into the lawsuit, and noted Guy L would be presenting more information later on the Agenda.

**Motion** to accept the Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2022. Motion offered by Suzanne R, seconded by Eve M. Vote: all in favor Unanimous.

**Director - Guy Lingley**

Guy L introduced himself and presented a detailed narrative outlining the events and legal costs of the lawsuit.

The report was submitted and will be posted.

**Treasurer Report- Suzanne Rocheleau**

Suzanne R. introduced herself and noted the most significant expenses = Insurance, Rent, repairs Roof 40K in 2021.

The Income in generated by = passport fees, donations, day usage fees.

She noted the club is a 501 ( c ) 7 – thus donations are not tax deductible.

A report was submitted and will be posted.

**Secretary Report- Eve Mancuso**

Eve M. introduced herself and offered a brief report;

- In addition to keeping meeting minutes, the Secretary is responsible for attending to the correspondence both received by the club and sent to the club, and for sending out notices to the membership via email and USPS mail when required.
- As such , it is very important to keep your contact information current by providing it to Eve and/ or the Membership Committee. The Secretary works closely with the membership committee to ensure records are updated and consistent between the two.
- Eve M reminded members of the recent email sent regarding payment of the new NOANY Annual fee. For 2022 the fee is \$ 35 if paid early - up to September 30, 2022 and \$ 40 after that date. The Annual fee shall be paid prior to January 1, 2023 to remain a Nawakwan.
- As noted by Suzanne R in the Treasurers report, donations are a part of our annual income. The Board will be sending out the Annual Appeal Notice in December.

**Membership Report – Jerry Flower, Chair**

Janet Sibarium introduced herself as a member of the membership committee. She briefly noted there are currently 228 keyholders, and 51 applicants. A report was submitted and will be posted.

**Camp Committee- Don Gabel, Chair**

Teri Gabel introduced herself as a member of the camp committee. She briefly reported camp signs will all be changed with our new name. The color will be a brown sign with yellow lettering, PIPC will provide them. A report was submitted and will be posted.

**Hosting Committee – Mintari Preston, Chair**

Ray Kozma briefly read a part of the statement from Mintari. She noted all weekends but one were Hosted. Mintari noted she will resign from this position at the end of 2022. Ray thanked her for her service. A report was submitted and will be posted.

**Activities Committee - Edie Blum, Chair**

A report was submitted and will be posted.

**Environmental Committee, Marty Kellerman, Chair**

A report was submitted and will be posted.

**Nominating Committee – Mary Ann Poris, Chair**

A report was submitted and will be posted.

### **Website Report – Marty McDonald, Director and Webmaster**

A report was submitted and will be posted.

### **Trails Committee - Bill Burns, Chair**

A report was submitted and will be posted.

### **Hikes and Outings – Glen Nison, Chair**

A report was submitted and will be posted.

### **Archives Committee – Ellen King, Chair**

A report was submitted and will be posted.

### **New Business**

- Dave Hayes has been appointed as the new Chair of the Camp Committee.
- Marisa Valve has completed her Qualifying Activities and has been confirmed by the Board as a Keyholder.

### **Discussion and Comments:**

The meeting was opened for discussion from the members on how Nawakwa should move forward.

Various members offered feedback with their opinions, suggestions and insight on how Nawakwa should move forward as the new Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc.

Yajing Li: At what point is the title chapter chair will change?

Ray: The title is just chair, not chapter chair.

Emily in chat: Can we send a survey to all members and include a list of potential activities, committees, etc., that way committee leaders will have lists of potential recruits. Members typically respond well to specific direct request to help.

Ray: Good idea (paraphrased)

Teri: When we have had tasks for which a specific skill set is needed, Don and I have sent out an email directly to people with those skills. The suggestion has also been made to have a chore associated with registration: When you sign in, you sign up for a chore. For now, there is a chore list on the desk or bulletin board that anyone can access.

Jess and Dave in chat: It would be great if each committee had a board on the forum where people who are not on the committee could interact with them and ask questions to the committee members and can potentially interact with each other.

Ray: We will ask Marty McD. what is possible regarding putting that on the website.

Daphne (live): Is it possible to run a blurb in the TM about the forum so more people know about it?

Ray: Yes, we will do that.

Elisabeth Griggs: Do we have ceiling on the number of key holders we can have since we have such a surge in applicants?

Ray: No, not unless there is a fire department limit.

Ruby K: We paid the new membership fee. When will we be receiving membership cards?

Ray: We are working on it.

Rosemary Irving: Where can I find specifics on Zelle payment?

Ray/Suzanne R.: It is posted on the website. We also accept payment by U.S. mail.

Emily: The chapter used to send us a list of all members. Can this be done again?

Ray: Privacy concerns about emails, etc. Possibly can send a list of just names of members.

Lewis P. It would be great if hosts could Zelle camp fee payments to treasurer.

Suzanne R.: We have discussed it but we are not yet ready for this change.

Jess and Dave: Would it be good for me to mention on Hudson Valley hiking facebook groups that Nawakwa is looking for members?

Ira Stahl: When an applicant becomes a key holder, can a list of committees be sent to them to ask which committees they would like to join?

Emily T.: Definitely use facebook.

Ray: No more questions; if more arise, email me or other board members.

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- The Annual meeting and Elections will take place on October 15, 2022. The October Trail Marker will have bios of each candidate. Tallying will follow at 1 pm at Nawakwa. Results will be announced on the website and in the next edition of the Trail Marker.
- Announcement of Fall Work Weekend and Wood Day, October 22-23.
- Reminder of Annual NOANY membership dues: send by Zelle or USPS. Before 9/30 = \$35, after 9/30 = \$40.
- Announcement of winter social being planned for January 22, 2023 at Characters Restaurant in Sloatsburg.

Announcement of next Board meeting will take place on September 28, 2022, at 7 pm , via Zoom. meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting offered by Suzanne R., seconded by Teri G. Vote: in favor – unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E Mancuso". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "E".

Eve Mancuso, Secretary

9/28/22