

# NAWAKWA OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC

## Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/11/23

Time 7:00 PM Via Zoom

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

Committee Members : Ellen King, Marty Kellerman, Bill Burns, Janet Sibarium, David Miller, Jerry Flower, Dave Hayes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

### **Chairman's Report – Ray Kozma**

Ray commented on how, this time last year, we were still involved with the ADK lawsuit. With the lawsuit successfully settled, this year should be a much happier year for us. Plus, this year we are celebrating our centennial as a club, and we can plan a number of special events to celebrate this accomplishment.

### **Agenda –**

**Motion** to approve November 16, 2022 meeting minutes offered by Susanne F, Alex Wilkie seconds the Motion. Vote: in favor unanimous.

### **Secretary Report – Eve Mancuso**

Mailings were sent for Annual Appeal, Edie Blum and Brian Blum assisted with donating the materials and printing labels.

In the interest of retaining as many Nawakwans as possible, multiple emails and various forms of outreach were performed, including telephone calls and letters. I believe we are making every effort to capture as many Nawakwans as possible to continue to be members in 2023.

### **Treasurers Report- Suzanne Rocheleau**

Summary to date:

37 donations to the annual appeal \$4095

172 members paid the annual fee \$ 6425

16 members purchased a Passport \$ 2000

Zelle payment discussed. Suzanne much prefers Zelle. It helps to streamline things and makes accounting easier.

She is not sure Zelle would work for camp fees due to poor connectivity. To be discussed further.

### **Membership Committee- Jerry Flower, Chair**

The following applicants completed the requirements to become a Nawakwan : Marilyn Wegh  
Ari Wegh and Laura Zan.

**Motion** offered by Susanne Flower, seconded by Eve M Vote to confirm the requirements to become a Nawakwan were completed and to accept all three as Nawakwans. Vote: in favor unanimous

To date: 172 members have renewed their membership by sending in the Annual Fee, 57 have not yet renewed.

Applicants: In 2023 there are currently 25 applicants. There has been a strong response, conversion rate from applicant to keyholder is 33 %. How can we retain more applicants to continue on the path?  
Discussion followed. Sponsors should be instrumental in assisting the applicant to move on. Sponsor may be considered more of a mentor.

Dave Miller has reached out to the applicants to inquire if they have sponsors and have been proceeding with meeting the requirements. Janet Sibarium went through the list of long-term applicants.

Ellen King noted that in prior years we used to advertise those members who would be dropped so other members/ friends could potentially reach out to them. Perhaps post this in the Trail Marker.

How long should we give current members to pay the Annual Fee and remain a Nawakwan?

She will clean up the list to eliminate those who have relocated or declined to renew, pare it down to the potential recruits. Post in Trail Marker, send out letters clarifying that the ADK fee not the same as NOANY fee. April 30, 2023 was noted as the deadline for those who have not yet paid the Annual Fee.

Eve M to compose a letter for current Nawakwans who have not yet paid. Eve M to send to Ray K and Jerry F to review and comment upon, prior to sending out via email.

### **Camp Committee – Dave Hayes, Chairperson**

Met with Tahawus Trails, trail building company, who is the company that builds steps in Bear Mountain. Will submit a quote, either with or without camp volunteer labor, to construct stone steps.

Spoke to Jacqueline about funding - PIPC will potentially sponsor kayak launch site. Dave will reach out. Dave will update us in February.

One lock is missing from one of the cabins, the lock went missing. Dave temporarily secured the cabin with a personal lock. We would need a new lock that is keyed the same as the others.

### **Hosting Committee- Mary Hilley and MaryAnn Poris , Co-Chairpersons**

Report submitted.

Calendar: April 29, 30 usually the opening weekend with the first work weekend preceding that, as long as water is on. Potentially April 22/23 for work weekend. Eve M volunteered to host work day.

Centennial Celebration – Raymond Torrey hike and talk, other plans will be developed.

### **Conservation Committee – Kate Walker - Chairperson**

Kate submitted brief report.

### **Environmental Committee -Marty Kellerman - Chairperson**

Riverkeeper will be performing a Hudson River clean up on May 6. Contact number is 914-478-4501, for those interested in volunteering.

### **Website Report – Marty McDonald**

No report

### **Trails Committee Report – Bill Burns- Chairperson**

Bill will continue to provide a trails Report to the BOD which shows total hours worked.

The new Trail Conference procedure is to report trail maintenance hours via the Trail Conference website..

Trail maintainers should be reaching out to Bill B or the Trail Conference re: blow downs.

Bill B to write up an article for the next Trail Marker to get more Trail Maintainers.

Bill Hladky has been maintaining trails, and assisted Ingrid on the triangle trail and camp trail and should report his efforts.

Bill mentioned that he is ready and willing to step down and hand chairing the committee over to a new Trails Committee volunteer.

### **Hikes and Outings Committee – Ingrid Strauch- Chairperson**

Ingrid submitted a number of hikes to Ray. The idea is to develop, for our centennial, a publication of various hikes that can be done from camp.

### **Archives Committee- Ellen King- Chairperson**

Please send all old information to Ellen so she may review and archive it.

### **Winter Social**

The Winter Social is planned for January 22, 2023 at Characters Restaurant in Sloatsburg. The event will be used to present awards to former Board members and Committee Chairpersons in recognition of, and appreciation for, their generous contributions to the club over the years.

Lewis Ports is hosting that weekend at camp and has 15 confirmed for the overnight. Susanne Flower will coordinate with Lewis for the list.

\$ 50 will cover everything. Susanne F will order cake and try to have logo added to decorate the cake.

Susanne F will coordinate rides from Manhattan.

### **Centennial Celebration**

Discussion followed: how to celebrate the Centennial - Hikes , kick off at first work day, compile list of hosts to compile recipes - to be further discussed.

### **Committees to have Mission Statements**

Originally, in prior years, every committee had a booklet to pass on to each committee member, and new members going forward. The booklet noted the Mission Statement and responsibilities of the committee. Every committee chairperson should put together a mission statement and list member and chair responsibilities so moving forward new people know what all the responsibilities would be.

Eve M will reach out to all committee chairs to prepare mission statement and define roles.

Deadline for the Trail Marker is March 21, 2023

Next meeting Feb 8, 2023 at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eve Mancuso, Secretary