

# NAWAKWA OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC.

## MEETING MINUTES

DATE 11/16/22

In attendance: Ray Kozma, Susanne Flower, Carol Burns, Eve Mancuso, Suzanne Rocheleau, Ingrid Strauch, Teri Gable, Marty McDonald joined at 7:52.

Excused: Guy Lingley, Alex Wilkie

Committee Heads- Bill Burns, MaryAnn Poris, Marty Kellerman. Kate Walker, Dave Hayes, Edie Blum, Glen Nison

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 pm

**Motion** to accept October 15, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion offered by Susanne F, Seconded by Ingrid Strauch. Vote - in favor, unanimous. Motion passes.

Secretary – Eve Mancuso

E mail blasts regarding new NOANY annual fee continue to be sent out.

Annual Appeal – Eve to draft letter, send to all Nawakwans via email, and snail mail. Edie B and Susanne F offered to help with the snail mail.

Treasurer- Suzanne Rocheleau

To date there have been 140 payments for the Annual Fee. Janet Sibarium will provide a list with those members who have not yet responded and who that have already been contacted by telephone.

Suzanne has been actively coordinating with Call A Head to ensure continual service. Contract is for a 12-month period.

Membership Committee - Jerry Flower- Chair

There are currently 229 Keyholders.

There are currently 52 Applicants.

At end of 2022 the grace period or extension of time that was granted due to Covid will terminate. In 2023 that new number will reduce to 25 applicants. The membership Committee is making an effort to contact all applicants whose status will terminate to determine if they are still interested in pursuing being a Nawakwan.

### Camp Committee - Dave Hayes – Chair

Submitted a report. Dave has had very positive feedback from PIPC. They have received federal funding and are in a position to undertake and fund projects. We should send over the Wish List with the proposed projects.

He will be coordinating with Jacqueline regarding MCI vs wish list.

Various projects were discussed: Kayak launch, dock repairs, structural repairs, steps/rails from parking area to swim area and steps/rails up to cabins.

Dave is speaking to a group that specializing in building stone stairs; this is the same company that worked on the Bear Mountain stone steps.

Discussed trespassing at the swim area. We came to the conclusion that similar to all of the other camps in the park, it is not feasible to fully secure the swim dock from trespassers.

### Wish List –

1. Swim dock
2. Boat dock and kayak launch
3. Lodge structural/ foundation reinforcement improvements
4. Stone steps and path improvements, natural material handrails
5. Cabin improvements – roof, doors

Dave will reach out to Guy L. for the boat rack design.

### Hosting Committee- Maryann Poris – Co Chair

A January weekend, Jan 21/22, 2023, will be hosted by Lewis Ports to encourage participation in the Sunday Winter Social event on Jan 22, 2023.

The hosting committee will again send out regular email blasts to solicit hosts and to inform members of hosted weekends. They will encourage midweek caretaker or hosts.

Procedures will be re-visited and updated as necessary, forms will be updated as necessary. A reminder to hosts to collect fees will be stressed.

Suggested Starting a temporary sub-committee to investigate the potential to facilitate electronic payments. Logistics would need to be worked out with Marty M and Suzanne R.

### Activities Committee- Edie Blum- Chair

Potential programs : Working with Alex W – paint and sip - spring activity, sing along activity.

### Conservation Committee – Kate Walker- Chair

Lake Sebago Coalition- attended meeting to discuss the issue of invasive hydrillas coming to Lake Sebago. Marty K and Ira S attended the meeting as well. They will start with informational signage to educate people on how to stop the spread.

In discussion with NYSDEC regarding curtailing the spread of hydrillas, it was suggested a chemical application may be needed. She will reach out to Trail Conference member to pursue efforts for collaboration.

The public boat launch area will be a hot spot for invasives. State reps suggested signage at the public boat launch.

The ACA will pursue funding to again hire an intern to attend to the boat wash station at the public boat launch.

#### Environmental Committee -Marty K – chair

No report this month.

#### Website – Marty McDonald- Webmaster

Jess Scirbona will help out with social media- she has already been actively posting to twitter, facebook, and Instagram.

**Motion** offered by Marty M to approve fee for hosting and website services to Damocles website services for hosting and security of the NOANY site in the amount of \$ 250. Seconded by Eve M Vote in favor – unanimous. Motion passes.

Posted “Season ended” on the website. Members should contact Ray K. for permission from PIPC to access camp off season.

#### Trails Committee – Bill Burns- Chair

Trail Conference going towards electronic submissions. No paper reporting needed. Bill will still provide a report to the Board.

#### Hikes and Outings Committee – Glen Nison- Chair

The Committee met last week. There will be separate posted outings and posted hikes. A qualified leader will be required for either event, but the outing leader requirement may not be as stringent as the hike leader requirements. The Committee revised the Hike Leader requirements document; Outing leader qualifications will be addressed in a separate document (to be developed). -The Hike Leader document was submitted and the Board will review revisions and comment.

Any published hike – whether qualifying or not requires a qualified hike leader for the event.

#### New Business

- How to advertise the club? Alert Visitor center as to NOANY. Advertisement in NY/NJ Trail Conference , Tabled for future discussion.
- Member Survey – Emily Tourin presented the draft Survey. Emily went through survey. Suggested on line responses that are visible to all and the ability to compile info. The survey will go to all members and applicants. The purpose of the survey is to encourage participation and engage membership.  
Jerry noted that some of the info that is being requested on the survey is available on the applicant form..

- Passport – can it be paid through the website. Discussion followed regarding potential electronic means – fees will be charged. Price for passport. \$ 125. Ray will continue to manage Passport sales. New electronic NOANY membership card will be developed and sent out in early 2023.
- Trail Marker - Edie B has offered to assist with the Trail marker. This will be discussed with Ray K to potentially assist and co-edit the Trail Marker.
- Committee Mission Statements – written descriptions. Form temporary Committee to gather info . This would be helpful in recruiting new members to committee. Perhaps set up a google docs site for members to share.
- Awards – submitted by Ray K to be presented at the winter social. Paper Birch Award - Volunteers, White Pine – Board Members, Volunteers. White Oak – committee chair . Submit names to Ray K. from 2019 forward of those who should be given awards.
- Trail Marker Deadline is Dec 21, 2022.
- Winter social – Sunday January 22, 2023 at Characters Restaurant. There will be a Buffet lunch and cash bar. \$ 50 /person cost.
- There has been no further response from attorney regarding the updates to the Bylaws

Next meeting January 11, 2023.

Ray K acknowledged the Board and Committees for all of the time, and efforts expended toward NOANY. He expressed gratitude to the Board for getting us through the last year.

**Motion** to adjourn offered by Susanne F, seconded by Eve M. Vote- In favor, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eve Mancuso, Secretary