

Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/28/22 via Zoom, 7 pm

In Attendance: Ray Kozma, Susanne Flower, Suzanne Rocheleau, Ingrid Strauch, Guy Lingley, Teri Gabel, Carole Burns, Alex Wilkie, Eve Mancuso

Marty McDonald - excused

Committee Chairs: Marty Kellerman, Jerry Flower.

Ray called the meeting to order.

Motion: to approve meeting minutes of September 10, 2022 meeting. Offered by Susanne F, Seconded by Carol Burns. Vote In Favor, unanimous

Chair Report – Ray Kozma

Discussed the Open Board Meeting.

Thanks were given to Guy and Suzanne for the reports submitted; there was much positive feedback from members.

All reports will be posted to website. Ray will send them to Marty. Ellen King archives all of the website postings, and meeting minutes.

Emily Crowell suggested offering a survey of the members to provide their expertise. Eve to follow up with Emily.

Membership list to date was provided, electronic membership cards will be developed and distributed.

Motion to memorialize the August 26, 2022 email vote for the expenditure of \$ 500 for the necessary gas inspections as required by PIPC. Motion offered by Suzanne R, seconded by Teri G, Vote: All in favor - Unanimous.

Secretary – Eve Mancuso

Eve will host October 22 work weekend with an overnight to encourage participation. Janet Sibarium will host Saturday lunch for those participating in the work day.

Eve noted there has been 2 inquiries from NY Chapter members regarding the new annual fee for Nawakwa. They do not wish to become a Nawakwan but would potentially like to support our club. We should further explore the potential for a new category of “NOANY Supporter” for those who will not become members but would like to donate to the club; tabled for future discussion. At this time inquiries will be sent to Jerry Flower, Membership chair.

Treasurer – Suzanne Rocheleau

Suzanne provided an update: Anticipated fees – so far \$ 4000 received, anticipate \$ 6000. Thus, there shall be no budget deficit for 2022. Projected 2023 budget : revenue = \$ 30,000. Suzanne will send to Marty to post it to the website along with a further description of cost/ expenses.

John Caffery is reviewing Bylaws. A fee up to \$ 5,000 was previously approved by the BOD.

PO Box- the second set of keys is being held by Marty K. as he resides in close proximity to the Post Office.

Membership – Jerry Flower

Jerry provided an update: Currently there are 229 Keyholders.

There are 53 Applicants. 27 applicants will drop off of the list at the end of the year as they have not completed the requirements to become a keyholder.

As the grace period established due to Covid will expire at the end of 2022, David is calling the applicants who applied prior to 2021, to inquire if they chose to continue on their path to becoming a Nawakwan.

Camp Committee- David Hayes

Is geared up to run work weekend.

Old Business

Develop Committee Mission Statements – tabled for future discussion

Members should offer to be sponsors to applicants.

The required number of sponsors for an applicant is currently 2. As there is now an orientation session, is it necessary to have 2 sponsors or will 1 sponsor suffice? Tabled for further discussion.

Appoint Co-Chairs for Hosting Committee –

Conservation Committee-

Alex reported on the NYSDEC statement of invasive hydrilla on Lake Sebago.

Lauren Edelman – Green Amendment, now involved with invasive hydrilla.

Eve will reach out to Kate Walker to be sure she coordinated with Lauren.

Environmental Education - Marty Kellerman

No report

Trail Committee- Bill Burns, Chair

Ingrid can use help with maintenance on the yellow triangle.

Hiking Committee- Glen Nison, Chair

There is new interest in backpacking, will plan official back packing activities. The Hiking-Outings Committee will meet to discuss and formulate a policy for backpacking

Ray to clarify with Marty re Posting of Information to website – needs to come through the appropriate committee for review and confirmation to post. i.e. posting of qualifying hikes needs to be approved by Hiking Committee.

New Business

Approve Mary Ann Poris and Mary Hilley as co-hosts for the Hosting Committee, in effect as per October 15, 2022.

PIPC has made the structural repairs in the basement. Alert Dave H for the need to check if the back door is level and does not stick.

Motion to appoint Kate Walker as the Conservation Committee Chair Vote- in favor unanimous. Eve to send out notice to Kate.

Annual Meeting – Agenda will be developed. The Bylaws say there has to be an annual meeting for elections which is on October 15, 2022. The meeting will be on Zoom.

Tally committee: Janet Sibarium, Steve Barre, Nancy Dargis. Motion to approve Tally Committee – offered by Susanne F, second by Suzanne R. Vote: In favor – Unanimous.

Amanda Panzer – applicant – skilled graphic designer, has volunteered to design logo and wanted to know if she could substitute that work for a work event. Discussion followed with the general opinion being in the negative. Alex will send a letter stating the purpose of the qualifications is also to meet people at camp but we would welcome her expertise in assisting us with the logo design.

Listed NOANY with the NJ Trails Conference. Coordinate with AMC at Reeves Meadow to advise them of the new NOANY and elimination of ADK on Lake Sebago.

Winter Social is planned for January 22, 2022. \$ 31 / p + tax and tip. There will be a buffet and cash bar.

Motion to adjourn offered by Ingrid S. seconded by Suzanne R. Vote- in favor Unanimous

8:53 Pm meeting ended.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eve Mancuso, Secretary

10/15/22

